

25. Alisha and Josh Garber serve in Catalonia (a region where allegiance to Spain vies with voices calling for independence). Pray for them as they continue to work at innovative ways to build up God's people, especially the youth, in the Mennonite Evangelical Community of Barcelona.

26. Praise God for Naomi Ross Richer's *The Baptism Story*. Pray that God will use this book to help "the Cofán people [of Ecuador] to more deeply trust God in their cultural context." Pray that God will continue to guide Naomi as she begins studies at Goshen [Indiana] College.

27. Emmanuel Hospital Association operates 20 hospitals and 27 community health programs, including former Mennonite institutions, Nav Jivan Hospital, Champa Christian Hospital, and Sewa Bhawan Hospital. Pray for resources and personnel to meet India's COVID-19 crisis.

28. Pray that Mennonite Church leaders in Angola will have the physical and spiritual resources to meet the needs of their communities dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

29. The Corrymeela Community, a Mission Network partner in Northern Ireland, has adapted their ministry to continue to support some of their most vulnerable neighbors. Pray for the families, who are refugees and asylum seekers.

30. 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.

31. While some Christians are concerned about Halloween celebrations that trivialize the occult, other Christians see the festivities as humor to confront the power of death. Pray that God's people will radiate the message of Jesus' abundant life in all communities today.

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- 1.** According to Freddy and Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya in Iquitos, Peru, most of the people in the communities in which they work have already had or been exposed to COVID-19. As a result of their suffering, many are turning to Jesus. Pray for them as they grow in faith.
- 2.** Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher and their children completed their sabbatical leave in the United States last month. Pray for them as they pick up their ministries that have been diminished by South Korea's COVID-19 restrictions. May God carry the Peace Building where they live and have their offices through this challenging time.
- 3.** Brian and Noelia Fox are trusting God to show them the way through adjustments made necessary by COVID-19. Pray for joy and peace as the family enters a new academic year with e-learning for their daughters and online classes at the English academy. Pray also for God's love to flow through the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain.
- 4.** Pray for Sue George who is beginning a SOOP assignment at Peace Academic Center in Kykotsmovi, Arizona today.
- 5.** Alain Bakajika leads an agricultural development project for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Congo. Pray for him and the young people he is training to grow vegetable gardens and raise rabbits and turkeys, as the church cares for both the physical and spiritual needs of their community.

6. Mennonite communities in Guatemala are suffering from COVID-19, many people have died. Deb Byler requests prayer for all, but especially for the pastors who pray with sick people. Pray for wisdom and God's protection so pastors can care for others without exposing themselves to the disease.

7. Pray for all Mission Network personnel who are building bridges of trust between Christians and Muslims.

8. UpNext is DOOR's mentorship program for young women of color desiring to explore the intersection of faith and justice. Pray for these young adult leaders and their mentors to make a positive impact in their communities as they apply faith-based leadership models that affirm people of color.

9. Bill and Carol Frisbie's assignment has expanded to caring for LeaderSource teams globally. Pray for them and the team members they serve, especially those who work in very difficult environments and in hard-to-access nations where many have not heard the good news of Jesus.

10. Fall courses have begun with a combination of onsite and offsite study modes at LCC International University in Lithuania. Pray for peace and wisdom for Robin Gingerich and all faculty, staff, and students so that learning can happen, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

11. The Bolivian school year has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for Margrit Kipfer Barrón and the Bolivia Mennonite church youth leaders as they benefit from the students' unexpected time off to prepare them to be Bible school teachers.

12. Praise God with an English teacher in China who is rejoicing that she can teach in-person classes this fall. Pray that the light of Jesus will radiate from her as she teaches.

13. Isaiah Fellers, Ginny Miller, Kelby Youngberg, and leader, Michael Oyer, make up the Service Adventure unit in Anchorage, Alaska. (Pray that international borders will soon open to permit German participants, Tabea Arend and Lilli Richert to join the unit.) Pray for all participants as they adapt to their new community and that they may extend the ministry of host congregation, Prince of Peace Mennonite Church.

14. Martine Audéoud, Gary Wittig, and their son, Samuel, live in France to care for Martine's elderly father. Pray for Martine as she teaches in West African seminaries and juggles responsibilities on two continents. Pray also that Samuel will find friends and do well as he begins a new school year.

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

16. C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations as well as share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

17. Eagle Wings is a hockey club that works through sports to empower young people. It is a program of JCS International, the consortium of agencies through which Mission Network serves in Mongolia. Pray for the young hockey players as they begin practice again after COVID-19 closed their season.

18. Today, Madison Mennonite Church in Wisconsin is celebrating eight years of partnering with Mennonite Voluntary Service. Pray that, even as this MVS unit closes its door, the seeds planted will continue to bear fruit.

19. A newly planted Mennonite church in Koden, Burkina Faso, reaches out to its Muslim neighbors. Pray for church members as they share the good news about God's love and grace.

20. Today, Mennonite Voluntary Service participants and staff are gathering virtually for two days of learning and connecting with other units. Pray for the 10 MVSers, located in Alamosa, Colorado; Elkhart, Indiana; San Francisco; and Washington, D.C.

21. The Francophone Network has been providing resources to and connecting French-speaking Anabaptists in Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, and Québec for more than a decade. Pray for this network as it prepares new resources on peace and justice.

22. Jaden Hostetter serves alongside the Quito Mennonite Church in worship and youth ministries and through aid to people in need, especially refugee families. Pray for God's protection over all members of the congregation and their communities as Ecuador continues to struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic.

23. 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.

24. Mzi Nkutha coordinates the Anabaptist Network in South Africa. Pray for him and the church leaders with whom he works as they care for their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.