

**24.** In many North American Indigenous cultures, every day is thanksgiving day. For the Onondaga People around Lake Ontario, the 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.

**25.** James Krabill, who retired from a lifetime of service with Mission Network, continues to offer his gifts in ministry. In the past year, he has taught and deepened relationships with partners in Côte d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia and South Korea.

**26.** A couple, who has ministered in the Middle East for 37 years, requests prayer for the healing of a badly broken ankle. Pray also for the media organization they work with, as they rebuild team unity, after more than two years of working virtually.

**27.** Austin Roberts requests prayer for Northern Ireland, where Queen Elizabeth’s death has fueled tensions between Catholics and Protestants. Inflation and the rise in heating oil prices and electricity, a result of Russia’s war in Ukraine, add to the unrest. Austin asks us to join him in his plea for “a swift and peaceful end to this aggression,” for the benefit of the people of Ukraine, all of Europe and the world. (p. 22)

**28.** Alfonsina and José Oyanguren have lived among Indigenous communities in Argentina’s Chaco region since 2004. Pray for them as they promote Indigenous culture and languages, through Bible-study materials and educational opportunities, among other ministries of presence. (p. 29)

**29.** Christ Salvation Mennonite Church in Sierra Leone established a school 10 years ago to provide quality education for children in their community. Pray that the teachers will help the 134 students, ages 3-13 years old, achieve their full potential and know that they are loved by God.

**30.** The Chinese Anabaptist Network links people in China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan who want to learn more about Anabaptist theology. Pray for them as they strive to live their faith authentically in their contexts. (pp. 16, 17)

---

**Prayer Vine** is published monthly by Mennonite Mission Network.

**Elkhart office:** PO Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370

**Newton office:** 718 N. Main St., Newton, KS 67114-1703

**Toll-free:** 1-866-866-2872

**E-mail:** Prayer@MennoniteMission.net; **Web:** www.MennoniteMission.net



November 2022

# Prayer Vine

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

**Notice:** *The page numbers in parentheses at the end of certain prayer requests indicate the 2022 Mission Mosaic page number where more information can be found on workers, partners and programs. Order your free copy at [www.MennoniteMission.net/Mosaic](http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Mosaic).*

- 1.** In some Christian traditions, today is All Saints’ Day, a time set aside to remember those who dedicated their lives to Jesus, perhaps even dying as martyrs. Praise God for those who laid the foundation of Mission Network’s ministries, sometimes at great personal cost, and left a legacy that continues to share God’s love throughout the world.
- 2.** Praise God with David and Sophie Lapp Jost, who are celebrating the birth of Timothy Clement Lapp Jost in Heidelberg, Germany. Pray for their health and energy, as David and Sophie add parenting to their ministry tasks. (p. 22)
- 3.** Delicia Bravo Aguilar and Peter Wigginton request prayer for the school children in Ecuador. Pray for changes in teaching conditions, so that teachers can prepare the children for happy and healthy futures, thus, improving life for the children and their families. (p. 27)
- 4.** Stephanie Kniss, Adriana Martinez Diaz de Leon and Gayatri Salzer are participants in the Chicago Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the outreach of Chicago Community Mennonite Church, through ministries with L’Arche, immigration concerns and family services. (p. 37)



