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PRAYER HANDBOOK *For Young People*

Young People Joining Together to Glorify God Among All Peoples



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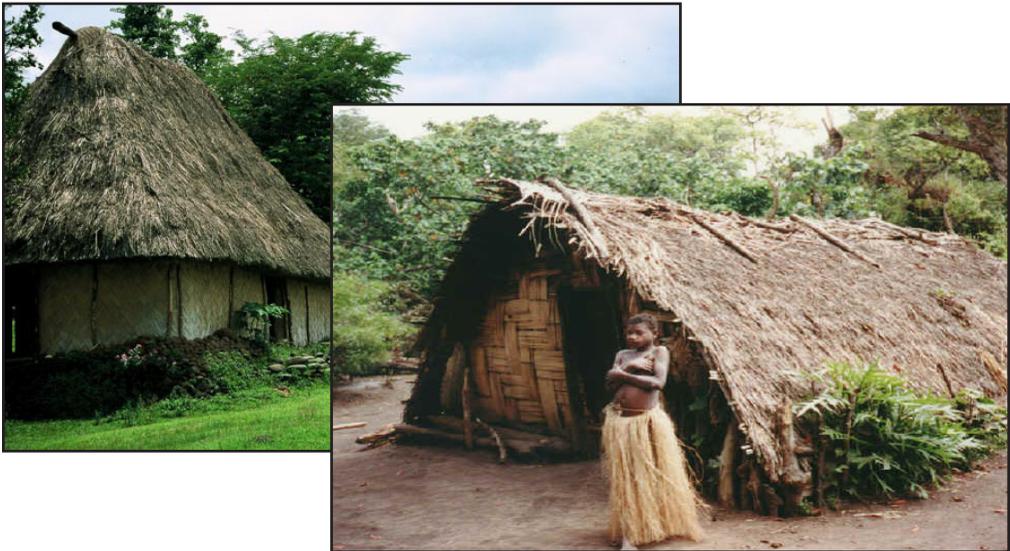
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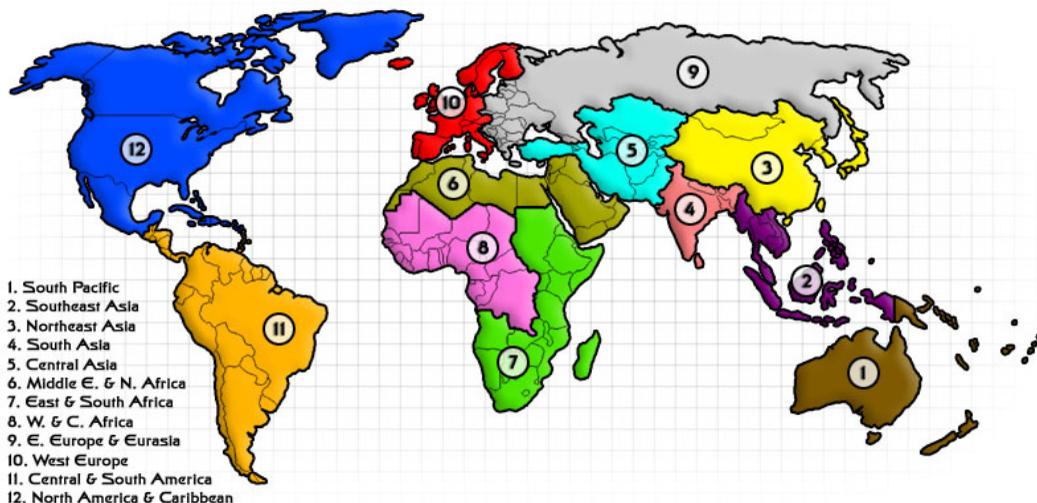
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Ethnê06: The Meeting

Ethnê06 was a global gathering for people, churches, and ministries concerned about the 6,900 people groups around the world with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their vision is peoples joining together to glorify God among all peoples. They met together in Southeast Asia, hosted by a partnership called SEALINK. Their purpose in meeting was to build vision and energy in the global Body of Christ to pray for and reach out to the Forgotten One-Fourth World.

They celebrated the progress that has been made already in sharing the Gospel with peoples around the world. They looked at current opportunities and resources for bringing the Gospel to these groups. And, they studied ways to work together better and faster so that every ethnê could learn about Jesus in a way in which they can understand and respond. They now invite YOU to join them through prayer to be a part of spreading the word...in your own language...in your own network!



"Why Do We Pray?" An Introduction

My name is Nathaniel Adleta. I am the designer of this book, and I would like to share what I have learned about prayer and to try to answer the age-old question, "Why do we pray?" I think this is an important question to answer and understand before we can truly pray for the least-reached of the world.

The first step to understanding prayer is to understand who we are as Christians. I have been challenged a lot lately about my faith in Christ and about my beliefs. In the end, I think I can say that I don't have all the answers, but I do have faith. I believe that God created all of mankind to be his children, his friends, and his companions in this universe. He did not create us to be robots, but to have free choice in all that we do. Love does not mean anything without free choice. When Adam and Eve chose to turn their backs on God in the garden, they closed the door to God. And that choice blocked His ability to have personal relationships with us. In order to restore that to us, he sent his only Son to die on the cross as payment in full for our sins. He reversed the choice, by his love, and restored our ability to have a personal relationship with him. When we choose to become Christians, we choose to have a relationship with him. We can talk to Him, be forgiven by Him, and learn to walk with Him in this life. That is where prayer comes in. Prayer is communication with our Father, our friend, and our God.



So, why do we pray? When we pray for the least-reached of the world, we are really praying for all of the people who do not have a personal relationship with God. We are standing in the gap and we are asking God to bridge the gap between himself and those who do not know him. If you have not had a revelation of God's love or of His heart for us, both those of us who already know Him and those who do not yet know Him, then ask Him to reveal it to you. The revelation of His

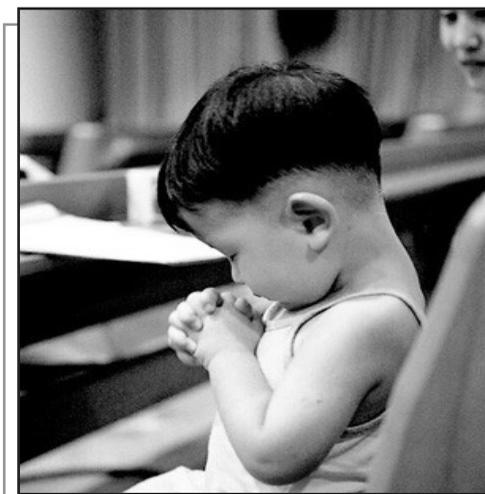
love for us is the most powerful revelation that God can give us and one that will change your life forever. It has definitely changed mine.

As you use this book to pray for the least-reached of the world, ask God to show himself to you more and more each day. Ask Him to help you to get to know Him better. Remember that the least-reached of the world are those who do not yet know God and do not have a personal relationship with Him. Pray that God will bring all nations, peoples, and tribes into His family. Read this verse:

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16 [NIV]

In this verse it says that the “prayer” of a righteous man is POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE. Who is a righteous man? A righteous man is anyone who prays while in right standing with God; their prayers are both POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE. What does it mean to be in Right-Standing? Does it mean you have to be perfect to pray, certainly not, or else no one would be able to pray. It simply means that you both have a relationship with God and have asked Him to forgive you of your sins.

As you take this journey of prayer, I ask God to reveal His love to you. I ask that He would guard you and keep you. That He would provide for all your needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus, and that He would open your heart to understand and grow in the knowledge of Him. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the only way, truth, and life.





What does the word "Ethnê" mean?

Ethnê [eth-nay] is the Greek word Jesus used for "nation" as He gave His parting commands to His disciples in Matthew 28:18-20:

"Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end." [NIRV]

This word means people of the same race or nationality who share a distinctive culture and language. Our world today has 6.4 billion people who live in 234 countries but there are over 16,000 ethnê or people groups! Of those ethnê, more than 6,900 groups have little or no access to the Good News about Jesus Christ and His love for them! Within these 6,900 groups, there are less than 2 people in 100 who are real followers of Jesus Christ—not enough to tell the rest the God loves them and has sent Jesus. We sometimes refer to these groups of people as unreached people groups or least-reached people groups. Today the number of people included in such groups number One-Fourth people on earth who are born, live and die without ever hearing His Name even once! We call this the Forgotten One-Fourth World.



Why are they still unreached?

The least-reached people groups we have been talking about live in places where there are few, if any, churches of any kind. In fact, there may be only a handful of people living anywhere near them who have ever heard about God who created the world or His Son, Jesus Christ. They often have no Bibles at all in their languages and many cannot read, even if they did have a Bible. They may speak a language which is not even written down yet.



The least-reached peoples may live in a very far place, difficult to reach, without any roads or in the high mountains away from cities and villages. It may be very difficult to get to them because the climate may be very cold or very hot. The people may move around continually following their flocks and herds. This type of group is called a nomadic people group.

Some of the least-reached people groups live in countries where people are not free to speak about Jesus Christ and to share their faith. If they do, they may be mistreated, put in prison, or even killed. Some of the least-reached people groups do not want to hear about beliefs other than their own because they seem very strange to them. Families may be ashamed, embarrassed or even angry if their members consider following another belief than their own.

Sometimes, though, these least-reached people groups live very near to those who believe in Jesus and could tell them about Him but they are not aware of the need or the opportunity to do so. People who are from these least-reached groups may be studying in a university as international students; but believers do not take the time to meet these people and share about Jesus with these strange foreign students. Sometimes people from these least-reached people groups

travel to other countries to work as laborers in factories or fields. Although there may be followers of Jesus living nearby, the laborers must work long hours isolated by their work and unrecognized by these believers. And, sometimes people from unreached groups are not liked by people who know about Jesus; these believers may be afraid of the strangers living nearby them and not know how to tell them about God and His love.

God is not limited by time or space. He knows every person and even knows how many hairs they have on their heads. The Bible tells us in 2 Peter 2:9:

"He doesn't want anyone to be destroyed. Instead, he wants all people to turn away from their sins." [NIRV]

He has invited us to join in His work by helping to tell other people that He has sent His Son, Jesus, so that we can be forgiven of our sins and become His children by faith. He tells us to pray and ask Him for the nations:

"Ask me, and I will give the nations to you." Psalm 2:8 [NIRV]

Prayer is simply talking and listening to God. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts. He helps us to hear God speaking to us and He teaches us how to pray. Join us now in the adventure of getting to know God better and of asking Him to help the least-reached people groups who have not yet had a chance to hear about Jesus and put their trust in Him.



Why pray for the least-reached peoples?

God calls us, as His beloved children, to come into His presence:



"Come near to God, and he will come near to you."
James 4:8 [NIRV]

When we come to God in prayer, He promises to help us:

"I will guide you and teach you the way you should go. I will give you good advice and watch over you." Psalm 32:8 [NIRV]

In Luke 10:2, Jesus taught us that He has already prepared people to hear and respond to the gospel and we are to ask Him to send out workers:

"He [Jesus] told them, "The harvest is huge, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." [NIRV]

When we pray for workers who can go and tell the least-reached people groups about Jesus, God will answer our prayers by sending believers to them and by sending His Holy Spirit to speak to their hearts. God will help these believers to know just what to say. In the New Testament, Paul asked his friends to pray for that and that he would preach boldly:

"Pray also for me. Pray that when I open my mouth, the right words will be given to me. Then I can be bold as I tell the mystery of the good news." Ephesians 6:19 [NIRV]

Jesus promises that He will work with the believers to prove His Word is true through signs that will go along with their preaching, just as He did in Acts 16:20:

"Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them. And he backed up his word by the signs that went with it."
[NIRV]

God promises to provide everything needed when we obey Him:

"But put God's kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all of those things will also be given to you." Matthew 6:33 [NIRV]

We know from the revelation of the Apostle John that in heaven there will be people worshiping God from every nation, tribe, people, and language:

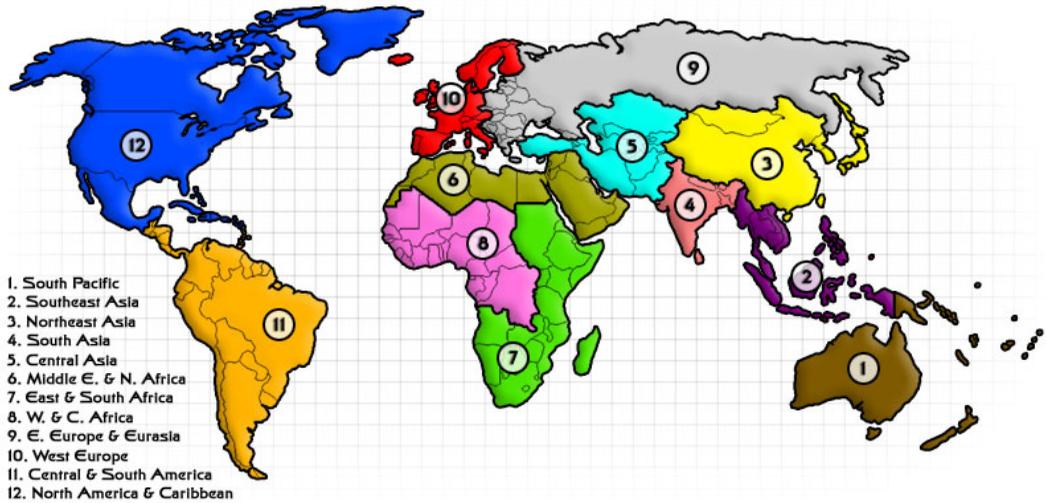
"After this I looked, and there in front of me was a huge crowd of people. They stood in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb. There were so many that no one could count them. They came from every nation, tribe, people and language. They were wearing white robes. In their hands they were holding palm branches. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne. Salvation also belongs to the Lamb." "Revelation 7:9-10 [NIRV]

We have the joy of working with God through prayer to see this happen.



