

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Consider opportunities to sponsor the calendar to help us share this resource with our network of prayer supporters. If you are interested, please contact our office at (540) 434-9727.	1 As Paulo Silva (name changed) celebrates his birthday today in Central Asia, ask the Lord to strengthen and guide his ministry of mentoring and supporting workers on the launch team and in outreach to local friends.	2 Joy and Elaine (names changed) are returning from their home country to Central Asia today to begin teaching this new school year at local public schools. Pray as they reconnect with teachers, parents, and students.	3 VMissions begins a new fiscal year this month. Pray for the generous abundance of God's provision to allow VMissions to turn ministry plans into reality.	4 Norma Teles has returned to her home in Lezhë, Albania, following a time with family, friends, and partners in Brazil. Pray for her and the teachers at Joshua Center as they begin a new year with students.	5 As Michael Hershey celebrates his birthday today, lift up his ministry with Immerse International in Millersville, Pa., and pray that international students will be deeply impacted by the gospel message.	6 Marcello Arrostituto, serving as a ministry intern at Shalom Church in Palermo, Italy, is meeting today with a church brother to do evangelization training. Pray for this time of study, sharing, and fellowship.
7 Rejoice with recovery ministry worker Nathan Carr in his recent marriage to Leah. Pray for the Lord's blessing as they minister together to those recovering from substance addictions in Harrisonburg, Va.	8 Pray for workers around the world to enjoy sweet moments with the Lord through daily habits and intentional space for abiding in Jesus.	9 As Marcello Arrostituto celebrates his birthday today, lift up his internship at Shalom Church, Palermo, Italy, alongside his wife Marianna. Ask the Lord to bless their engagement in ministry and their young family.	10 Today, Katie Liskey begins her year-long tranSend assignment in Bogotá, Colombia. Pray for a smooth transition to her new context and for God's leading as she builds relationships in the community.	11 Join Juan José Lagos, serving as a church planter and pastor of Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo, Winston-Salem, N.C., in praying for continued healing for his wife Ceci, and for Juan José's full recovery from a recent eye surgery.	12 David and Marta (names changed), serving in Central Asia, are planning for their upcoming home assignment trip to Colombia. Pray for all the details that need to be in place before their departure.	13 As Baker Rigg serves as chaplain at Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail, pray for financial provision and continued blessings in his work. Pray for God's hand to rest on the inmates that have come to Christ.
14 Tomorrow, Lili Gingerich departs for her 10-month tranSend assignment in Mannheim, Germany. Ask God to guide and comfort her and her family as she leaves home for the first time and begins this chapter.	15 Join Armando and Veronica Sanchez in praying for some decisions that their church, Iglesia Shalom, Waynesboro, Va., is making. Ask God to impart wisdom and guidance in the process and actions taken.	16 Lift up the Mark and Sarah Schoenhals family, serving in Thailand, as they have extended their stay in the U.S. until late October due to health and well-being needs. Pray for God's healing. (Today is also Mark's birthday!)	17 Nathan and Anya Stan (names changed) and their daughters are serving on the Central Asia Launch Team. Pray for them in this year of intense language study and cultural immersion.	18 Pray for the Mandarin-speaking Han Chinese, the world's largest people group. Although great progress has been made, and tens of millions follow Jesus today, more than half (53%) of the people group are non-religious.	19 Pray for the ongoing training of volunteers who serve at the Viva Youth Resource Center in Bogotá, Colombia, and that in their interaction with at-risk youth, they may reflect the sweet character of Jesus.	20 Today is Bike Shenandoah, an annual bicycling event in Harrisonburg, Va., which raises funds for VMissions, SLAQ (Servant Leader Quest), and three other organizations. Pray for rider safety and good fellowship.
21 Join James and Anne (names changed), serving in South Asia, in praying for some of their new teammates' language tutors who are reading the Bible. Pray that God would use this to give them a hunger for salvation.	22 Pray for the Carlin and Chass Kreider family as they recently arrived on assignment in Panama and continue to settle into new rhythms of ministry, school, and community activities.	23 Lift up workers serving in college ministry as they relate to students. Pray for students to hunger for God and to make deep connections with followers of Jesus on campuses.	24 Lift up Andrea Hamsher, serving as a tranSend intern in Mannheim, Germany, as she volunteers at The Villa community center and builds relationships in the city.	25 Join Rafael and Solange Tartari, serving in Shkodër, Albania, in praying for openings to share the gospel with those God has put around them. Pray for prepared hearts to receive the good news.	26 Pray for the Isaan Doorways program, which helps new mission workers get a strong start to long-term service among the Isaan in Thailand. Lift up the VMissions workers who are working with this new program.	27 Pray for the children of mission workers who are serving around the world with their parents. Ask God to grant them a deep sense of daily care, grace, and belonging wherever they are.
28 Pray for the Uzbek people group, located primarily in Central Asia where multiple VMissions workers serve. They are overwhelmingly followers of Islam (86%) with virtually no gospel access, especially in rural places.	29 Join Jorge and Ginny Enciso, serving in Colombia, in praying for Francys, a house church leader in Venezuela (part of their church network), as she is studying theology and applies her learning within her community.	30 Pray for the marketplace ministry of Carl Strite, using his Strite's Donuts business in Harrisonburg, Va., as a means to share the gospel at various events and connect with those far from God.	Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:1-4 (NIV)			

