

# AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by  <b>Rosalie &amp; Robert Eshleman</b>                      in loving memory of their son Lee Edward                      whose birthday was August 28, 1963.</p>						
<p>Pray for Basil Marin, pastor of New Song Anabaptist Fellowship, as he provides dynamic leadership to the multicultural congregation in Harrisonburg.</p>	<p>Pray for Shawn and Laura Green and their boys Lucas and Emmanuel, serving in Italy, as they prepare to welcome a new baby into the family this month.</p>	<p>Lift up Mitch and Lauren Yoder as they begin another semester teaching at the Nicaraguan Christian Academy in Managua and connecting with the children at Fortress of Hope.</p>	<p>Ask God to grant the Vince and LaYonne Ramella family patience, perseverance, and grace for themselves as they continue learning language and culture in Istog, Kosovo.</p>	<p>Pray for Steve and Laura Campbell's friend Nedjiko, who is working to make the Good News available to every home in Montenegro.</p>	<p>Ask that God would grant Adam and Jeanette Strode discernment, courage and wisdom as they begin to engage ministry opportunities in Bangkok, Thailand.</p>	<p>Pray for the VMMissions workers attending the re-entry retreat in Black Rock, Pa., this weekend. Ask God to continue revealing Himself to them as they reflect on their time of ministry abroad.</p>
<p>Pray for Jerry Sebastian, pastor of Riverside Mennonite Church in Harman, W.Va, as he provides inspiration and spiritual insight to the congregation.</p>	<p>Give thanks for Katrina Schmid's desire to continue teaching at Lezha Academic Center. Ask God to give her energy and strength for another year in Albania.</p>	<p>Give thanks for Lizette Hernandez and her help in making disciples in the way of Christ as she interns with VMMissions and the Mennonite Hispanic Initiative for the next year.</p>	<p>Pray for Ben Risser, pastor of Ridgeway, Harrisonburg, as he provides innovative and compassionate leadership to the congregation and community.</p>	<p>Pray with transSender Jonathan Cranston, for justice and peace for the indigenous coffee farmers in region of Mindanao, Philippines, where he serves.</p>	<p>Pray for Steve, Bethany, Anjali, and Immanuel Horst as they return to Bangkok, Thailand for a second term of ministry. Ask God to surround them and renew their love for the Thai people.</p>	<p>Give thanks for transSender Joyce Crissman and her desire to join in the ministries of Waynesboro Mennonite Church, in Waynesboro, Va. Ask God to bless her and make her a blessing.</p>
<p>Pray for Aldine Musser, an overseer in Northern District, as she provides guidance and counsel to four congregations and women in ministry associated with Northern District.</p>	<p>Ask God to bless David and Rebekka Stutzman's time in the US as Rebekka finishes her seminary degree and as they prepare to begin church planting upon their return to Germany.</p>	<p>Pray for transSender Sarah Kalichman as she serves in Harrisonburg, Va., neighborhood, sharing the Good News of Jesus with children and their families from all over the world.</p>	<p>Raleigh, Opal, Robbie and Anna* will soon be leaving for North Africa. Pray that God will bring together all the final details and go before them, preparing the way.</p>	<p>Give thanks for Richard and Elsie Bowman's heart for Albania. Pray for energy, good health, and peace as they prepare to return to Lezhe, Albania, for another year.</p>	<p>Pray for the 13 VMMissions staffers in the Harrisonburg office, supporting workers around the globe. May God continue to provide the resources to make disciples in the way of Christ.</p>	<p>Pray for the Ramellas as they minister in Istog, Kosovo, a city with no other believers. Pray that they would not be discouraged by the task ahead, but filled with the hope of Christ.</p>
<p>As VMC ends its fiscal year August 31, pray for God's provision in funding the ministries of the Conference.</p>	<p>Pray for Song,* Michael and Ruth's househelper in South Asia, that she will be a lighthouse in her neighborhood, shining brightly for Christ.</p>	<p>Pray for Director of Finance, Jan Liskey, as the VMMissions fiscal year end draws near. Pray for patience and productivity in the midst of many demands on her time.</p>	<p>Lift up the Horst and Strode families, serving in Bangkok, as they establish a team covenant. Pray that they will be energized and encouraged for their ministry in Thailand.</p>	<p>Ask God for spiritual protection and wisdom for the leadership of a local congregation in Podgorica, Montenegro where Steve and Laura Campbell serve.</p>	<p>Give thanks for the way the mothers in Norma Teles' Bible study are soaking up the Scriptures. Pray that God would guide Norma as she disciples this group of women in Albania.</p>	<p>Pray for Jacob, Hosanna, Elias, and Maia as they await the arrival of a new baby in the family. Ask God to knit them together as a family of five as they prepare to return to South Asia.</p>

James 1:19-22 (NIV)



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# Connections



Join the 18th annual **Bike Shenandoah** ride on Saturday, September 19. Bike Shen offers five rides for all ages and abilities, starting from Eastern Mennonite

School (801 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, Va.) This cycle for service supports Bridge of Hope, NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center, Our Community Place, Roberta Webb Child Care Center, Mennomedia, Mennonite Central Committee and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Visit [bikeshenandoah.org](http://bikeshenandoah.org) to register.



Spare change can have a powerful impact with **My Coins Count**, a program of Mennonite Central Committee and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Funds this year will go to

Kids Club (Shenandoah Valley, Va.); Maranatha School for the Deaf (Jamaica); Joshua Center (Albania); a school for Sudanese refugees (Egypt); and the Village Altonodji, a school for vulnerable children (Chad). Learn more at [vmmissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015-MyCC-infosheet.pdf](http://vmmissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/2015-MyCC-infosheet.pdf)

The **Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale** is looking for two people to help with food committee responsibilities as well as one person to help with organizing the breakfast.

We already have leaders in place, but we are looking for a few well-organized people who would like to help make these a success. Please contact Dave Rush at [info@reliefsale.com](mailto:info@reliefsale.com) or (540) 433-9993.



**Perspectives**  
on the World Christian Movement

**Perspectives on the World Christian Movement** can help align your life with God's global purposes. A rich menu of readings and 15 interactive class sessions combine to provide students with an understanding of four distinct dimensions of the missional challenge. The course will be at Grace Covenant Church, Harrisonburg, on Tuesday evenings, September 1 through December 8. Learn more at [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org), or contact Carol at [carol.tobin@vmmissions.org](mailto:carol.tobin@vmmissions.org).

Pastors and church leaders are invited to a **Perspectives Breakfast-Open House** Tuesday, August 4, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., at Grace Covenant Church's Pavilion Building, 3337 Emmaus Road, Harrisonburg. Discover how this class can benefit you and your church or organization. Come for the whole time or stop in as you are able.

A **Women's Community Bible Study** will be offered at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church using Beth Moore's study: *To Live is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul*. Sessions will

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be Tuesdays, September 8 to November 17. Morning sessions will be 9-11 and evening sessions will be 6:30-8:15. Registration and \$20 fee are due by August 18. Contact Jeannie Smith for registration details at (540) 434-4361.



The **end of the fiscal year** for Virginia Mennonite Conference and Virginia Mennonite Missions is August 31.

As both agencies serve the church and the world as God has called them, please consider making a contribution online or by check. Learn more by visiting: Conference: [virginiaconference.org/donate](http://virginiaconference.org/donate) VMissions: [vmmissions.org/donate](http://vmmissions.org/donate)

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