Ethnê's HeLPS Plan

Praying for 6,900 different groups of people is a big job! To make that a little easier, the Ethnê prayer team has divided the job into twelve pieces, one for each month of the year. We will pray beginning with the least-reached peoples of the South Pacific region (1) and will move from east to west around the globe, to pray for these groups one region at a time.



1. South Pacific
2. Southeast Asia
3. Northeast Asia
4. South Asia
5. Central Asia
6. Middle E. & N. Africa
7. East & South Africa
8. W. & C. Africa
9. E. Europe & Eurasia
10. West Europe
11. Central & South America
12. North America & Caribbean

Where are they living? When do I pray?

Region Name:	Number of Groups:	Month to Pray:
1. LRP of the South Pacific	24	June
2. LRP of Southeast Asia	675	July
3. LRP of Northeast Asia	474	August
4. LRP of South Asia	2,803	September
5. LRP of Central Asia	781	October
6. LRP of Middle East/North Africa	383	November
7. LRP of East & South Africa	357	December
8. LRP of West & Central Africa	496	January
9. LRP of Eastern Europe/Eurasia	202	February
10. LRP of Western Europe	240	March
11. LRP of Central & South America	103	April
12. LRP of North America/Caribbean	83	May

LRP = Least-Reached Peoples

How do I begin?

1. Spend time every day talking to God and listening to what He will say to you.

2. If you have a Bible, look at the verses given each week. Read them carefully and think about what they mean. Hide them in your heart by memorizing them. Do what God is telling you to do in His Word.



3. Pray for the least-reached peoples described in the book. The Holy Spirit will teach you how to pray. Remember that there are children and young people just your age among these groups of people who need to know God through Jesus. Your prayers will make a difference.

4. Write notes about what you have prayed in the journal section. As the year goes by, you can read back through them and remember how God spoke to you and what you asked Him. You can watch the news or read to learn more about these groups of people. As God brings them to mind, continue to pray for them.

How do I pray?

SEE – Pray that believers will hear and obey God calling them to go to speak to the least-reached people that He has prepared to hear about Him. God's Word says,

"You say, 'Four months more, and then it will be harvest time.' But I tell you, open your eyes! Look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest right now." John 4:35 [NIRV]



SEND – Pray that God sends more than enough workers to be able to share the good news with all who need to hear.

"He [Jesus] told them, 'The harvest is huge, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Luke 10:2 [NIRV]

UNITY – Pray that God will help believers to work together with one heart and mind.

"The Holy Spirit makes you one in every way. So try your best to remain as one. Let peace keep you together." Ephesians 4:3 [NIRV]

SUPPLY – Pray that God supplies everything necessary for the worker and for their work.

"God supplies seed to the planter. He supplies bread for food. God will also supply and increase the amount of your seed. He will increase the results of your good works." 2 Corinthians 9:10 [NIRV]

SUCCESS – Pray that God blesses the work so that many people come to know and worship Him through these witnesses.

"But still others received the seed [the Word] that fell on good soil. They are those who hear the message and understand it. They produce a crop 30, 60, or 100 times more than the farmer planted." Matthew 13:23 [NIRV]

ETHNÊ Region 1

Least-Reached Peoples of the
SOUTH PACIFIC

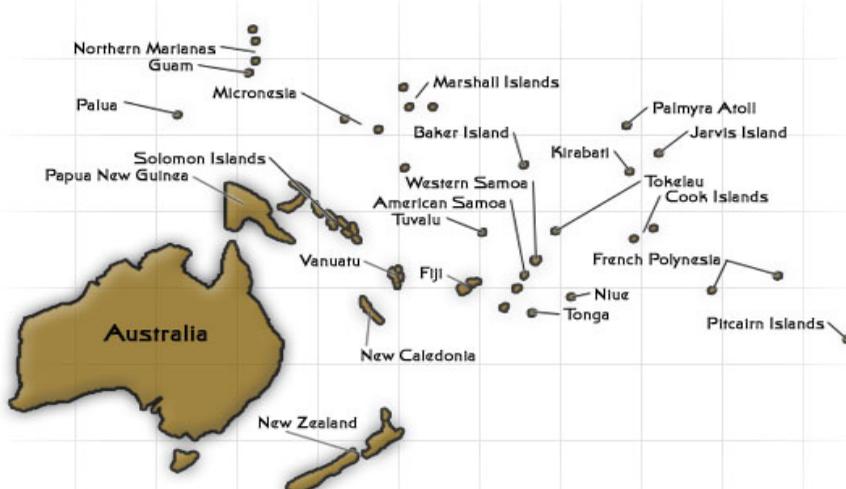
JUNE



The first missionaries that went to the 27 island nations of the South Pacific 200 years ago were amazed by the beautiful green landscapes and the women with long, black hair. But they were also shocked at the ungodly behavior of the natives who worshiped idols and even offered human sacrifices to their gods. Thanks to the hard work of these missionary pioneers, it is now more difficult to find groups in this part of the world that have not had contact with the gospel. There are still between 25 and 30 least-

reached groups, however. Today, the Pacific Islanders are taking the gospel a step further—they are sending and being sent as missionaries themselves. Pray for the least-reached peoples of this region so that God will send messengers to help lead them to faith in Jesus and help gather them to worship God.

"24 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the South Pacific Region."



ETHNÊ Region 1

Pray for the
97,000 Jews of Australia

JUNE Week 1 Prayer Focus

"Papa! Joshua has something to tell you." The mother smiled, and gave her son a gentle shove towards his father. The three-year-old Jewish boy picked up a page of the Hebrew Alphabet that he colored and started to recite, "Alef, Bet, Giimal," and without stopping he was able to recite the entire Hebrew alphabet. His father was so excited that he picked him up and shouted, "Well done! You are learning well at day school." He put the boy down and thought, "Thank God we live in Australia! We must have the best Jewish day schools in the world!" Australia received tens of thousands of Jews during World War II

when they were being killed in Germany and Eastern Europe. Today, Jews in Australia are well established. They have their own newspapers, radio programs, Orthodox groceries, athletic clubs and other establishments. Almost 75 percent are Orthodox and 25 percent are liberal. Tensions sometimes occur between these Jewish groups. They strongly identify with their Jewish culture and are not open to Christian witness. - PD - *Global Prayer Digest (June)*



PRAY FOR RESOURCEFULNESS

Ask God to help believers work with creativity to find ways to make friends and to share the truth about Jesus Christ in a way the Jews of Australia and other least-reached peoples of South Pacific can understand.

MEMORY VERSE

"And what is eternal life? It is knowing you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3 [NIRV]

ETHNÊ Region 1

Pray for the
Hindu Bengalis in Fiji

JUNE Week 2 Prayer Focus



With 230 million people who speak Bengali, it is the world's sixth largest language. As a general rule, the Hindu Bengalis live in India's West Bengal State and the Muslim Bengalis live just to the east of that in Bangladesh. They can understand one another, though it helps to have the Bible in both Hindu and Muslim-friendly dialects. About 17,000 Bengali speakers live in the Fijian Islands. Most of them still speak Bengali, though they have also adapted to the lifestyle, culture and language of their host country. But they remain Hindu or Muslim in this land so far away from their South Asian roots. How did

Bengalis wind up in Fiji? They were among several foreign ethnic groups to sign on as indentured workers between 1879 and 1916. Even today many native Fijians resent the South Asian migrants, including the Bengalis. Though most of the Fijians are Christian, it will take a work of the Holy Spirit to get them to reach out to their Bengali neighbors. - MC - *Global Prayer Digest (June)*

PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

Pray for a lasting spiritual revival that will lead to Fijians sharing their Christian faith with the Bengalis. Pray that both Hindu and Muslim Bengalis will find Christ and give Him their full allegiance.

MEMORY VERSE

"...in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:14 [NIRV]

ETHNĚ Region 1

Pray for the Buddhist Burmese People on Guam

JUNE Week 3 Prayer Focus

T.J., serving with Church World Services, typed on the keyboard of a rusty typewriter at the processing camp on the steamy tropical island of Guam. There were 25 people in the room; men, women and children of all ages. Only an aquarium full of tropical fish kept these Burmese asylum seekers amused. "We have been persecuted because we are Christians," said a middle aged man. T.J., originally from Michigan, had to make a judgment call. Most of the people he'd processed today claimed to be Christians. A rumor had started that Christians were more likely to be granted asylum. T.J. saw that the man's wife held a



book with a picture of Buddha on it. They probably wouldn't be able to answer questions about the Bible that his first grade Sunday school class in Michigan would be able to answer. There is another reason why Burmese Buddhists seek asylum in Guam. Those who do anything to protest their government's policies are brutally oppressed. Myanmar's secret police have sent thousands of Burmese fleeing to places like the U.S. Territory of Guam. They hope that Guam is a way station for them, and that they will eventually wind up starting a new life in the United States. -WK - *Global Prayer Digest* (June)

PRAY FOR PROTECTION AND MERCY

Pray that God will provide protection and mercy for the Burmese Buddhists in Guam. May God show these asylum seekers that the path to true security would be found in Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

"...the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:6 [NIRV]

ETHNÊ Region 1

Pray for the Outreach to Muslims (Pacific Islands)

JUNE Week 4 Prayer Focus



Yusef just had to stop Irok on the street and ask him some questions. "Irok! How was your trip to Saudi Arabia?" Irok smiled and replied, "Let's take a walk and I'll tell you all about it." While the two friends were walking, Irok told Yusef things that quickly wiped the excited smile off his face. "When I was in Saudi Arabia, I saw them cut a man's head off for blasphemy. I thought to myself, how can these people do such a barbaric act in the name of our religion? Don't they know that Allah is merciful? I began to think of how I need forgiveness for all of my sins, and I knew that I would wind up in hell if I

was not forgiven by the Merciful One. Then I thought of the prophet Isa (Jesus), and how he showed mercy, even when the Jewish leaders told him not to. So I am reading more about Isa, and trying to be merciful like Him." Though the names and circumstances have been changed for security reasons, we know that there are at least two Muslim-background believers in one of the Pacific Islands reaching out to their Islamic neighbors. -KC - *Global Prayer Digest (June)*

PRAY FOR LEADERS IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Pray that Muslim leaders will be effected by these men, and will teach their people about the mercy and truth of Jesus. Pray that a new Bible correspondence course will turn many Muslims to the loving arms of the Lord.

MEMORY VERSE

"So you are no longer a slave, but a son.... Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods."
Galatians 4:7,8

ETHNĒ Region 1

South Pacific Testimony

"Sharing God in the Solomon Islands"

Adam's Story

The first missionaries who arrived in the South Pacific region 200 years ago were stunned by the beautiful green landscapes and women with long, black hair. But they were also appalled by the immorality, human sacrifices and idolatry that they found. Thanks to the hard work of these pioneer missionaries, there are now probably less than thirty ethnic groups in this part of the world where there is little contact with the gospel. And today,



the Pacific Islanders are taking the gospel a step further. We ask God to help us help them reach these remaining groups. When Jacob Abufa'asia returned to his home in 1904, the gospel had first come to his area of the South Pacific. He was a Christian convert through the work of the Queensland Kanaka Mission. This Mission worked among the indentured South Sea Islander workers on the Queensland sugar plantations. The gospel spread rapidly among the people on the coast, but the highlanders remained untouched. Because of the dramatic changes in his life, it was as if Abufa'asia had been badly infected with a disease – Christianity – and he wished to spread it to others so they would be carriers of the disease also. Abufa'asia finally died peacefully at an old age but the fruit of his labor continued and the spread of that disease – Christianity – infected so many young lives. I know because I was one of them: My name is Adam. Life in many

“...THE SPREAD OF THAT DISEASE – CHRISTIANITY – INFECTED SO MANY YOUNG LIVES.”

parts of the Solomon Islands remains centered around communally-owned land and is sustained through subsistence agriculture and fisheries. We continued the work Abufa'asia began to carry this gospel to the needy, lost pagan people of the Kwaijo Highlands. They live on the Central Malaita Island of the Solomons, in a mountain slope tropical forest region. They are hunters and agriculturalists,

cultivating sweet potatoes and following a traditional, tribal religion. The Kwaiio highlanders are probably one of the few indigenous people groups in the Solomon Islands. There are still less than 2% evangelized with work going on for only the past ten years. In 1993, the 30 established churches of East Kwaiio

"OFTEN THEY WOULD CRY BITTERLY AND ASK US TO COME AND BUILD A CHURCH..."



formed a mission board and I was appointed its coordinator. The highland region was divided into seven zones or camping centers which were built close to where the pagans lived. We went there and brought them bales of clothing, cooking pots, eating utensils, food items, rice, fish, etc. We did this on a particular day and invited the pagan priests, with their families, to come to meet us at the camping centers. We

met with them from 6pm to 6am. We sang and did dramas, gave testimonies, showed the JESUS film, preached and gave out the gifts we had brought. Often they would cry bitterly and ask us to come and build a church in their village and to send them missionaries. We have built several churches now and God is doing a mighty thing amongst them. About forty to seventy have turned to the Lord each year—and, as of 2005, a total of about 770 since 1993. The total population of the Kwaiio is 13,249 according to a 1999 survey and we estimate there are still another 2,000 to reach in the highlands as they are still living in grass huts in the interior. We ask you for prayer in our mission's efforts to reach the Kwaiio with the Gospel. The South Pacific is the region with the lowest number of Least-Reached People Groups of all the twelve regions of the world. There may be less than thirty groups in all, but many parts of the Pacific islands are in a post-Christian stage, much like the Church in Europe. Still, God has begun reviving His Church in places like Fiji. May 14, 2006 is the 400th anniversary of the declaration made by Pedro Fernández de Quiros when he prophesied that this unknown land to the South of where he was standing would be "terra australis de Espiritu Santo," or "the southlands of the Holy Spirit." Pray that God indeed causes His revival fires to sweep through all the Pacific Islands and around the globe, transforming peoples and their nations as it goes!

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of South Pacific?

