



# Mission Prayer Calendar

Virginia Mennonite Missions

# AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pray for health and wisdom for tranSender Nathan Carr and his family as he serves in prison ministry in Harrisonburg, Va. Also lift up the men he works with in recovery, that they will open their hearts and minds to Jesus.	2 As many countries in South Asia and Southeast Asia grapple with huge COVID spikes and lock-downs, pray for Christians in those places to live out an alternative to fear: the hope of eternal life through Christ.	3 Join Jason Wagner, chaplain at Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, in praying for the jail to re-open for church services, visits, and Bible studies. Above all, pray that God will be glorified in spirit and in truth.	4 Armando and Veronica Sanchez ask for prayers as their church plant, Iglesia Shalom, is starting a musical program for children this month in Waynesboro, Va. Pray that this program will be a blessing and plant lifelong seeds of faith.	5 How does language learning happen during a lockdown? Jacob and Hosanna have friends who are trying to do this in their country in South Asia. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and connections with locals right in the apartment building where they live.	6 As Rebekka Stutzman celebrates her birthday today in Mannheim, Germany, pray that she and her husband David will effectively share the good news in a post-Christian context.	7 Two workers celebrate their birthdays today: Laura Green, serving in Italy, and Solange Tartari, serving in Albania. Lift up these two faithful servants and ask God to give them grace and wisdom as they serve.
8 As Laura Campbell celebrates her birthday today in Montenegro, pray that her work with women in the local church and their outreach efforts will bear kingdom fruit. Pray also for her husband Steve and family as they serve together.	9 R.W. in Western Asia is leading and equipping a small group of English as Second Language teachers in two different school settings. Pray that the teachers will be blessed and God will be glorified as she serves.	10 John David Thacker serves as a church planter in Charleston, W.Va. Pray for him as he works at networking small groups to meet regularly for worship, prayer, fellowship, study, discipleship, and missional service in the community.	11 Lift up Norma Teles in prayer. She serves in Lezhë, Albania, at a learning center for Roma children. She says, "I have great joy when I see a child come to Jesus! The children learn 'God loves me, I am special.' These simple lessons impact lives."	12 Join tranSend intern Lydia Musselman and the ladies at 264 OSH in praying for college students as they prepare to return for a new semester and for the welcoming spaces the ministry house will offer them.	13 Pray for the business for transformation work in which VMMissions is engaged. Several worker families around the world enrich their communities with businesses that meet needs, model integrity, and provide local employment.	14 Lift up tranSend intern Ashawrie White in prayer as she serves in college ministry at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., in partnership with Every Nation Campus and Divine Unity Community Church.
15 Pastor and church planter Veronica Sanchez is celebrating her birthday today. Pray for her ministry at Iglesia Enciende una Luz, Harrisonburg, Va., and Iglesia Shalom in Waynesboro, Va., alongside her husband Armando.	16 Pray for the ministry of Rafael and Solange Tartari as they work in partnership with Albanian leaders to model and multiply disciples, leaders, and faith communities in Shkoder, Albania.	17 Lift up tranSend intern Kailey Ross in prayer as she serves in a half-time ministry intern position focused on her leadership development, visitation, and children's ministry with Lynside Mennonite Church, Waynesboro, Va.	18 Join Mark and Sarah Schoenhals in praying for more workers to hear and obey God's call to serve in pioneering church planting ministry in Northeast Thailand (Isaan).	19 Pray for a good transition back to the US for tranSend intern Anna Renfro, who recently completed two years of service in Mannheim, Germany. Ask God for wisdom and guidance as Anna determines her next steps.	20 Steve and Laura Campbell are involved in a leaders retreat in Montenegro today and tomorrow. Join them in praying that the retreat will help sharpen vision for where the church is going and serve as a training opportunity.	21 The COVID pandemic continues to worsen in Thailand, with a peak of cases expected this month. Vaccines are largely unavailable. Pray for the Lord's mercy and wisdom for all those navigating this season.
22 Pray for open doors to the good news among Muslims in North Africa as Raleigh* and Opal* building friendships with neighbors. Ask the Lord for people of peace as they live out kingdom values and point others to Jesus. (*pseudonyms)	23 Dan and Mary Hess returned last month to Milot, Albania. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel, for the local church and its outreach, and for a good re-engagement with the Albanian people and their culture.	24 Lift up Hannah Lee, who is beginning her tranSend assignment in college ministry at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va., in partnership with Every Nation Campus and Divine Unity Community Church.	25 Pray for a worldwide revelation of God's kingdom in the midst of disillusionment with earthly kingdoms and the values of the world that never satisfy the hunger and thirst for God.	26 During a busy summer season of repair and construction, pray for Lee and Peg Martin who serve as SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) location coordinators in McDowell County, W.Va. Ask God for the provision of money and volunteers.	27 Pray for church planter Juan José Lagos and his wife Cecilia as they minister to their community in Winston-Salem, N.C., through the Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo church plant. Ask God for open doors among their neighbors.	28 COVID is raging through the slum community in Southeast Asia where Grace and Yugo serve. Access to medical care for most people there is not possible. Pray for the Lord's mercy and healing.
29 As Kendra Yoder celebrates her birthday today, ask God to bless the ministry and outreach of Garden City Church, the church plant that she and her husband Tyler have launched in Richmond, Va.	30 Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah in Lacey Spring, Va., recently celebrated several baptisms. Ask God to bless and guide pastor and church planter Alfonso Alvarado as he helps disciple these new believers.	31 Many events are canceled in Det Udom, Thailand, and yet house-church meetings continue. Pray for the believers of Life Enrichment Church to effectively witness to neighbors and family during this time of fear.	<p>"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)</p>			