Call to Prayer

When my husband and I joined another couple for an evening of prayer, we weren't necessarily intending to start a prayer group. But after meeting the first time, we were hooked.

From then on we met every week, quickly drawing in others who were yearning to dig deeper in prayer. Our shared vision was for seeing breakthrough in our neighborhoods and church community through prayer and it was an incredible encouragement to share and seek this vision together. There's something about being in it together that spurs you on, continuing to fuel the flame after the initial spark.

My team, like most teams, has faced challenges along the way. It's in the midst of opposition, challenge, and loss that team becomes especially crucial. Like Moses in Exodus 17, who was told that Israel would be victorious as long as his hands were raised toward heaven, we need others to support us—holding up our arms when we become too weak to hold them up ourselves. I've become acutely aware that our prayer group has done this for each other through job transitions, seasons of spiritual dryness, the loss of a child, and the loss of one of our original group members in a tragic car accident. We have taken turns pointing each other towards the promise of God's redemption. We need each other.

A reflection from Henri Nouwen on Christian community cuts right to the heart of why we need team. "The whole meaning of [team] lies in offering each other a space and support to wait for what we have already seen. Christian community is the place where we keep the flame of hope alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us. In this way we can live with courage, trusting that there is a spiritual power in us when we are together that allows us to live in this world without surrendering to the powerful forces constantly seducing us toward despair."

How can we become team together in prayer? Who are the people God is asking you to join together with in seeking the fulfillment of what God has already begun?

—SARAH SHOWALTER, *freelance writer and former VMissions staff member*

Worker Focus



Worker profile:
Jorge & Ginny Enciso

Matilde, Maia, Matthias, Martín

Service location:
Bogotá, Colombia
Program: transForm
Serving since: 2024

Assignment:

We serve with VMissions in Bogotá, Colombia, overseeing a nonprofit called Viva Youth, which is dedicated to supporting at-risk youth and fostering a network of churches.

Ginny directs the Resource Center where youth who have exited government state care receive holistic care in meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Jorge works on church planting efforts which include strategizing, traveling, and making new connections. We have a full and busy life and we love serving as a family.

Biggest challenge:

One of our biggest challenges in the Resource Center is the daily decisions that require a lot of discernment on how best to help each individual with their unique needs. For this reason, it is essential to have a strong team with different perspectives and wisdom.

Biggest joy:

We love seeing how God is patient with each of us, and being reminded of God's grace and love for us. It's a joy to see people let go of hurt and move towards forgiveness and grow in faith.

Ways to Pray

For so many people in the world who remain unreached by the gospel, both near and far, we pray for the harvest.

We pray for workers to go, for movements of multiplication to ignite the church where it doesn't yet exist, to express worship and community in faithful and culturally meaningful ways.

As the global church, we join in prayer that God would open eyes to his salvation and raise up workers to bring good news!

Ways to pray for gospel-unreached people:

- **Church planting movements**
Pray for movements to faith in Jesus among unreached communities, for millions to be baptized and discipled. (Matthew 28:19)
- **The witness of local believers**
Pray for the believers among the unreached to be enthusiastic witnesses, sharing their faith in Christ with their community in a meaningful way. (1 Peter 3:15)
- **The proximate church to have a heart and ministry of reconciliation**
Pray for those churches with a near language, culture, or geography to have a burden and intentionally plant churches among their neighbors. (2 Corinthians 5:18–20)
- **Collaborative efforts in the global church to reach the world**
Pray for unity and partnerships, and that the global church can work together to devote greater efforts towards unreached places and people groups.
- **Scriptures in all languages**
Pray for written and oral translations of the scriptures to be made available to people groups who do not have a Bible in their language. (1 Corinthians 14:10–11)