Pray for **RENEWAL** –

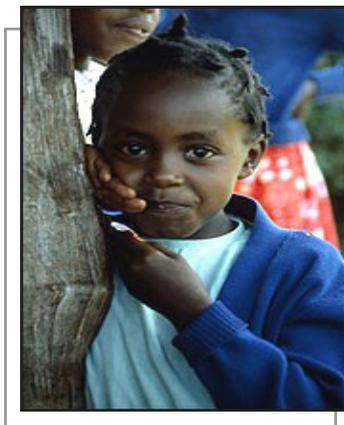
Ask God to bring the fulfillment of this 400 year-old prophetic proclamation that the Church of the South Pacific rises up in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit to boldly proclaim the good news. Proclaiming not only to the remaining LRP Groups of this region, but around the globe!

Pray for **RESOURCEFULNESS** –

Pray that God causes people from the Body of Christ to work with His divine creativity and in unity of the Spirit to overcome every barrier to the gospel among every people group.

Pray for **RAPID SPREAD** –

Pray for the Word of God to spread rapidly and be honored as it is proclaimed before those around them by faithful men and women, especially among the remaining Least-Reached Peoples.



Pray for **THE RISING GENERATION** –

Plead for the fulfillment of Malachi that the son of righteousness rises with healing in his wings, turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to their fathers. Pray that generational blessings of faith and courage are passed to the young so they can reach their generation for Jesus.

Pray for **THE REMAINDER** –

Pray for the remainder of Least-Reached Groups in the South Pacific to be reached and to join hands with God, one another, and believers around the globe to reach and transform the remaining groups with the kingdom of God.

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ETHNÊ Region 2

Least-Reached Peoples of the
SOUTHEAST ASIA

JULY



Did you know that many peoples in the 11 nations of Southeast Asia were once Hindus, later Buddhists, but today many are Muslim? Most peoples in this region of color and diversity are either Buddhist or Muslim and over 600 people groups still have little or no knowledge of Jesus Christ. The gospel has come to a few tribes in northern Thailand and Myanmar but Indonesia still has over 200 ethnê who have few or no followers of Jesus Christ. The population of those who do not have much chance to

hear about Jesus in Indonesia is over 130,000,000! We need to pray for spiritual roadblocks to be removed so that they can hear about and commit their lives to be followers of Jesus!

"675 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the South Pacific Region."



ETHNÊ Region 2

Pray for the 28,426,000 Buddhist Burmese People of Myanmar

JULY Week 1 Prayer Focus

Fear can lead to strange actions! The government of Myanmar ordered thousands of government office personnel to prepare to move 200 miles away with just two days notice, according to a "Los Angeles Times" article. Fearing a siege by the United States of their former capital city, Rangoon, the Burmese-dominated military government of Myanmar ordered its government workers to pack up their offices and be ready to move south to a new capital in Pinyinman. No workers was allowed to resign. Some think Myanmar's military ruler, Than Shive, chose this small remote town for the new site because he believed astrologers' predictions that his power would end last April. He spent thousands of dollars to increase the government's security by building a fortress city. It's very possible that he also chose this centrally-located and less populated town so the government could better monitor the rebellious Shan, Chin, and Karin states, which do not have a Burmese Buddhist majority. The Burmese are the dominant people group in Myanmar. Though some other people groups in that country have accepted Christ, the Burmese majority remains solidly Buddhist.. -MC, *Global Prayer Digest*, July 2006.



PRAY FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Pray that God will send dedicated believers to Pinyinmana to proclaim the gospel of spiritual peace to the Buddhist Burmese people and their leaders.

MEMORY VERSE

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 2

Pray for the 8,306,000 Folk Islamic Minangkabau People of Indonesia

JULY Week 2 Prayer Focus



"One must nurture growth in humans, animals, and plants so that society will be strong," the Minang women told the American anthropologist who had come to study their matrilineal society. Almost 4,000,000 Minangkabaus (Minang) live in western Sumatra Island while an equal number are scattered throughout other parts of Indonesia. In their culture, property and names are passed down through the women, making it the largest matrilineal society in the world.

Males leave their homes at an early age to study and many of them have become some of Indonesia's most influential scholars, statesmen, educators, writers and religious leaders. The women are educated and their primary role is to take care of their families, including family investments and property. Islam penetrated their society in the 16th century. At that time, the Minang's religious tradition had been based on animistic and Hindu beliefs. These beliefs were the foundation of their society and they viewed Islam as a threat. The conflict was resolved, and today their Islamic religion features elements of animism and Hinduism. There are an estimated 1,000 Minang Christians. Various Christian groups are working here as well and several good resources are in use.—PD, *Global Prayer Digest*, July 2006.



PRAY FOR LOCAL & FOREIGN WORKERS

Pray that God will cause the Minang leaders to listen and accept God's word presented through trained Christian workers, radio, films, and the internet.

MEMORY VERSE

"Preach the Word: be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." 2 Timothy 4:2[NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 2

Pray for the 1,162,000 Muslim Maranao People of the Philippines

JULY Week 3 Prayer Focus

Keelao pulled the net from Lake Lanao and dumped the catch of fish on the deck of his small fishing boat. Smiling, he exclaimed, "They don't call us 'People of the Lake' for nothing!" The Maranaos make up the largest group of Muslim Filipino people, numbering more than 1 million. They are culturally isolated from their Christian Filipino neighbors, and view them with great distrust and animosity. It will take much love and prayer to overcome many years of bloody warfare and hatred between the two groups. They see themselves as muslim rather than Filipino. While there are numerous evangelistic tools available such as the JESUS film, the New Testament, portions of the Old Testament, Scriptures on tape, and gospel broadcasts, there are still only 30-50 known believers. They face persecution from the other Maranao people. -PE, Global Prayer Digest, July 2006.



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PRAY FOR PROTECTION & BOLD WITNESS

Pray fervently for the safety and blessing of the handful of Christian Maranaos. Pray also that the powers of this spiritual principality will be broken, the people released and the gospel will go forth in the Holy Spirit. Pray that overseas Maranaos will find Christ through the faithful love and witness of Christians, and that the few Christian workers among the Maranao people will be protected from violence and be fruitful in their labor.

MEMORY VERSE

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel..." Ephesians 6:19 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 2

Pray for the 14,778,100 Buddhist Khmer Peoples of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam

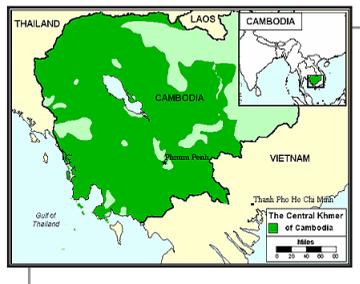
JULY Week 4 Prayer Focus



The whirling of sewing machines goes silent. The silence is broken by a collective groan by the people of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Power outages are once again becoming common in Cambodia, according to a February 22, 2006 article in "BBC News." These power outages cut into businesses, including Cambodia's key garment industry. Thirty percent of their costs come from electricity loss. Rising fuel costs have prompted businesses that used to rely on generators to switch to mainline electricity,

creating a demand that cannot be filled. Cambodia hopes to have a new power station on line this summer, but most likely, its capacity will be used up within months. Meanwhile, the Khmers and other peoples of Cambodia will have to live with periods of darkness. The Khmer people make up 85 percent of the population of Cambodia. As Buddhists, they have lived with spiritual darkness for hundreds of years. Like the erratic electrical power, the Khmer Church has grown, been nearly wiped out, and is now re-emerging. To bring spiritual light, Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) has beamed Christian radio broadcasts into Cambodia.

—KC, *Global Prayer Digest*, July 2006 issue.



PRAY FOR STRENGTH WITHIN THE CHURCHES

Pray that FEBC efforts will strengthen the Khmer Church and lead many Buddhists to Jesus. Pray that foul spirits will be cast out by the Lord. Pray for the Light of Jesus to burn brightly among all Khmer in every nation.

MEMORY VERSE

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 2

Southeast Asia Testimony

A Christian "Outsider"

IBU SRI: A Woman's Story

Sri's mom was from a poor Hitu family. She was first attracted to music being sung by a local church. Soon, Sri was won to the Lord by the preaching of a powerful Chinese evangelist. The mother raised the children to be very honest. She gave a tithe before feeding her family, knowing the Lord always provides. Sri attended seminary in Java. Her sister and brother-in-law went to Papua as



missionaries where they were martyred. A disease hit the pigs in the area and the locals thought they, being outsiders, were the cause. Years later, their only child came back to show God's love to this tribe. Over 5000 came to hear him preach. Many people came to confess sins and accept Christ during these services. One who came to confess Christ as Lord also surrendered his spear which had been used to kill the parents. They destroyed the spear as a symbol of how God destroys and forgives sin. Sri served with her husband for thirty years as a pastor's wife doing "Christian activities" and at various times worked in church planting and also in evangelism to people of "like kind." Nearby, a couple from a different ethnic group came to faith through the preaching of the Gospel at their grandson's funeral. A mission team had shared the Gospel but did not begin a congregation. Sri and the Women's Group at her church began ministering to this Suneuma family and sent a young woman to live in the village. When the young woman left, Sri felt compelled to continue the church planting effort. She took public transportation and motorcycles over muddy roads to reach the church some two hours away.

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While there, she slept on the floor of villagers. She taught men, women and children on Saturday and led the Bible study and the worship on Sunday morning. Her work and service brought on persecution by various local and regional leaders because she was an "outsider." They also objected to outsiders coming from other villages to worship. She asked if the church could continue their Christian worship

if the outsiders left. The government leaders agreed to let them worship if the outsiders did not come. The result was the original congregation continued to worship and a second congregation emerged BOTH IN THAT VILLAGE AND in another village since they could not worship in the first village. Sri and her

"HE LATER CREATED A DRAMA/MUSIC BAND AND BEGAN TO DISCIPLE YOUNG MEN..."



helpers brought six church members (3 from each congregation) once a week for training. The local Indonesian mother church, very small and not rich, sacrificed to pay for part of the training. The goal was to train these leaders to lead their own worship and to "tell God's story" using chronological storying. One of the men was so shy he could not even practice the story with these close friends. Then one day he traveled to a nearby village to sell his wares. That evening, he stopped at a cousin's

house and while there told the Bible story from the previous week. He was such a success that he was invited to come back the next week with another story. He later created a drama / music band and began to disciple young men and they too adopted his style of story telling. When the word got out they were invited and paid to play at to all kinds of socials, activities and events all over the region. Sri and her group have used reproducible methods such as storying and sustainable agricultural ministries and a medical clinic to start other Suneuma congregations. Not only does the mother church continue to serve these congregations. These congregations are beginning other congregations. Their Suneuma churches have also been praying for the least reached of Indonesia and other countries as well, even as they are being persecuted where they are. One of these congregations dismantled their building with their own hands to prevent a mob from tearing it down. They stored the wood to use later when they can rebuild. That is faith! Ninety-nine percent of the 2,268,000 Hitu are Muslim, but traditional ethnic beliefs and rituals area still practiced in the remote areas. Less than 1% are believers as are the Sunuema. The Sunuema are one of the largest groups of people still unreached for Christ. As we heard in the story of Ibu Sri, let us pray for not only the Hitu and the Sunuema, but pray for all of the other 657 Least-Reached People Groups of Southeast Asia as well that...

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of Southeast Asia?

Pray for **EXPATRIATE & INDIGENOUS WORKERS** –

God would thrust forth many more workers and provide creative means of access to the Least-Reached Peoples throughout Southeast Asia for the gospel.

Pray for **STORYING** –

Pray for God to show workers how to tell His story effectively and tell it accurately and for Him to confirm His Word with signs and wonders.

Pray for **MULTIPLICATION** –

Pray for God to inspire many other new believers to share throughout their natural relational networks what Jesus has done and is doing in their lives. Pray for many to come to faith.

Pray for the **FELLOWSHIPS** –

Pray for believers to understand that where two or three gather in Jesus' Name, there He is in their midst; that they would focus on living fellowships to encourage one another to love and good deeds.

Pray for **CONTEXTUAL EVANGELISM** –

Pray that they also will remain involved in community activities and actively seek friendship with local leaders as indications of good citizenship. Just as the believers were using songs and stories, pray for God to help believers creatively communicate the gospel and His Truth through familiar means with an eternal message of Hope and Salvation.



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ETHNÊ Region 3

Least-Reached Peoples of the
NORTHEAST ASIA

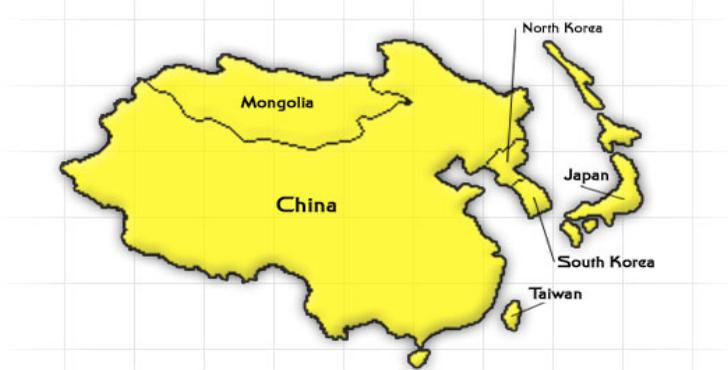
AUGUST



The 7 countries of Northeast Asia are lands humming with action! China, Japan, and South Korea have economies that are growing at rates that are hard to imagine. The 21st century could easily be the time when Korean and Chinese missionaries take the lead in reaching the world for Jesus. Presently, Korea is the second largest sending nation in the world and is preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the great Korean revival of the early 1900's when the capital, Pyongyang, was known as the "Jerusalem of Asia". But China may soon catch up and surpass them in missions because of their own "Back to Jerusalem" vision to send Chinese missionaries

back along the Old Silk Roads carrying the gospel all the way back to Jerusalem. Also, this is the first time when Mongolia has had a lasting church and they too are already sending missionaries to other nations. Even though all this is true, over 450 ethnê, or people groups, in this region still have few if any who believe in Jesus. North Korea, Mongolia, and Japan are still difficult challenges with more than 95 out of 100 of their people without Christ. Even China itself has 499 least-reached people groups still needing to hear the Good News about Jesus! God's time for Northeast Asia is now!

