

**23.** Pray for all Mission Network personnel whose ministry builds bridges of understanding God's abundant love and understanding between Christians and Muslims.

**24.** Praise God with Laura Schlabach and JCS, Mission Network's partner in Mongolia, as they celebrate with the ArtisAltai cooperative in achieving their five-year goals. Laura and a colleague were awarded medals for JCS's work. Pray that the JCS office will function smoothly, so Laura can make trips to encourage workers and partners in remote locations.

**25.** Sue and Wally Fahrer provide an Anabaptist-Mennonite witness in the United Kingdom. Pray for them as they teach and model faithful discipleship.

**26.** In many North American Indigenous cultures, every day is Thanksgiving Day. For the Onondaga People around Lake Ontario, each morning begins with the Thanksgiving Address, known as the "Words that Come Before All Else." Such gratitude creates a culture of abundance and sharing. May it be so for all God's people.

**27.** Bekah York is serving with Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia, helping train younger people online, and providing continuing education courses for experienced church leaders. Pray for the gift of fluent language skills for Bekah and for creative ways to build relationships during this time of COVID-19 restrictions.

**28.** Pray for Mission Network's partners in Senegal as they engage in holistic ministry.

**29.** Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo serve in educational ministries in Cambodia. Pray for them as they share the good news of Jesus' love, especially among Buddhist students.

**30.** At the Paris Mennonite Center in France, Matthew and Toni Krabill help resource Anabaptist Christians to engage with issues of injustice and conflict. Pray that they would continue to draw on God's words to guide their ministry and that they will help others to be faithful to God's way.

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*Connected to the true vine:  
Together, sharing all of Christ with all of creation*

- 1.** Janie and Neal Blough have retired in France after 45 years of ministry there. Pray for them as they continue to serve by teaching and providing worship resources to congregations throughout Europe and beyond.
- 2.** Tomorrow is election day in the United States. Pray that voting will take place without violence and that leaders will be elected who will lead the country in ways of justice and peace.
- 3.** Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado request prayer for Jean, the beloved driver for *La Casa Grande* children's home in Benin. Jean had a stroke. Pray that God will fully restore him and provide for his family while he recovers. Also ask for God's protection over the children and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4.** Pray for Marisa Smucker and Kent Peters as they provide leadership for the Mennonite Voluntary Service program. Ask God to give guidance to unit leaders and bless participants as they deepen relationships in their households, their neighborhoods, and with their supporting congregations.
- 5.** COVID-19 cases are increasing rapidly in Colombia, making it one of the countries with the highest numbers in the world. Pray that God will provide resources and encouragement for Colombia Mennonite Church as they respond to the suffering of their members and others in their communities.



- 6.** Pastors in some Chinese house churches are interested in forming an Anabaptist network. One of these pastors wants his church to join Mennonite World Conference. Pray for this initiative and for the Mission Network couple who is walking alongside them, helping to write a curriculum on Anabaptist history, theology, and church practice.
- 7.** Mary Raber requests prayer for the Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. There are only a few residential students on campus due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray that God would provide all that is needed for the institution to survive the pandemic. Pray also for Mary who is working from the United States until travel is possible.
- 8.** Thank you for your prayers for Siaka and Claire Traoré, Mennonite Church leaders in Burkina Faso. They have recovered from COVID-19 and are engaging in ministry again. Pray for relief from wide-spread hunger in the country due to pandemic restrictions.
- 9.** The Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit helps extend the ministry of Beth-El Mennonite Church through building relationships in the community. Pray for Elyse Burton as she helps families who are homeless and for Makenzie Shelman as she works with people with disabilities. Pray also for unit leader Cindy Headings.
- 10.** José and Alfonsina Oyanguren and their four children serve with Toba-Qom churches and communities in the Argentine Chaco. Pray for them as they provide continuity in long-term relationships and help preserve Indigenous languages and cultures.
- 11.** Pray for the efforts to start a Peace Center in Hong Kong, especially during this time of increased political tension.
- 12.** David and Sophie Lapp Jost, based in Germany, request prayer for the people displaced by the fire that destroyed a camp on the Greek island of Lesbos. Pray for the Aegean Migrant Society and the Lesbos Solidarity organization that provide accompaniment for the most vulnerable migrants.
- 13.** Mike Sherrill, executive director, calls for a “Season of Re-Imagining” at Mennonite Mission Network. The disruption of COVID-19 has fostered a wave of creativity for equipping and empowering the church. Pray that the agency will continue to grow in engagement with the “new thing” that God is doing, as in Isaiah 43:19.
- 14.** Martine Audéoud requests prayer for wisdom, creativity, and patience as she juggles many responsibilities. She lives in France and teaches in universities in West Africa. Pray especially for a Christian university in Côte d’Ivoire that is struggling to survive. May its students continue to be equipped for God’s work.
- 15.** Praise God for Matt and Ruth Lehman Wiens serving at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp through SOOP this month. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in whatever way is needed.
- 16.** Thank you for your prayers for Pastor Euclides Bauza in Venezuela. He is reported to be in great spirits after the surgical removal of his right eye due to melanoma. Pray that the wound will heal in the next three months, so he can be measured for an external prosthesis.
- 17.** Pray for Mark and Stephanie Bartsch as they assist in their congregation in Kobe, Japan, and as Mark teaches at an international Christian high school.
- 18.** Juliet Kilpin works with Peaceful Borders in the London area of the United Kingdom and in Calais, France. Pray for this organization that seeks to support people fleeing from wars and economic distress in their home countries. There is an urgent need for more housing.
- 19.** The Missional Discipleship Initiative strengthens congregations and their ministries through disciple-making via online learning modules and “huddles” with small groups of church leaders. Pray for the first MDI cohorts in Africa — 41 people in six African countries.
- 20.** Mission Network partner, DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection), continues to provide transformative ministry, expanding their programming to webinars, virtual experiences, and social media. Pray for DOOR’s staff, board, and community partners as they continue to navigate life during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 21.** FEINE is an association of Indigenous churches in Ecuador that promotes spiritual and holistic development. Pray for members as they speak truth to power at local, regional, and national levels on behalf of Indigenous communities.
- 22.** Today, elections are scheduled to vote for the president and national assembly in Burkina Faso. Abdias Coulibaly and Calixte Bananzaro, president and vice-president of the Burkina Faso Mennonite Church respectively, request prayer for peaceful elections and for a government that will bring an end to jihadist attacks.