

24. The Toba Qom people of the Argentine Chaco are listening to the New Testament in their own language on solar-powered MP3 players. Pray that they will be doers as well as hearers of God's word. Pray also for José and Alfonsina Oyanguren, coordinators of the project.

25. Pray for the ministries of the Nazareth Trust in Israel-Palestine: the hospital and the nursing school and Nazareth Village where people from around the world discover the life and teachings of Jesus.

26. Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado serve at *La Casa Grande*, a children's home in Benin. Pray for Diana as she shares her love through teaching English and Spanish, and for Felipe as he works with the young people to develop innovative agricultural and animal-breeding projects.

27. Akiko and Ray Epp and their family serve through Menno Village, an agricultural ministry of the Japanese Mennonite churches. Pray for them as they model creation care and justice in food systems.

28. Mary Raber requests prayer for the future of Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine where she is in quarantine with two other women on the deserted campus. Pray for Mary as she may not be able to return to the United States for the summer months as scheduled.

29. Pray for Pastor Deusilene Milhomem and a team of women from the Brasilia region who lead workshops that encourage women to develop and use their gifts in church and community ministries in Brazil.

30. Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency partners with Mission Network to train church leaders, communities and students in conflict transformation and working for social justice. Pray for the resources necessary for these ministries, and for Oscar Siwali as he provides leadership.

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- 1.** Juliet Kilpin works with Peaceful Borders, an Anabaptist organization in the United Kingdom that advocates for refugees. Pray for her and for Hopetowns, refugee-led support groups that bear witness to suffering and injustice and provide the basics: food, water, shelter, and a cellphone charger.
- 2.** Mission Network partners closely with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission. Pray for AIMM as they search for an executive coordinator upon the retirement of Rod Hollinger-Janzen at the end of 2020.
- 3.** Jaden Hostetter serves alongside the Quito Mennonite Church in Ecuador to deliver food to 80-100 refugee families during the rigorous COVID-19 lockdown that keeps people confined to their homes. Pray for God's protection over all members of the congregation and their communities.
- 4.** Pray for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who continue in their assignments, and for those who decided on alternate plans due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray also for local leaders and Mission Network staff as they follow God's leading for the remainder of this year and plan for next year.
- 5.** Mongolia has been able to contain the spread of COVID-19. However, cases are increasing exponentially as Mongolians living in other countries return home. JCS, the organization through which Mission Network serves, requests prayer for Christians to share a message of God's love and comfort in the face of fear.

6. Praise God that David and Sophie Lapp Jost are working again after weeks of illness with COVID-19. Pray for David serving with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie ministering as a pastoral intern at the Mennonite fellowship in Bammental, Germany.

7. Bethany Bible Institute offers biblical education and leadership training to the African Indigenous Churches of South Africa. Pray for wisdom and resources for Reuben Mgodeli as he coordinates the school's program in challenging circumstances.

8. Colleen and Pablo Fast continue to work with congregations in Brazil. Pray for them and leaders of *Igreja da Paz* (Church of Peace) as they respond to the needs of remote communities along the Purus River.

9. United Mission to Nepal, the agency through which Mission Network ministers, reports that rural hospitals, Tansen and Okhaldhunga, are fighting to save lives in the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray that the hospitals will have adequate equipment for health workers, COVID-19 tests, and all that is necessary for treating patients.

10. Join DOOR in praying for community partners who are dealing with the frontline needs of the most vulnerable people in the cities where they work. Pray for shelter for those dealing with homelessness, food for those who are hungry, and advocates against systemic justice for those who are disenfranchised.

11. Due to the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brian and Noelia Fox are exploring "the new normal" with their English Academy. Pray for creativity in adapting the language classes and the ministries of their congregation in Burgos and the other Anabaptist churches in Spain.

12. The Nigerian Anabaptist Resource Center is led by Nehemiah Chigoji, a pastor in Los Angeles who also works with pastors in Nigeria, his home country. Pray for the center that supports planting Anabaptist peace churches and resourcing pastors as they face ethnic and religious violence in their communities.

13. Deb Byler and a team of Kekchi Mennonite women lead trauma-healing workshops in Guatemala. Pray for the future of this ministry as suffering increases due to COVID-19

14. Matthew and Toni Krabill are studying French language and culture online as COVID-19 "confinement" continues in France. Pray for them as they build online relationships with Mennonite churches and theological schools in French-speaking Africa and Europe.

15. Mennonite congregations in the Democratic Republic of Congo have launched awareness-raising campaigns to inform their communities about ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Pray for effective communication and that God will shield these brothers and sisters who have already experienced so much trauma in recent years.

16. Pray for discernment for Oscar Suarez and youth leaders of *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia* as they adjust plans for the first gathering of 500 Latin American Anabaptist youth to take place in Colombia next month. May they find ways to renew the faith of youth in this difficult time.

17. Praise God for Laura Schlabach's long commitment to the people of Mongolia. She requests prayer for a closer walk with Jesus, and wisdom to balance ministry responsibilities with time for rest and renewal.

18. Pray for Mennonite church leaders in Burkina Faso as they accompany their communities through the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into account three aspects of health: physical, economic and spiritual.

19. *Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia* is developing new courses and study plans to prepare young church leaders and encourage established pastors in their roles. Pray for Bekah York as she prepares to teach some of these seminary courses.

20. A professor who builds bridges between Christians and Muslims through global seminars and conferences requests prayer for people suffering in Lebanon.

21. On this Father's Day, pray for fathers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.

22. Naomi Tice continues to serve with Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand and as dispersed support via Zoom for her former ministries in United Kingdom. Pray for Naomi as she discerns her place of mission with all the current uncertainties of Brexit and COVID-19.

23. Praise God for a collaborative response by 12 Anabaptist mission and service agencies to mitigate the suffering caused by COVID-19 in countries with limited resources. Pray that God's love will shine through this sharing.