"474 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the Northeast Asia Region."



ETHNÉ Region 3

Pray for the 236,900 Tibetan Buddhist Tuvan Peoples of Russia, Mongolia and China

AUGUST Week 1 Prayer Focus

The crowd gathered near the market to see and hear the Tuvan singers, noted for their unique style of music, khomeii, singing with two voices. These Tuvan people in northwestern Mongolia, China and in the Republic of Tuva in Russia are especially noted for their rich epic poetry and music. They use over 50 musical instruments. The Tuvans were traditionally shamanists, believing in an unseen world of gods, demons, and spirits that inhabit the rocks, trees, and rivers around them. Although one-third of Tuvans are Tibetan Buddhists and



one-third are non-religious, the majority still revert to many shamanistic ceremonies and practices. Traditionally, the Tuvans were herders, living a nomadic lifestyle, and those who have not been absorbed by the Mongolian, Russian or Chinese culture still follow that lifestyle. The rural clans are trying to retain their native language and heritage. When Tuva became part of Russia, very few men and none of the women could read, and to a large extent that is still true, so perhaps Christian teachers will have open doors to work among the Tuvan immigrants in Mongolia and China. Since 1997, there has been a significant response to the gospel among the Russian Tuvan but many have turned away again from the Christian faith.

PRAY FOR STRONG CHURCHES

Pray that Tuvan believers grow strong in their faith and win others to Jesus by their words and deeds. Pray that fellowships stay strong despite social and political pressure. Pray for worship in the Tuvan language and culture.

MEMORY VERSE

"And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast."
Hebrews 3:6 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 3

Pray for the 10,585,200 Muslim Uygher Peoples of Mongolia and China

AUGUST Week 2 Prayer Focus



"Get out of this room or we will call the police, you bunch of terrorists!" The Han Chinese man stormed into the quiet prayer room where several Uygher Muslims were praying. Frightened by the threat of being arrested, the Uyghers abruptly left. Several young men pushed themselves into the room and started to drink. China's northwestern province, Xinjiang, is the home to nine million Sunni Muslim Uyghers. Other Uyghers live scattered in other areas of China as well as in Mongolia.

These people no longer bask in the glory of their rich past and Turkish culture. Once these Turkic people were rich farmers. Today China's government has sent in Han Chinese to farm land that once belonged to Uyghers. In order to even survive, Uyghers must now do whatever work they can find. The Chinese government has imposed strict laws against their religious practices. They are constantly at risk of being arrested, detained, tortured, or sentenced to labor camps. The situation is somewhat better for the one thousand Uyghers living in Mongolia.



PRAY UYGHERS FIND THE GOD OF HOPE

Pray that Uyghers in China and Mongolia come to know Jesus as the God of Hope. Pray for a church planting movement to erupt among every group.

MEMORY VERSE

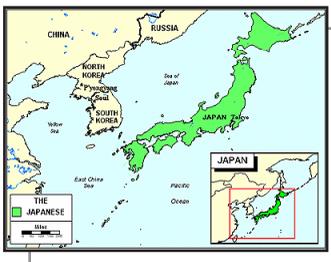
"But let all who take refuge in Thee be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy; And mayest Thou shelter them,
That those who love Thy name may exult in Thee."
Psalm 5:11 [NIV]

ETHNÉ Region 3

Pray for the 125,200,800 Buddhist Japanese People of Japan, China, Russia and Hong Kong

AUGUST Week 3 Prayer Focus

Outreach efforts to the people of Japan began during the 16th century. Catholic missionaries entered Japan during a time of unrest when various warlords fought to unify the country. Religion and nation state were inseparable at that time and Japanese rulers were either for or against the new religion depending on whether they thought it would help them maintain power. After most of Japan's Christians being killed to put down a revolt around 1637, the door for outreach did not open again until 1859 when Charles and Letta Cowman began work in Japan. This American Methodist missionary couple emphasized the use of personal testimonies and it led to the conversion of thousands of Japanese to Christ. Between 1900-1941, the Oriental Missionary Society, established to form an inter-denominational mission agency, won many to Christ and planted churches. But that work was sidetracked when World War II expanded and Japan once again expelled all missionaries. After the end of the war, much ground had been lost and only .5% were Christians. In 1988, Billy Graham preached a revival crusade and follow up teams incorporated the new converts into churches; many still exist today. But the number of believer still is less than 2% of the population, many from Japan's youth. Much work still remains. Japanese are still the largest least-reached Buddhist group in the world today.



PRAY JAPANESE RECOGNIZE JESUS AS THE NAME ABOVE ALL

Pray that God breaks the power of deception and the lure of material things over the Japanese people. Pray that the Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin and gives revelation of Jesus as the Name Above All Names.

MEMORY VERSE

*"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."
Acts 4:12 [NASB]*

ETHNÊ Region 3

Pray for the 22,419,000 Secular North Korean People

AUGUST Week 4 Prayer Focus



At one time, following the great Korean revival of the early 1900's, Pyongyang, now the capital of North Korea, was then known as the "Jerusalem of Asia" because of its many Christians! Yet, today, in North Korea Satan holds a stronghold and command post. A mixture of Confucian thought, Buddhism, and shamanism (belief in an unseen world of gods, demons, and ancestral spirits) were previously dominant among the Korean, but have been officially repressed since 1945. The former North Korean ruler, Kim Il Sung, was held in high regard and worshipped by the Koreans. He was presented as omniscient and omnipresent. The new regime under Kim Il Jong is as oppressive as the former. However, it is not yet known whether the people have to worship the new ruler. Although religious freedom is technically guaranteed by the North Korean government, religious activity is strongly discouraged. The Korean believe that deceased family members remain within the family circle, in spiritual form. For this reason, the most important concern of the family is to produce a male heir to carry on the family line. He is called on to perform ancestral rituals in the household and at the family grave site. *—Information from Joshua Project*



PRAY THAT JESUS SETS NORTH KOREANS FREE INDEED

Pray the Lord will set North Koreans free from unforgiveness, pride, and self-dependence. Pray for them to know Jesus who will set them free indeed.

MEMORY VERSE

"So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36 [NIV]

ETHNĚ Region 3

Northeast Asia Testimony

"The Emptiness Within Me"

Kumiko Shimajiri – A Japanese Woman

My name is Kumiko Shimajiri. (B) I was born and raised in an ancestor worshipping family in Okinawa, Japan. None of my family members or relatives was Christian. According to our customs, I was taught to respect elders and worship ancestor spirits certain times of the year. We all came together and worshiped our ancestors in front of the family altar. We all believed that our ancestors would protect and



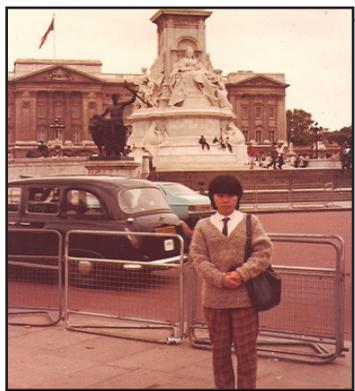
give us happiness and prosperity. At that time, my father had his own successful business, but as the business expanded he became addicted to alcohol. My family suffered from his drinking problem. Because of the domestic violence, we were living in fear. My mother often went to Yuta, (C) who is a spiritual medium and tried to solve our problems by praying at different locations. However, our family situation did not get better; in fact, it just got worse. I had been told to believe in ancestors, but I experienced that belief did not bring any solutions. We were helpless and hopeless. I often thought about committing suicide. After graduating from High School, I went to Tokyo for further education and to learn English. Because it was my first time being away from home, I expected a total change in my life. That change did not satisfy me and I felt empty and that something was missing. One day, a lady came to my apartment and shared about the bible. I was searching for something to believe in so I did not hesitate to follow her. I attended some seminars and joined their group which was the Unification Church. They teach that Rev. Moon is the savior because Christ failed to bring salvation. Not

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having any bible knowledge, I thought this teaching was the truth. A few months later, I departed from Japan to England to study English. I left the church also. In London, for three months I went to an English school for foreigners. There I met a Japanese Christian girl who shared that my "religion" was a false teaching. I was shocked, confused, angry and then went through a heavy depression. I started

to pray to God every night for six months. "God, are you there? Do you exist? If you really do exist, show me." This was my simple prayer repeated every day. After six months, I met another Christian lady who was a retired missionary from my same home town, Okinawa. October 13, 1980, the old lady took us to Open

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House Day at the Bible School where she had graduated. On the way to the Bible School, the lady asked me to read the bible verse John 3:16. At the School, one Japanese missionary lady was waiting for us to show us around. She shared about Jesus immediately when she met us, and told me that He is the only answer for my all problems and if I believe in Him, I would receive eternal life and He would set me free. I opened my heart and accepted Him as my personal Savior. Then she started to pray against the power of Satan for my deliverance.

I fainted on the bench and started to roar several times which was not my voice. My conscious was clear and she rebuked the devil in the name of Jesus. About an hour later, I came back to myself. I was crying and felt I had come back to my real home. Indescribable peace came into my heart and it was overwhelming. That night, I read the bible and found the verse John 8:32, "You will know the truth; the truth will set you free." Since that day my life totally changed. I was set free from the power of darkness; I found the purpose in my life, my destiny, unconditional love from the Lord and overflowing joy. One year later, the Lord spoke to me from Luke 8:39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." It was hard to make the decision to go home because I knew my home would be full of idol worship and it would be difficult to live as a Christian. The Lord kept speaking about returning to Japan. I obeyed him and made the decision to go home. He promised from the bible "Believe in Jesus Christ. You and your household will be saved." I went back home and shared the gospel with my family. Two of my sisters accepted Christ, some years later my father, who was an alcoholic, accepted Jesus, as well as my grandparents and aunt. March 2000 my father passed away. My father's funeral was the first Christian funeral in my family. It turned out to be almost like a crusade meeting in the church. The small Baptist Church was packed full of people who had never heard about the good news before. A few days later, I saw the vision of my father walking with a new healthy body . seeing Jesus I shared this vision

with my mother who was still worshipping the idol gods. She finally made up her mind to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior because she wanted to go to same destination as my father. All the bible verses which God had given me were fulfilled in my life. He has been faithful to me. His love has never failed.

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of Northeast Asia?

Pray for **FULFILLMENT** -

Pray for God to show peoples of Northeast Asia that true fulfillment and prosperity in life is found only in Jesus Christ who gives us Life and that more abundantly.

Pray for **FREEDOM FROM FEAR** -

Pray that these peoples, living in fear of spirits and of the future, experience peace, joy and freedom from oppression in Jesus.

Pray against **FALSE TEACHERS** -

Pray for discernment to recognize false teachers and through the Holy Spirit to know the Truth that sets them free.

Pray for the **FATHER'S HEART** -

Pray that the Father's heart of love, acceptance and forgiveness be experienced by every person among these Least-Reached Peoples of Northeast Asia.

Pray for **FAITHFULNESS** -

Pray for new believers to daily experience God's faithfulness And to be faithful in their walk with Him, letting their light shine before men so they glorify God in heaven.



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Least-Reached Peoples of the
SOUTH ASIA

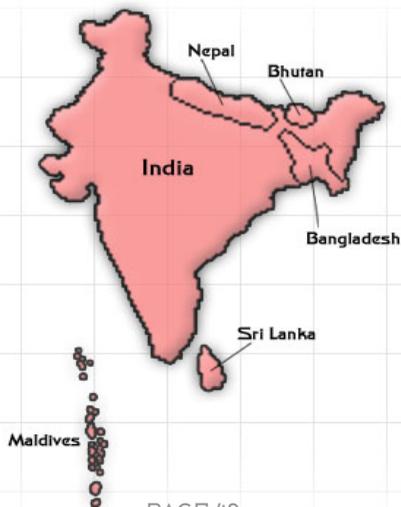
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Variety is the spice of life and there is certainly much variety in the world's spiciest region, South Asia. In these 7 countries live almost 3,000 least-reached people groups! Islam, the religion of Muslim people, controls the hearts of many of the people groups of Bangladesh. Buddhism began in India, spread to Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, China, and Southeast Asia but was most successful mainly in East Asia. Hinduism, that varied cluster of traditional religions, has almost 1 billion people who follow its beliefs in India and Nepal. The high caste Brahmins (the highest social group in Hinduism) may be harder to reach for Jesus than any Muslim people, while the

lowest social groups respond to news about Jesus readily by the thousands. Some of the peoples of southern and northeastern India are Christian, but only two percent (two people in every 100) follow Jesus. Over 2,000 people groups in India are still without the gospel. Christians are making strong efforts to reach this region for Jesus and God is at work. But a truly great challenge still faces us!

"2,803 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the South Asia Region."



ETHNĚ Region 4

Pray for the 1,637,700 Hindu/Buddhist Newar People of India, Nepal, and Bangladesh

SEPTEMBER Week 1 Prayer Focus

Six-year-old Preeti knew she was no goddess, even though all of the priests at the temple told her she was divine. Often people brought her gifts, thinking she was the incarnation of Kumari, a goddess worshipped by both Hindus and Buddhists. Preeti lived in a second floor room at the temple. From her window, she saw girls her age playing in the street. Preeti wished she could join them. Every 13 years a newborn baby girl of the Newar people group in Nepal is chosen to be the current incarnation of the goddess Kumari. This baby girl



must be perfect in form. The young girl would reign for 13 years until she began showing signs of puberty. Then a new baby girl would be chosen to take her place. The Newar people of Nepal, India and Bangladesh practice a religion that combines the elements of both Hinduism and Buddhism. Recently, a number of new fellowships were begun through believers who began simply prayerwalking throughout their villages. As other Newar came to know Jesus, they too were sharing this good news with others. Though there are more than 1,000 Christian believers among these people now, there are still less than 2 in 100 believers; the Newar are still considered "least-reached".



