



# Mission Prayer Calendar

Virginia Mennonite Missions

# APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pray for a good time of rest for Steve, Bethany, Anjali, Emmanuel, and Tierzah Horst, who serve in Thailand, as they take a Sabbath retreat today through Saturday. Pray that God will re-energize, encourage, and speak to them.	2 Praise God that language learning is getting easier for tranSender Renee Beachy, who serves at Nazareth Village in Israel. Pray for her as she continues to learn. Ask for good health.	3 Pray for Dan and Mary Hess as they share at a chapel service twice a month at Lezha Academic Center in Albania. Pray that the word of the Lord will go forth in a powerful way and that the lives of the students will be changed.	4 Pray that Jesus will be glorified in the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, where Jason Wagner serves as chaplain. Pray for Jason as he represents Christ, preaching the word of God with joy and expectation.	5 Matthew and Rachel Cordella-Bontrager are preparing for a future assignment in Kosovo. Pray for Rachel as she relates to young mothers in her community in Ohio, in anticipation of women's ministry in Kosovo.	6 Seth and Theresa Crissman work with Kids Club programs in the Shenandoah Valley. Pray for them as they share in local congregations about their work and continue fundraising for their next term.
7 Pray for Pastor Alfonso Alvarado and his wife, Milagro, as they minister to Monte Moriah Church near Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for good health for Milagro and for God's financial provision for their new term.	8 Jacob and others in South Asia are recording worship music. Pray that these songs will encourage many locals to worship and that fellowship-ping and worshipping together will draw them closer to God in new ways.	9 Matthew Cordella-Bontrager is teaching Bible classes this semester. Pray that by learning skills to communicate foundational truths in ways that are accessible and relevant, he will develop skills that will be useful in Kosovo.	10 April 12-15 is the Songkran festival in Thailand. Pray that the Horst family will have meaningful times to connect with their neighbors and friends as people take time off from work and return to their ancestral homes.	11 As Sarah Schoenhals celebrates her birthday tomorrow in Thailand, pray for her and her husband, Mark, as they disciple others around them and provide leadership at Life Enrichment Church.	12 As Raleigh and Opal* both celebrate their birthdays today, pray for continued opportunities to engage neighbors, friends, and colleagues in their North African town in ways that will bring glory to God. <small>(*pseudonyms)</small>	13 Pray that Yugo and Grace will have boldness and discernment as they interact with their neighbors and friends in Southeast Asia. Ask Jesus to make Himself known through dreams, visions, and healing miracles.
14 Steve and Laura Campbell are involved in discipleship training with a number of believers in Montenegro, where they serve. Pray that these believers will catch the vision of making more disciples.	15 Pray for wisdom for David and Rebekka Stutzman to see how God continues to work through their ministry in Germany. Ask that others will join them in committed missional living and to build Christian community.	16 The Shalom congregation in Palermo, Italy, is buying their first church building. Pray for the congregation as they plan for ways to reach out to the thousands living in the surrounding community.	17 Pray for Dan Hess and Rafael Tartari in Albania as they meet weekly with 12 prison inmates for an eight-week Bible study. Pray for clarity for the inmates as they study the gospel of Mark and that they can understand Jesus' love for them.	18 As Armando Sanchez celebrates his birthday today, pray that he and his wife, Veronica, will have boldness to share the good news of Jesus with others as they launch a new Latino church plant in Waynesboro, Va.	19 Pray for open hearts and minds of the people of Istog, Kosovo, to learn to know God and experience God's love. Pray that they will experience God as they relate to Vince and LaVonne Ramella, who serve there.	20 Juan José and Cecilia Lagos have started a small gathering on Saturday evenings with five Latino families in Winston-Salem, NC. Pray that this group will grow and that the seeds that are being planted will mature and bear fruit.
21 Pray that tranSender Melody Zimmerman will learn to rest in God's tender care. Pray that she can show this same care to the many children she interacts with through Kids Club programs in the Shenandoah Valley.	22 Today, tranSender Elena Buckwalter is celebrating her birthday in Peru. Pray for Elena and her new husband, Freddy, who got married last month and are focusing this month on settling into home and married life together.	23 Bradie and Justin Ramella, sons of Vince and LaVonne, are home-schooled in Kosovo. Pray that they will find good friends close by as they play outside, go to the gym, or play sports.	24 Pray for church leaders and Kids Club leaders as they have conversations along with Seth and Theresa Crissman about welcoming Kids Club families into the life of churches in the Shenandoah Valley.	25 Mission workers in the Mediterranean area will gather today through Monday for their biannual retreat. Pray for a time of spiritual, physical, and emotional refreshment for each family and partners that are present.	26 Pray for Tyler Yoder, who serves in Richmond, Va., as he travels to California on Sunday for the final portion of his seminary education, to present and defend his capstone project, and to graduate on May 3.	27 Klementina Shahini serves in Albania. Today, she is speaking at commencement for Canadian Mennonite University. Pray that God will guide Klementina as she speaks to the student body.
28 As tranSender Rachel Yoder celebrates her birthday today, praise God for the ways that she has invited many college students in Harrisonburg, Va., into a spiritual family. Ask God to continue to build this ministry.	29 As Dini Shahini celebrates his birthday today, pray for his many responsibilities in Albania, including to serve as executive director of Albania Mennonite Mission Foundation. Pray for Dini as he leads their meeting this weekend.	30 Pray that Armando and Veronica Sanchez will find a healthy balance of their time and energy as they continue to pastor their former church, work in their regular jobs, and minister to a new church plant in Waynesboro, Va.	"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." <i>Romans 8:28 (NRSV)</i>	This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by: <b>The Sam Weaver family in memory of Sarah Alderfer Weaver (April 16, 1934 - October 6, 2012)</b>		