OCT2022

- 5.** Yaya and Madina Bengaly and two of their children are missionaries, sent by the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso. Pray for them as build relationships with communities around Falea, Mali, and support the small group of Jesus followers there. May God protect them and give them wisdom. (p. 9)
- 6.** Pray for the Community Health Evangelism teams throughout Asia, and especially in Pakistan, as they respond to the devastation caused by heavy monsoon rains. May God give them health and resources to care for those who have lost homes and loved ones.
- 7.** Robin Gingerich is an instructor and administrator at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania. Pray for her as she works with English programs and a master's-level TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) program. This year, LCC has 780 students from 58 different countries, and many of the students are from Ukraine. Pray for Robin and all the students, faculty, and staff as they work for peace on many levels. (p. 21)
- 8.** María Chub and Maria Santos Tiul are missionaries, appointed by the Kekchi Mennonite Church to continue the coordinating work that Deb Byler was doing in Guatemala. Pray for these two women as they work to help the church accept women in leadership. Pray, also, for the 29 women teachers, who are studying in Bible and theology courses. (p. 34)
- 9.** Josia Kaemper, Anna Millsap and unit leader Rachel Musselman make up the Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi. Pray for them as they participate in the ministries of Open Door Mennonite Church by working with people experiencing homelessness and an after-school program. (p. 39)
- 10.** Praise God for Anicka Fast's work in resourcing French-speaking Anabaptists around the world for the documentation of church history. Based in Burkina Faso, she travels frequently. Pray for her as she juggles many responsibilities and family life. (p. 8)
- 11.** Today, Eileen and Merlin Becker-Hoover begin a SOOP assignment in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for them as they work alongside the ministries of San Antonio Mennonite Church, in hosting and welcoming asylum-seekers for the rest of the month. (p. 40)
- 12.** Praise God for the publication of *Our Peacebuilding Story: The First Ten Years of Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (2011-2020)*, which tells the story of the first decade of NARPI's mission, which brings together peacemakers from China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan and the far eastern regions of Russia for annual peacebuilding training and networking. Pray that NARPI's ministry will continue to contribute to world peace in the years to come. (p. 17)
- 13.** Katrina Boulton served as a Summer English Institute TESOL teacher at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, in July. Pray for her as she now shares God's love as an English teacher in the Czech Republic.
- 14.** Pray for C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz, in Paraguay, as they provide support for a business chaplaincy program, pastors and seminary students on spiritual retreats, and seniors who are experiencing the challenges of transitioning from active involvements to learning to "be" with themselves, others and God. (p. 27)
- 15.** Martine Audéoud has an end-of-the-year deadline to complete two books: *Research as Worship*, which calls doctoral students to integrate their faith in their academic research, and *Theology and Sociology of Work in the African Context*. Pray that she will be able to create time for writing, as she continues to mentor doctoral students around the world. (p. 20)
- 16.** Mission workers, who have been working with sensitive ministries in India for 25 years, request prayer for ongoing health issues. (p. 14)
- 17.** David and Rebekka Stutzman are engaged in many ministries in Mannheim, Germany. Pray for Rebekka's work with The Villa, a neighborhood center that has garden space, play projects and a café that serves people who have recently arrived in the region. Pray also for the growth of their once-per-month house-church. (p. 23)
- 18.** Colleen and Pablo Fast have been serving in Brazil for three decades. Pray for them as they walk alongside church leaders and support discipleship and church-planting ministries in the communities of the Amazon basin. (p. 28)
- 19.** Rejoice with participants in the Mennonite Brethren Church of Congo's Village Savings and Loan project, which was founded last year to provide microfinancing for small-scale market and agricultural activities. Pray for Mwemba Makabu, and her family of nine, who is able to buy food and send her children to school, since she expanded her food stall through one of these loans. (p. 9)
- 20.** Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka serve as co-pastors of the Asahikawa Gospel Church in Hokkaido, Japan. Pray for them and their four children as they live out God's love in their family and their ministries. (p. 15)
- 21.** Kate Widmer works in the bookstore of the *La Prairie* Mennonite Church in Montbéliard, France. Pray for her as she also engages with children's ministries and builds relationships with her neighbors. (p. 23)
- 22.** Freddy Barrón and Margrit Kipfer Barrón mentor leaders and support church plants in the Bolivia Mennonite Church. Pray for Freddy as he also pastors a congregation and Margrit as she coordinates Christian education for the denomination. (p. 27)
- 23.** *Semente Menonita* (Mennonite Seed), a grassroots project in Angola, helps families support one another by increasing agricultural production. Praise God for a good bean harvest this year, and pray that the recently built storage space will reduce spoilage of the crop.