PRAY FOR GOD TO SEND MORE LABORERS

Pray that God empowers the small Newar church to reach out to their countrymen in a way that honors Christ and extends his kingdom.

MEMORY VERSE

"And he was saying to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'
Luke 10:2 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 4

Pray for the 99,568,000 Muslim/Hindu Bengali
People of India, Nepal, and Bangladesh

SEPTEMBER Week 2 Prayer Focus



Contrasts are sharp in the Bengali-speaking part of the world. While most of the people are in an endless cycle of poverty, others are extremely wealthy. Hinduism and Islam produce strangleholds on the souls of the people, yet there are great gulps of the fresh air of the gospel being breathed in hungrily in many corners of the land. Consider a school recently started for poor children where 150 are now learning both the basics of education and the Bible, or the five villages where sewing machines have been donated and women are learning a profitable trade

as they soak in the gospel. Let us not forget converts like Dimi, who baptized 70 in one year and many more the next year, after tirelessly teaching and preaching about Christ. "I tell them that Mohammed mentions Jesus 35 times in the Korean and Mohammed is only mentioned twice. I ask them 'Who is this man Mohammed that you should believe in him when all he does is talk about Jesus?'" The Bengali are one of the most significant people groups in South Asia. Although there have been reports of real progress among the Muslims in Bangladesh, a determined effort must be sustained in order to reach the Bengali with the Gospel. The city of Calcutta, home to many Bengalis, is a city of massive oppression, disease, and poverty. The power of evil expressed in the thousands of Hindu gods must be broken before these people can understand and respond to the Gospel.

PRAY FOR GOD'S WORD FOR THE BENGALI

Pray that more Muslim-friendly Bengali New Testaments will soon be printed and distributed. And pray for a raging wildfire of the Holy Spirit to convict and draw all Bengalis to Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

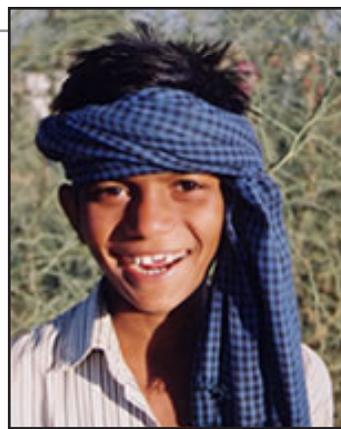
"He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 4

Pray for the 38,313,000 Hindu/Muslim Rajput People of India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

SEPTEMBER Week 3 Prayer Focus

"Oh-oh," the midwife mumbles as she delivers a helath baby girl in northwest India. Quickly she places her hand over the tiny mouth and nose, suffocating the baby. She must be quick to avoid a severe beating if not death at the hands of the husband. To millions of Rajput people, a baby girl represents a significant and unwelcome financial burden. Traditionally, a daughter's dowry must be large enough to ensure marriage to a man of equal or higher social standing. Although infanticide is less common now, even today, a high percentage of female babies are declared "stillborn." Over 44 million Rajput live mainly in the state of Rajasthan in northwest India. About 75 percent are Hindu and 25 percent are Muslim. Because they have a long military tradition, their main deity is Durga, a goddess of war. At the Dasara Festival, they worship weapons and horses. They also worship the sun and revere the animals and trees sacred to the Hindus.



PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING

Pray for the Rajput to come to know God as the Father who treasures both male and female. Pray they know Jesus who has conquered sin and death and the grave so that they also may live with Him forever.

MEMORY VERSE

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life." [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 4

Pray for the 405,000 Tibetan Buddhist Shar chop People of Bhutan

SEPTEMBER Week 4 Prayer Focus



The Tibetan Buddhist peoples of Bhutan, a country high in the Himalayan Mountains, paint demons on walls and perform dangerous fire rituals to drive away evil spirits. Christian believers are very few, but one of them said, "There is something within these people that demands they search for atonement. Every ritual and act they take on is surrounded by mysticism and the search for cleansing." Bhutan has always been a very isolated country. Proselytizing is strictly forbidden among these Tibetan Buddhists.

The Shar chop people, or Eastern Bhotia, as some are called, are a large ethnic group in Bhutan. One of the reasons it is hard to reach them with the gospel is that they have no written language. However, there is an amazing cutting edge new program, the Epic Project, being used with peoples for whom there is no written language. The project, which provides scripture in oral form, is the product of a partnership between the JESUS film, Campus Crusade for Christ, the Southern Baptist International Mission Board and Wycliffe Bible Translators.



PRAY FOR THE SHARCHOP TO KNOW JESUS AS THEIR ATONEMENT.

Pray that the Epic Project will show the Shar chop people Jesus has already atoned for their sins. Pray their hearts are ready to hear and many come to follow Jesus and to share this good news with others.

MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation." Isaiah 12:2 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 4

South Asia Testimony

Karma: An Imprisoned Truth

Chimmi of the Lobas of Nepal

Chimmi Rinzin Gunrung was born in a remote Loba village in Nepal bordering Tibet on the north. The Lobas are an ethnic Tibetan people who migrated many years ago into the kingdom of Mustang, which is now in Nepal. This is Chimmi's story: I was raised in a strong Buddhist family. Being the first child gave me the opportunity to go to primary school in the village where I learned to read and write. When I became older, I moved to lower Mustang to attend high school. After high school I went to Pokhara for higher studies I was taught to



be a disciple of Buddha. As a disciple, I did not lie or steal and I believed in Karma, or do good, get good—do bad, get bad. As a Buddhist, I would pray to earn merit so I would be reincarnated in a better life after I died. I tried hard to be a good person, but I could not live up to the standard. The more I tried to follow the rules, the more I suffered. I began to move away from my beliefs and began to associate with school friends who seemed to be very happy. After graduating from high school, I had difficulty finding a job. Over time, I became involved in illegal activities which eventually lead me to spend 6 years in prison. At that time, I felt that my life was meaningless. Because I was in prison, my family was mistreated and they soon abandoned me. I asked myself these questions, "Why did this happen to me? Is it because of bad Karma I am in this situation? Where is the merit my parents and I earned? When will the merit be transferred to my

"I FELT THAT MY LIFE WAS MEANINGLESS."

credit?" These questions and thoughts kept coming to mind each day I was in prison. I was growing hopeless behind the prison walls. There were two brothers who were also in prison, and they were visited by another brother who was a Christian. Their brother would meet, visit and pray with them. watched closely their meetings, and in time I saw a change in the lives of the two imprisoned

brothers. They were very happy and I saw a real change in their lives. The two brothers were soon released from prison. One day while I was sitting and talking with friends, I was called outside by the jailer to meet with the Christian brothers and another man who came to visit me. They asked about my well-being

"SOMETHING INSIDE ME CHANGED."



and I felt a closeness to these men. They had a small booklet with them and asked me to translate it for them. The jailer gave permission for me to take the booklet. Before I could translate the book I had to read it over many times, and each time I was compelled to read it again. After reading and understanding the book, I drew comfort knowing that all of my misfortunes were from my own deeds, but Jesus Christ suffered for all of mankind – including for me and my bad deeds. I translated the booklet called "The Story of Jesus" and returned

it to them. Something inside me changed. Sometime later, the brothers came to see me again and gave me a printed copy of the booklet I had translated. I also timidly asked for a Bible, which I had learned about from the booklet I translated and they brought me one. Not long afterwards I was pardoned and released from prison. I returned to my family and witnessed to them and in time they too became believers. It is difficult to tell others about Jesus in my culture, but I began sharing about Jesus with other family members and friends who also have eventually accepted Christ. Today, I work for a game conservation project that protects the endangered snow leopard high in my Himalayan home. I am so thankful to the Lord for changing my life and I am praying that Jesus will make me an instrument to continue to reach other Loba and other people living in South Asia for the Lord. I am being mentored by the brother who brought the love of the Lord to me while in prison. Please pray for the rest of my family and extended family, that they too might come to know Jesus. Please also pray for the 45,000 Lobas who still don't know Jesus and for the more than 100,000 other people living in the Mustang District of northern Nepal at altitudes between 11,000 and 13,000 feet. The climate is difficult and the area is surrounded by Chinese-occupied Tibet. Until 1992, this area was closed to the outside world. The Lobas remain one of the most isolated peoples in the world, both geographically and spiritually, and are virtually unevangelized until now. Pray for the Loba and the 2,900 Least-Reached People Groups of South Asia.

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of South Asia?

Pray for **LIGHT** –

Pray the Holy Spirit would cause the Loba to become dissatisfied with their traditional religions and to make them hungry for the Bread of Life.

Pray for **LABORERS** –

Pray that the Lord will call people who are willing to go to Mustang. Pray for Christian tourists and hikers, who will share the love of Jesus with the Loba to light the darkness with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for **LINGUISTS** –

Pray that God will raise up qualified linguists to translate the entire Bible into the Loba language since the Loba currently have no scriptures in their language.



Pray for **LOCAL CHURCH** –

Pray the Lord will raise up a strong local church among the Loba that will bear faithful witness of His love and care

Pray for **LEADERS** –

Pray that God will open the hearts of the governmental leaders in Nepal, as well as the local leaders of Mustang, to the truth.

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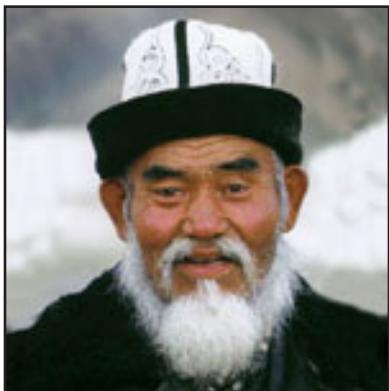
Praying for Those Who Do Not Know You Near Me:

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ETHNÊ Region 5

Least-Reached Peoples of the
CENTRAL ASIA

OCTOBER



Trade and Islam flourished along the Old Silk Roads of the 11 countries of Central Asia many years ago. And, even today, despite 70 years of rule under the communist government of the Soviet Union, little has changed. Most of the languages here have been Turkish-based since the early days of Turkey's Ottoman Empire. Most other languages in this region are based on Farsi, the tongue of Persia, Central Asia's other traditional world power. All but two of the countries in this region are over 90% peoples with few if any believers in Jesus. Pakistan is the largest of these with 150,000,000 people in 468 groups who have hardly heard His

Name! Altogether more than 850 groups in this region have less than 2 people in 100 who know and follow Christ. The people in the Turkish world who call themselves Muslims but hardly follow its beliefs are looking for a new identity for themselves. Will they find that in Jesus Christ?

"781 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the Central Asia Region."



ETHNÉ Region 5

Pray for the 812,000 Islamic Turk of Turkey

OCTOBER Week 1 Prayer Focus

The Turk originated in Turan, a region that lies between the Caspian Sea and the Mongolian Desert. They arrived in Antolia, Turkey (Asia Minor) in the 11th century as conquering warriors. By the year 1299, the Ottoman Dynasty began ruling over what would soon become a vast empire. Over twenty states fell under the Ottoman rule, including Southern Russia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Libya, and Saudi Arabia. This huge empire lasted until Turkey became a republic in 1923. Because of its location, Turkey is considered



to be a “link” between the East and the West. Most of the Turk in Turkey have dark hair and brown eyes, but there is no distinctive physical type because of intermarriage with the surrounding peoples. In fact, some have blond or red hair and blue eyes. Some of the Turkish men and women in Turkey are doctors, lawyers, architects, or engineers. However, the majority are peasants, living in villages and using natural resources to earn a living. Some of the peasants live as nomads, moving their sheep from place to place



in search of greener pastures and dwelling in tents or huts. Although the Turk of Turkey have Christian resources available to them in their language and missions agencies have worked among them, they remain 99.9% Muslim. Under Islamic law, the penalty for a change of faith is death. Prayer alone can make a difference.

PRAY FOR THE TURKS TO KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR

Pray for the Turk to recognize that Jesus is the Savior sent by God for the whole world. Pray for open doors for sharing of testimonies by believers.

MEMORY VERSE

“And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.” 1 John 4:14 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 5

Pray for the 11,977,000 Islamic Kazakh of Central Asia

OCTOBER Week 2 Prayer Focus



The Kazakh are found in most of the countries of Central Asia including Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. They are one of the most influential groups but only make up 40% of the population of Kazakhstan itself. Many others are found in Mongolia, Russia, and Ukraine. Over a period of time, Russia gradually took over the nation of Kazakhstan and, tragically, about half of the population was killed during the Russian Civil War of the 1920's and 1930's. During

this time, many fled to China and Mongolia. Today Kazakhstan is once again a nation and efforts are being made to return to their own cultural identity. As nomadic shepherds, the Kazak lived in dome-shaped felt tents called yurts. Under Russian rule, many were forced to move to the cities and live in houses or small one- or two-room apartments. The water is clean, but not safe to drink. The Kazakh embraced Islam in the 16th century and they still consider themselves Islamic today but they practice a traditional form of religion that includes animism and ancestor worship. Their nation is facing serious problems because of mismanagement of natural resources. Pray for God to restore their land and to open the door wide for the gospel which alone can bring restoration.



PRAY FOR THE KAZAKH TO KNOW JESUS AS RESTORER

Pray for The Kazakh to find Jesus who gently leads and guides them and alone can restore both their souls and their land.

MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul." Psalm 23:1-2 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 5

Pray for the 24,884,200 Islamic Persians of Central Asia

OCTOBER Week 3 Prayer Focus

Persians, also known as Iranians, are primarily found in Iran but communities of Persians can be found around the world. In Central Asia, Persians live in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Persians date their history back to 1,000 B.C. For 1,200 years, Persia maintained a culture that became increasingly more complex and rigid which laid the foundation for a successful Arabian conquest in the 7th century A.D. It was not until the Islamic revolution of 1979 that massive changes came



both to Iran and to the Persian people. About half of the Persians are farmers who depend heavily on primitive methods of artificial irrigation. They also make crafts such as hand woven items, rugs, and pottery. The production of oil has provided numerous jobs for the Persians and many who live abroad work in this field. Prior to the Arab invasions, the Persian religion was Zoroastrianism. This religion taught that there was an eternal struggle between the forces of good and evil. Shiite Islam became the national religion of Iran in the 16th century, at which time the ulama (clergy) began playing an important role in both the social and political lives of the people. Today, most Persians are Shia Muslims of the Ithna Ashari branch, and are radical in their adherence to Islamic laws and principles. The Islamic world is extremely difficult to penetrate with the Gospel; believers in these lands are usually persecuted and few in number. Fundamental Muslims are very outspoken, even militant, against Christianity. The New Testament and other resources are available in Farsi, yet very little progress has been made and the number of conversions to Christianity has been small.

PRAY FOR PERSIANS TO KNOW JESUS AS MIGHTY CONQUEROR

Pray for Persians to discover Jesus as their great and awesome God, their strength and song and Jesus to become their salvation.

MEMORY VERSE

"The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation..."
Exodus 15:2-3 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 5

Pray for the 91,600 Mandarin Han Chinese of Central Asia

OCTOBER Week 4 Prayer Focus



The Han Chinese are the largest ethnic group in the world, numbering about 1.3 billion. Although the vast live in mainland China, many have immigrated to other countries, and today they reside in nearly every nation of the world. In Central Asia, there are significant populations in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan that still have fewer than 2 in 100 believers among them. The Han Chinese began fleeing to other countries in 1276, after the Mongol

invasion. Other upheavals followed, and the Chinese continued to settle in other nations almost exclusively in cities where they became involved in business. Today, they are very influential in the economies of many of these nations, in spite of the fact that they represent only a small percentage of the population. The Diaspora Chinese are often mistreated in the lands in which they live. In some countries, anti-Chinese riots have occurred. In nearly all of the countries, nationals are envious of them because of their success in business, commerce, and trade. Many of the Han Chinese living outside China have maintained their culture and language to varying degrees because they have a deeply-ingrained belief in the superiority of their culture. They have generally maintained their traditional Chinese religion, a blending of Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism. Their beliefs are centered around the concept of maintaining harmony.

PRAY FOR CHINESE TO KNOW JESUS AS THEIR TRUE TREASURE

Pray for the Mandarin Han Chinese Diaspora to know that Jesus is our true treasure, of greater value than any earthly thing.

MEMORY VERSE

“Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...” Matthew 6:19-20 [NASB]

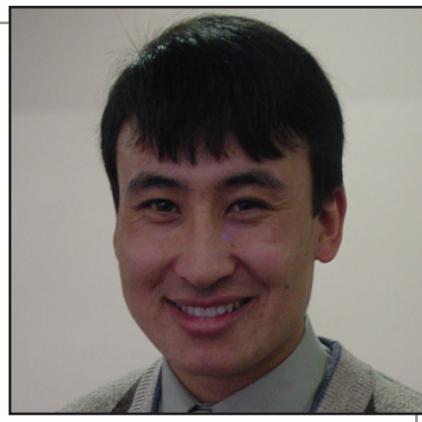
ETHNĚ Region 5

Central Asia Testimony

"God Wants to Heal Everyone"

Yerkin's Story

My name is Yerkin and I was born into a Muslim family in Western Kazakhstan. In 1994, I began a spiritual journey I wish to share with you. At that time I was married, with two children and was a successful alcohol salesman. Over a period of time I had three vivid dreams in which I was confronted with the power of darkness like I had never known before. In the first two dreams I saw a man, who I now know was Jesus, emanating a light and a peace that was indescribable. Not long after my last dream, I became seriously ill with bronchial asthma. As it worsened, I turned to the customs in which I was raised. I went to the mosque. I read the Koran. I prayed five times a day. I went to Muslim "spiritual healers." All was in vain. My wife Sveta and I were on the verge of divorce and she had become seriously depressed by the recent deaths of her father and brother. One day in 1996, I was visiting my mother and I saw a small booklet entitled, "God Wants to Heal Everyone." My sister acquired the booklet with hopes my brother, Zhaloman (D), would read it because his situation was almost as bad as mine. He was drinking excessively and had spent time in jail. On that day I sat and read that book, devouring each word. I immediately understood that Jesus had died for my sins and sickness. On the way home I prayed to Jesus asking Him to prove himself to me by taking away the sickness. If He would remove the sickness I would believe in Him and serve Him. There was an immediate change



"IF HE REMOVED THE SICKNESS I WOULD BELIEVE IN HIM AND SERVE HIM."

in my body. I was completely healed. I told no one of my healing. For the next month I prayed to both Jesus and Allah. As a new Christian, I did not know what to do. Was I to become Russian Orthodox and light candles? I didn't know, but I quit going to the mosque. A month later, we noticed the address of the church printed on the back of the booklet and decided to go there. When we arrived we

were greeted by a young man and woman. We sat and visited with them while my wife and sister asked many questions. My question was, "How do I become a Christian?" I saw in the eyes of these Christians the faith and love like the people in my dreams. I felt the same peace I had in my dreams. I had found the truth.

"WE TOOK TAXIS TO OTHER VILLAGES WHERE WE SHARED OUR FAITH WITH RELATIVES"



We were invited to come back for the Sunday morning service where we could repent of our sins and accept Jesus as savior. I could hardly wait until Sunday. When the day came we found only seven or eight people there besides our family. We found the singing and prayer a bit strange, but we sat there until it was time to go forward. I was first to walk forward with my wife and sister close behind. I

immediately understood that I was now a "follower of Jesus." It took my wife a week to realize she was no longer a Muslim, but a Christian. We shared our new faith with everyone. I quit my business of selling alcohol. No one told me to do this, but somehow I knew it did not glorify God. We took taxis to other villages where we shared our faith with relatives. We had no money to pay the taxis so we shared the gospel with the drivers and they too prayed and were so grateful they offered to help us. Today, eleven years since my conversion, 77 of our relatives know the Lord. My wife Sveta and I have been pastors for six years. The church we pastor has 500 members and is one of the largest Kazakh Churches. My brother Zhaloman and his wife as well as several other family members are also pastors. The Kazak, a Turkic people, are the second largest Muslim group of Central Asia. In the past, they were perhaps the most influential of the various Central Asian ethnic groups. While most of the Kazak now live in Kazakhstan, they make up only about 40% of that country's population. During the 19th century, Russians acquired Kazakhstan and tragically, half the entire population was killed during the Russian Civil War of the 1920's and 1930's. At this time, many fled to China and Mongolia where large communities are still found, as well as in 16 other nations, with the total number being 12,058,000. Since the collapse of Soviet communism, the Kazak have been searching for their identity. Traditionally, they were nomadic shepherds, however, under Soviet rule, much of their land was seized and used for collective farming and their economy and culture became dependent on Russians. Today there is a widespread movement to re-develop their own cultural identity. They embraced Sunni Islam (E) during the 16th century and still consider themselves Muslim today, although they also practice

animism, ancestor worship and consult shamans. Let's pray for Yerkin, for the Kazaks, as well as for all the other 854 Least-Reached Peoples living in Central Asia:

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of Central Asia?

Pray for **DREAMS & VISIONS** –

That God would speak to individuals through dreams and visions as he did with Yerkin so that their hearts are prepared and receptive to the Gospel.

Pray for **GOSPEL LITERATURE** –

That literature presenting the Truth of Jesus in the heart language and in a way that can be understood would become available to every one of the 854 Least-Reached Peoples in Central Asia.

Pray for **HEALING FROM PHYSICAL & EMOTIONAL ILLNESSES** –

That God would confirm His Word with signs and wonders following, delivering seekers from addictions, depression and emotional and physical sicknesses as a demonstration that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Pray for **GOD OF ALL PEOPLES** –

For God to change the idea that to become a Christian means I lose my cultural identity and to reveal that He has come to us as Emmanuel, God with Us, so that He even speaks our language and answers our hearts' cries.

Pray for **PRAYER EVANGELISM** –

That God draws every new believer into intimate relationship with Himself, teaching them to pray and intercede for the others around them who do not yet know Him – even as Yerkin's wife did – so that they also come to know Jesus.



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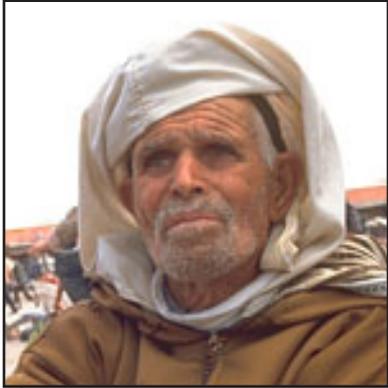
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ETHNÊ Region 6

Least-Reached Peoples of the
MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

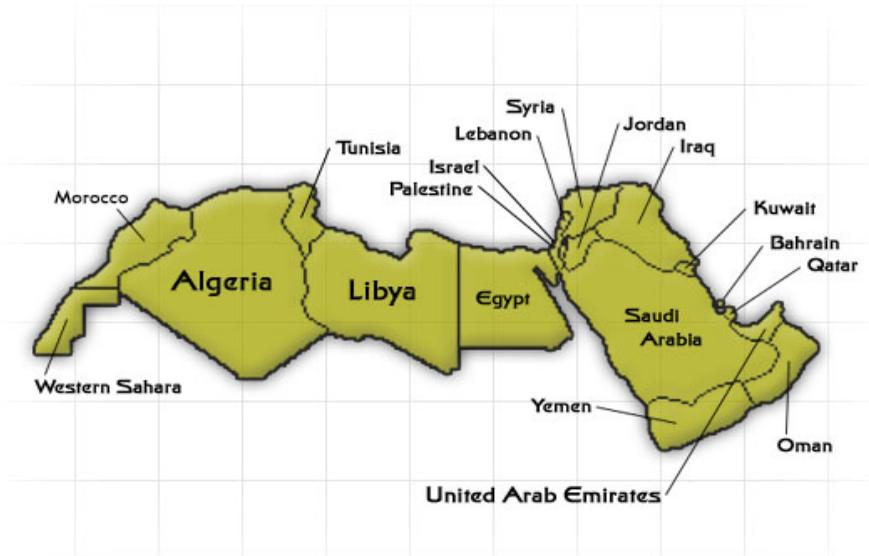
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Half of the 19 countries found in the Middle East and North Africa still have more than 90 groups of out 100 without the gospel—more than 360 groups altogether! Christ was born here in this region, but, although he is honored as a prophet here, He is not recognized as Lord by the Sunni Muslims who are the majority here. Arabs and Bedouins make up the bulk of the population, though Berbers are more prominent as one moves further west in North Africa. Israel has the largest number of least-reached groups in any of the countries in this region—41 groups in their nation alone! Most people in Israel follow a form of Judaism

somewhere between Orthodox and secular form, while Messianic Jews, those who have come to know Jesus as Messiah and Savior, try to influence God's chosen people. Will the King of kings be honored in the land of His birth as the savior that He really is?

"383 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the Middle East & North Africa Region."



ETHNÉ Region 6

Pray for the 15,264,000 Sunni Muslim Arabs of Morocco

NOVEMBER Week 1 Prayer Focus

The ancestors of the Moroccan Arabs originated in the Arabian Desert and gradually immigrated into northern Africa. Over the centuries, the Arabs have become somewhat intermingled with the Berbers, influencing their way of life. There are two contrasting groups of Moroccan Arab: those living in the cities and descended from the Moors and those in the rural areas who are considered "Arabized Berbers." Among the rural Arab, several classes have formed, which include nobles (alleged descendants of Mohammed), large landowners, peasants, and tenant farmers. The Moroccan Arab live mainly in the north and west portions of Morocco, but prefer living in the more fertile regions near the Mediterranean Sea. Most are rural peasant farmers who grow various grains and may also raise animals. They make up over 40% of the country's population. Their language is called Maghribi. The Moroccan Arab, like most other Arabs, wear cotton turbans or caps with djellabas, which are long sleeved cotton tunics. According to Islamic law, Muslims who profess faith in Jesus Christ can be put to death; less than 1% of the Moroccan Arab in this region are Christian.



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PRAY FOR MOROCCAN ARABS TO KNOW JESUS AS THE DOOR

Pray for God to open a door for the gospel and give dreams and visions to the Moroccan Arabs so they may recognize Jesus as the door of salvation.

MEMORY VERSE

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved; and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9 [NASB]

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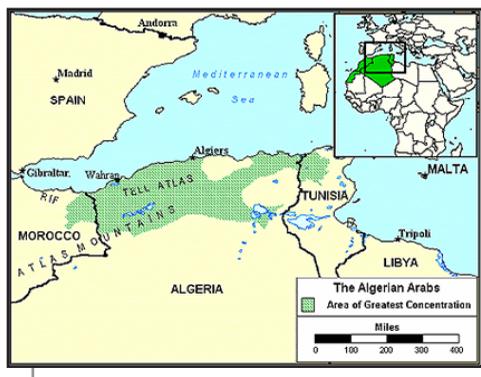
Pray for the 22,142,000 Sunni Muslim Arabs of Algeria

NOVEMBER Week 2 Prayer Focus



The Kazakh are found in most of the countries of Central Asia including Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. They are one of the most influential groups but only make up 40% of the population of Kazakhstan itself. Many others are found in Mongolia, Russia, and Ukraine. Over a period of time, Russia gradually took over the nation of Kazakhstan and, tragically, about half of the population was killed during the Russian Civil War of the 1920's and 1930's. During

this time, many fled to China and Mongolia. Today Kazakhstan is once again a nation and efforts are being made to return to their own cultural identity. As nomadic shepherds, the Kazakh lived in dome-shaped felt tents called yurts. Under Russian rule, many were forced to move to the cities and live in houses or small one- or two-room apartments. The water is clean, but not safe to drink. The Kazakh embraced Islam in the 16th century and they still consider themselves Islamic today but they practice a traditional form of religion that includes animism and ancestor worship. Their nation is facing serious problems because of mismanagement of natural resources. Pray for God to restore their



PRAY FOR ALGERIAN ARABS TO KNOW THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Pray that Jesus reveals Himself to Algerian Arabs as their security and safety both within their hearts, in their relationships, and among the nations.

MEMORY VERSE

"For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall..." Ephesians 2:14 [NASB]

ETHNĚ Region 6

Pray for the 5,221,050 Jews of Middle East/North Africa

NOVEMBER Week 3 Prayer Focus

Despite the fact that the Jews believe in the same Old Testament prophets Christians do, read God's Word with anticipation, and are zealous for Jehovah, most Jews may well be even more resistant to the gospel than Muslims, who have a favorable view of Jesus. Jews are one of the 11 major Affinity Blocs of least-reached peoples globally. There are 92 Jewish people groups that remain least-reached and 28 of these are in the Middle East/North Africa. When considering the Jewish lifestyle, many see Israel as the sparkling jewel on the ring of nations in the Middle East. The stream of immigrants into Israel began in the 1880's with the national and cultural revival known as "Zionism." The "trickle" of immigrants became a flood when the nation of Israel was established in 1948. Since its formation, Israel has received over 2.5 million Jews. It will soon probably overtake the USA as the world's largest Jewish community. Significant populations of Jews also live in many nations of this region including Bahrain, Egypt, Algeria, Palestine, Morocco, Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen. Jews are declining in numbers in most countries—through low birthrates, secularization, conversions to Christ, and emigration to Israel. Nearly 30% of all Jews now live in Israel and the present population is now 82% Jewish. Some estimate as many as 100,000 Messianic Jews who recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah but the majority of these are in the United States. That Jews should find salvation in Messiah Yeshua remains a key concern for Christians.



PRAY FOR THE JEWS TO ACCEPT JESUS AS THEIR MESSIAH

Pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the Jews to accept Jesus as their Messiah and to embrace the spirit as well as the letter of the law.

MEMORY VERSE

"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming...' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'" John 4:25-26 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 6

Pray for the 906,000 Druze of Israel, Lebanon, Syria & Jordan

NOVEMBER Week 4 Prayer Focus



Hakim stood outside the wooden meetinghouse in his village in Lebanon, straining his ears to hear the mumbled teachings coming from inside. He was an uninitiated Druze, cut off from the innermost teachings of his people's secretive religion. Hakim hungered to fill the emptiness in his heart but didn't know where to look. His own people considered him unworthy of knowing the secrets of the Druze religion. He wondered if there was a God who was approachable. The Druze live in Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. Only 20 percent of this people group are initiated into the Druze religion, a

mixture of Islamic, Christian and ancient Greek teachings. Contrary to popular belief, the Druze aren't Muslims because they reject the required five times a day prayer sessions by the Koran and the pilgrimmage to Mecca. The principles of the Druze faith are: guarding one's tongue (honesty), protecting one's brother, respecting the elderly, helping others, protecting one's homeland, and belief in one God. Another well-known feature of the Druze religion is a fervent belief in human-only reincarnation for all the members of the community. Despite similarity with some aspects of Christianity, they haven't found the relationship with Jesus that they need for spiritual fulfillment and salvation.

PRAY FOR THE DRUZE TO KNOW THE WISDOM OF GOD, JESUS

Pray for the Druze to understand Jesus offers them love and acceptance and for them to gladly accept His loving embrace. Pray they recognize their need and come to see Jesus as the Son of God and not only a prophet.

MEMORY VERSE

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, that, just as it is written, "let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 [NASB]

ETHNĚ Region 6

Middle East/North Africa Testimony
"Where the Truth Leads"

The Story of Salim & Kay Munayer

Salim was born one of six children to a Palestinian Christian family in Lod, Israel. He was educated in Catholic, Jewish and Arab schools. While attending a Jewish high school he began to seek the truth. This led him to a Bible group in his aunt's home in the early 1970's. While attending this study group he heard a presentation of Jesus like he had never heard or seen before. Since that time, he has been involved with ministering to both Jews and Arabs. At age 22, he moved to Tel Aviv where he attended Tel Aviv University and became involved in the planting of a Messianic Jewish Congregation. He became very active in Bible studies and led a Bible study for Arabic youth. After



receiving "God's call," he enrolled at Pepperdine University in California and Fuller Theological Seminary where he received his master's degree in Missiology. In 2000, he received a PhD through the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies and University of Wales, Cardiff. He returned to Israel and began teaching at Bethlehem Bible College. He became very involved in education. In 1985, he met Kay and they married in 1987. Kay is a true partner in his ministry as well as reaching out through fundraising

"...HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH MINISTERING TO BOTH JEWS AND ARABS."

projects for local charities. They have four children. Salim oversees an organization called Musalaha which in Arabic means "reconciliation." This organization is a bridge between the Palestinian and Israeli believers and provides a safe environment for developing interpersonal relationships and healing between the two groups. Young people are brought together on Desert Encounters, camps

and conferences in order to learn about reconciliation. Their role models are the counselors who are both Israeli and Palestinian. Salim is currently serving as Academic Dean at Bethlehem Bible College and when time and schedules allow, Salim trains Muslim evangelism workers and lectures internationally. People

"SALIM IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS ACADEMIC DEAN AT BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE."



around the world know of the incredible challenges facing this region of the world. Be encouraged that the faithfulness of those simply praying and leading bible studies can, and does, lead the blessings of new believers year after year in this region. Palestinian Arabs fall into a category classified as Levant Arabs. "Levant" is a broad term that includes several groups of Arabs: the Jordanian, Palestinian, Iraqi,

Arabic, Jewish, Chaldean, and Syrian Arabs. Today, several hundred thousand Levant Arabs live along the northern edges of the Arabian Desert spread from Israel to Kuwait and as far east as Iran. Small groups can be found in North Africa. At the present time, there are only a few known Palestinian Arab Christians and evangelization efforts among these tribes are challenging due to restrictions in many of the countries, as well as general antagonism to Christianity. Intercession is a key to reaching them with the Gospel. As we think of Salim's story, let's pray for not only the Palestinian Arabs, but for all of the other 388 Least-Reached People Groups of the Middle East/North Africa as well that...



How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of Middle East & North Africa?

Pray for **HEART HUNGER** -

Pray for real heart hunger in every individual throughout these Least-Reached Peoples, that they would long to know the Truth and be set free; pray they find true freedom in Jesus.

Pray for **RECONCILIATION** -

Hundreds of years of offense and strife have gendered (could this be incorrect English? Could this be generated?) bitter hostility between Christians, Jews and Arabs. Pray for God to soften the hearts of these, to heal the hurts, and to break down every dividing wall— making of them One New Man in Jesus Christ.



Pray for **CREATIVE ACCESS** -

Ask God to make a way where there seems to be no way to share His love and truth with those held in restricted access environments

Pray for **MODELS** -

Just as Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us so that we could know God, pray for believers who are willing to live incarnational lives among these groups, no matter what the challenges may be.

Pray for **STUDENTS** -

Young people are often seeking answers for deep questions of life. Pray that God directs them to those who can give them the Answer.

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ETHNÊ Region 7

Least-Reached Peoples of the
EAST & SOUTH AFRICA

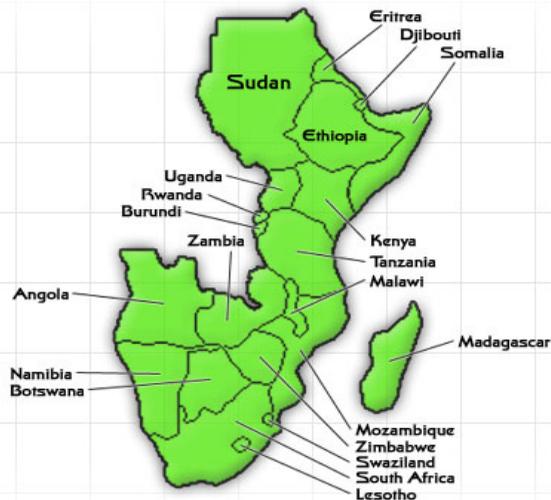
DECEMBER



The 27 countries in eastern and southern Africa are already fairly well evangelized thanks to the work of African Inland Mission (AIM) and Sudan Interior Mission (SIM), but there are more than 340 remaining least-reached peoples especially in the Horn of Africa and among the Hindu and Muslim immigrant groups in East Africa. The peaceful ending of apartheid in South Africa and the transition to multi-racial democratic government was considered impossible but the miracle occurred in answer to fervent prayer by millions of Christians in South Africa and beyond. In the past few years, a new movement aiming to globalize prayer has sprung up

from this area beginning in Transformation Africa and now Global Day of Prayer annually beginning with a ten-day time of prayer and fasting each year on Ascension Day and culminating with the Global Day of Prayer on the Day of Pentecost. In 2005, over 150 nations participated. Pray with believers around the world that the gospel would penetrate to every tongue, tribe and nation in this region!

"357 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the East & South Africa Region."



ETHNÉ Region 7

Pray for the 6,614,000 Muslim Somalis of East & South Africa

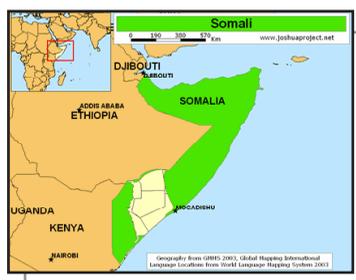
DECEMBER Week 1 Prayer Focus

It was once influential in the lucrative spice trade. There was great wealth there, but now it is one of the poorest countries in the world. Its government collapsed in 1991, and in its vacuum, civil war and anarchy have reigned. The country is Somalia. Warlords have terrorized the country, fragmenting it and even conscripting young boys to carry out murders, extortions, and carnage. Youth have had little education and no chance to acquire skills for making a living. Even humanitarian workers face multiple obstacles and extortion by warlords to get supplies to starving and thirsty people. Piracy rules the surrounding seas, and ships have been warned



to steer clear of Somalia's coast. A provisional government is struggling to gain control, but is being overshadowed both by the militias and by those who are fighting to make Somalia an Islamic state. Villagers and urban settlers frequently turn to the wadaad, a religious expert, for blessings, charms, and advice in worldly matters. They believe that many spirits live in the world, and that evil spirits bring sickness by possessing their victims. Some cults have formed in an attempt to appease the evil spirits. Somalis did not have a written script until 1972. Less than 20% of Somali children attend school, and 60% of the adults are illiterate.

Although the Bible is available in their language, few can read it. There are only a few known believers among the Somali. Perhaps Christian teachers will be the key to reaching the Somalia with the Gospel.



PRAY FOR SOMALIS TO KNOW LIFE ABUNDANTLY IN JESUS

Pray for God to open a door for the gospel and give dreams and visions to the Moroccan Arabs so they may recognize Jesus as the door of salvation.

MEMORY VERSE

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have [it] abundantly." John 10:10 [NASB]

ETHNÊ Region 7

Pray for the 499,600 Hindu & Muslim Gujaratis of East & South Africa

DECEMBER Week 2 Prayer Focus



"Gujar" or "Gujjar" is the Indic term for Khazar. Khazars (or "Gujjars") invaded historic northwestern India—what is now Gujarat and Punjab (in northwestern India and Pakistan). Due to a hard-working and entrepreneurial spirit, many Gujaratis have done relatively well for themselves abroad. Significant populations now live in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Reunion, Rwanda,

Seychelles, and Zambia. The largest group in this region lives in Tanzania (264,000). About 30% of Gujaratis are fiercely loyal to Allah and despise the idol worship of the other 70% who are Hindu. The Hindu group is terrified of the laws of karma, and so they go to great lengths to demonstrate their devotion to the gods, perform acts of charity, and show mercy toward humans and animals, in the desperate hope of reaching "moksha," a mysterious state of the soul from which the soul never returns. The Bible is available in Gujarati and there are African Christians all around them in most of these nations. However, the Gujarati, most of whom are successful businessmen, seldom mix socially with the black African Christians here. "How can I understand, unless someone explains it to me?" was the desperate plea of the Ethiopian eunuch. (Acts 8:31) This could easily be the plea of the Gujarati. Often there are no missionary agencies targeting this people group. Sadly, even in Christian countries (such as Kenya), the Gujarati remain 0% Christian. The Gujarati must see Christianity lived out to understand true freedom and peace are found in Jesus Christ alone.

PRAY GUJARATIS TO RECOGNIZE JESUS AS BREAD OF LIFE

Pray for believers to recognize the need for Gujaratis near them to hear the Truth and that these believers would bear a bold witness to them by word and deed that Jesus alone satisfies our soul's deepest hungers.

MEMORY VERSE

"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." John 6:27 [NIV]

ETHNÉ Region 7

Pray for the 2,231,000 Beja People of Sudan & Eritrea

DECEMBER Week 3 Prayer Focus

Roger drove his jeep across the rock-strewn dirt road, past miles of barren desert. The road to the Beja homeland, which straddled the Eritrean/Sudan border, was long and dangerous. As he crossed the unmarked border into Sudan, Roger heard the distant rattle of machine gun fire. That told him the Beja rebels had once again clashed with the Sudanese Army. Roger, a Christian aid worker, said a quick prayer for protection for himself and for these people he had grown to love. There weren't many willing to reach out to a people group living in such a dangerous place. Shortages of food and water in the Beja's desert homeland add to an already high death rate exacerbated by war. Education and medical care are almost unknown among these people. There is an open door for community development workers among the Bejas; pray for God raise up faithful workers who will reach out to them. Pray for the



restoration of peace, so missionaries can safely work here as well. All of the Beja are Muslims; however, they practice what is known as "folk Islam." Their beliefs are interwoven with a rich variety of traditional superstitions. There are only 12 known Christians among the Beja people of Sudan and Eritrea. At this time there is no written script for the Beja language and no Bible.

PRAY THE BEJA TO KNOW JESUS, PRINCE OF PEACE

Pray that a written script is developed for the Beja language, so the Bible can be translated and the Beja taught to read the message of salvation.

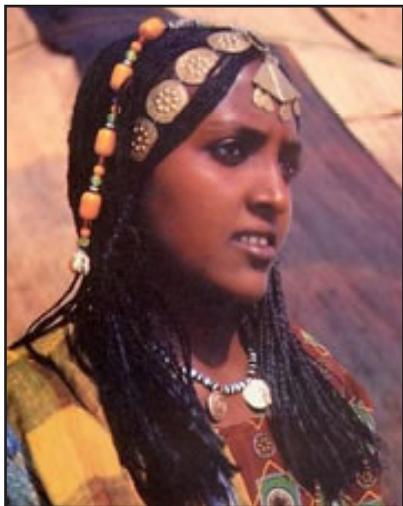
MEMORY VERSE

"How, then, can they all on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 7

Pray for the 2,054,000 Folk Islamic Tigre People of Eritrea, Ethiopia & Sudan

DECEMBER Week 4 Prayer Focus



A cool breeze from the Red Sea tickles the Tigrean mother's arms as she smooths out the mud patch on the outside wall of her family's summer hut. It's not an easy thing to haul water for her large family and patch the hut while keeping an eye on her seven children. The holder children must watch over their younger siblings. Her husband is out somewhere in the hills watching the cows and goats. She speaks a language that has no alphabet and no written form. Like 80 % of the Tigrean people in Eritrea, she can't read. Most of the Tigre people are semi-nomadic, living in huts in the highlands in summer

and migrating to the lowlands in winter. They are distinguished from other regional peoples by the fact that they possess hereditary slaves. Their villages usually have only two or three huts. About 99% profess Islam, but most also observe traditional beliefs such as animal sacrifice and rain-making rituals. The Tigre also believe in an evil spirit named Zar, who possesses people and causes accidents, illnesses, and sometimes death. The people depend on shamans (priests) to cure the sick, communicate with the spirits, and control events by entering into a trance. Only a few of the Tigre have accepted Christ.

PRAY THE TIGRE REALIZE THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

Pray that God sends workers to the Tigre who can bring His Word to them in a way they can understand and respond. Pray they realize that Jesus is the only mediator between God and man.

MEMORY VERSE

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself as a ransom for all..." 1 Timothy 2:5-6 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 7

East & South Africa Testimony
"To the Ends of the Earth"

The Story of Peter, an Ari man

One way that prayer desperately needs to move is in regard to the nomadic people groups of the world. Some count their number as high as 50 million. Often their lifestyles are much like that of Bible times—living in goat-hair tents, caring for flocks which provide their livelihood, and moving on a systematic basis to provide pastures and water for their animals. These people are not bound by political boundaries, and nomads present a definite challenge to typical Christian outreach approaches.



Their nomadic lifestyle and the lack of Christians among them are major barriers to them hearing and accepting the gospel. Nevertheless, here is one story of a nomad who heard and eventually became a follower of Jesus and then began sharing with other nomads. It is also a story of a man known as a killer who was transformed into one who releases life through the power of God. The Bunna people of southern Ethiopia were known as killers. Young men proved themselves worthy to marry by killing large animals or a person. One of the first evangelists among the Bunna was an Ari man named Peter, born with a conspicuous harelip that also affected his speech. Disabled children like Peter were seen as cursed and often left to die, but because Christianity had already reached the Ari, Peter was taken in and raised by a Christian family. Peter knew he had been physically saved by the gospel and he grew up wanting to share its message. The Ari church trained the maturing Peter as a leader and pastor, despite his speech disability. He met

"YOUNG MEN PROVED THEMSELVES WORTHY TO MARRY BY KILLING LARGE ANIMALS..."

and married a young woman who loved and accepted him. One day their church asked for workers to go to the nearby Bunna people to serve and live among them. As a youth, Peter had learned the Bunna language while herding cattle nearby the Bunna herdsman, so he and his wife agreed to take God's message of love to this tribe known for killing outsiders. Peter received permission to live

among the Bunna through the influence and contacts of two other missionaries already working in the area, Ato Mahey and Charlie Bonk. Bonk and Mahey had successfully lived and worked among the Bunna already for several years. Peter's own family grew. One day, when one of Peter's children was seriously

"SHE SPOKE OF HER CERTAINTY OF SEEING PETER AGAIN IN HEAVEN."



ill, Peter set out on the ten mile walk to Charlie Bonk's clinic for medicine. On his way home, Peter stopped for the night at the home of a Bunna, as was the custom. The next morning he continued his journey home, accompanied by another young man who had also spent the night in the Bunna home. Halfway home, the young Bunna man pulled out a knife and killed Peter. In their ritualistic manner, he smeared Peter's blood over his body to show the local girls he had made his kill. When Peter did not return home for several days, his wife and Mahey sent a search party who found Peter's remains. Peter's death caused the Bunna king to ask Charlie Bonk to remove all the outsiders from the Bunna village, fearing for their safety. Despite the danger, Peter's wife stayed for two weeks before her return to Ari to mourn her husband's death with the Bunna women. They were amazed that she did not wail in mourning or want them to weep for her, as was their custom. She spoke of her certainty of seeing Peter in heaven again, and explained to them simply of the hope of eternal life they could have if they knew Jesus as Lord. Then, this brave widow's last opportunity to share with the Bunna was a powerful witness of the love of God. Ato Mahey continued his work in the area, covering three different mission stations across southwest Ethiopia. On one such trip he met a Bunna man named Gersho who had been in prison many years awaiting execution for several murders. In his early years, he was miserable there, since no one in his prison could speak his language or saw to his needs. Christian believers imprisoned for their faith befriended him and began to care for him. Gersho soon learned their language and as he did, they shared their faith with him and he readily accepted Jesus Christ. He learned a second language in order to be able to read the only Bible they had. Two years later, when the Christians were released from prison, they left Gersho in charge of both preaching and pastoring the prisoners. He was later released from prison himself when the communist/Marxist regime took over and brought release of all criminals who exhibited good behavior. God changed this murderer into His messenger, and then sent him back to his own Bunna people. His family

was shocked to see him, thinking he had been hanged seventeen years earlier. One of Gersho's family members who welcomed him home was his brother, the young man who many years ago had murdered Peter on his way home from the clinic. God works in mysterious ways! Through his knowledge of traditional Bunna rituals, Gersho successfully presented the Christian message in a way the Bunna could understand and receive. Seeds that had been planted by Peter and his widow, Ato Mahey, and Charlie Bonk for the past ten years finally took root. God used one from among the Bunna themselves to become a "life giver" to his own people. Many wonderful things have happened over the past forty years to the Bunna people. This story is just one example of how God is at work, preparing the other people living in East and South Africa to be transformed and to receive His message that changes lives and people groups for His glory.

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of East & South Africa?

Pray for **TRANSFORMATION**:

Ask God to transform every Least-Reached People into life givers rather than life takers by His power and love as He did with the Bunna.

Pray for **LIVING SACRIFICES**:

Ask the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth many laborers like Peter who offer their lives daily as living sacrifices, so that in their life or death, the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ is glorified among every Least-Reached People.

Pray for **BRIDGES FOR THE GOSPEL**:

Request that God divinely reveal bridges of redemption for the gospel in each of these cultures, as he did to Gersho, in order to effectively present His Truth and good news.

Pray for **FORGIVENESS**:

Seek God to impart the ability to forgive enemies, to overcome evil with good, and to bless those that persecute as believers try to share the gospel with Least-Reached Peoples even like Peter's wife did.

Pray for **ENDURANCE**:

Plead with God for workers with such endurance that they never give up, moved by the great compelling of God to reach even the most remote and difficult Least-Reached Peoples groups such as the nomadic Bunna.



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ETHNÊ Region 8

Least-Reached Peoples of the
West & Central Africa

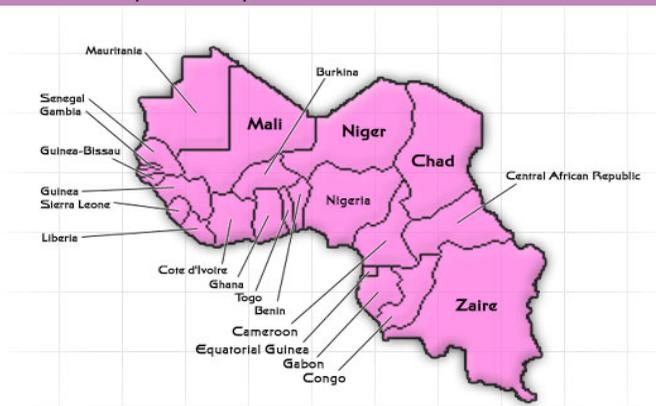
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West and Central Africa embraces 24 countries with more than 500 least-reached people groups. Islam had already reached the powerful tribes of West Africa long before the French colonized the region in the 19th century. For many centuries, Islam was the religion of the chiefs and elite since Arabs were primarily interested in profiting from the slave trade and not interested in making converts. When slavery was forbidden by the colonial powers, Islam spread faster in 50 years than it had in the previous eight centuries. Yet, Islam here is only the 5 pillars of Islam on top of their animistic traditional religions and animistic practices are particularly diverse. Here

you will find voodoo, fetishees, ancestor worship, and idolatry. The church has grown rapidly especially in places like Nigeria which is now also a sending base for missionaries with churches like Redeemed Christian Church with 2 million and Deeper Life Bible Church with over 450,000 members; but a great challenge remains even in their midst. AIDS in Africa now overshadows the future of the entire continent and added to that, the specter of poverty looms large over much of this region. Pray that God empowers our brothers and sisters in this region to rise to the challenge with good news and good works leading to transformation.

"496 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the West & Central Africa Region."



ETHNÉ Region 8

Pray for the 25,609,000 Islamic Ajawa Hausa People

JANUARY Week 1 Prayer Focus

The Hausa are the largest ethnic group in all West Africa; 30% of all Hausa can be found in the north and northwest regions of Nigeria, an area called "Hausaland" extending from Nigeria's western boundary east to Borno State and into much of southern Niger. Because the Hausa have been involved in long distance trading for many centuries, Hausa communities are also found in other West African nations such as Chad, Ghana, and the Ivory Coast. The Hausa are very influential in West Africa culturally and politically. English is their official language, although their own language is rapidly becoming the predominant one in the north.



Seventy percent of the Hausa live in rural farm villages with populations from 2,000 to 12,000 each. Their homes are made of grass or dried mud with thatched roofs; only the "well-to-do" live in modern homes or apartment buildings in cities. Most are farmers, herdsman, or traders. One-third are unemployed despite their relatively high standard of living compared to other African nations. As with many other African countries, AIDS/HIV is a concern. Islam was carried throughout West Africa by Hausa traders and priests; nearly everyone expects a Hausa to be Muslim and their culture is strongly linked to Islam. Still, the church has grown rapidly in Nigeria as a whole which is now a sending base for missionaries.



PRAY FOR MIRACLES OF HEALING AND DELIVERANCE

Pray God gives miracles of healing and deliverance to open doors of faith among the Hausa as well as all other least-reached peoples of this region.

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.'" John 11:25,26 [NIV]

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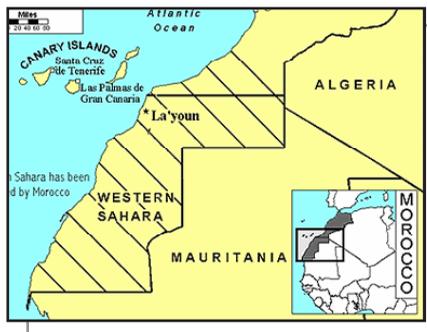
Pray for the 131,000 Islamic Saharawi People of Mauritania

JANUARY Week 2 Prayer Focus



Banu blew on his hands harder and harder as Shimba stuck his fingers in both his ears. Both became more and more animated, until they wound up walking away from one another. What was that all about? you might ask. Both of these men are from different Moorish tribes, and these are ways they communicate with one another. Blowing on your hands means you don't believe what the other one is saying.

Putting your finger in your ear means you are not interested in what the other one is saying. Needless to say, the interaction between Banu and Shimba was not a pleasant experience for either of them. The Moors or Saharawi, are nomadic Berbers who speak one of the Hassaniya dialects. There are about 313,000 of them, most of whom live in Mauritania and Mali. Those who live in Mali are proud of the fact that they have Arabic blood. Almost all Moors are Muslims who faithfully practice the Koranic Laws of Islam, including daily prayer, fasting during the month of Ramadan, and giving alms to the poor. Although three mission agencies are either working among or hope to work among these Moors, almost none of the Saharawi are followers of Christ.—KC, Global Prayer Digest, August 9, 1999.



PRAY THE SAHARAWI TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE & RESPOND

Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of these Saharawi to Christians and to the gospel message. Pray for believers nearby to see those whose hearts are prepared to hear and respond in faith and to share boldly about Jesus.

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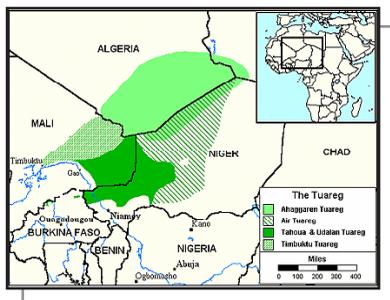
“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.” Acts 4:29 [NIV]

ETHNÉ Region 8

Pray for the 663,000 Tahoua Tuareg People of Niger and Mali

JANUARY Week 3 Prayer Focus

Ahmid held his sick lamb in his arms as it took its last breath. He carried the dead animal outside the camp, and dug a shallow grave. He prayed, "Allah, have mercy on me! We have so little water. I have lost too many of my livestock already! If more die, how will I feed my family?" The Tahoua Tuaregs are divided into two groups by their location and language. Approximately 216,000 live in Mali and speak Tamajeq. The others live in Niger and speak Tamacheq. All Tuareg peoples prefer to be called Tamacheq. Mali does not get enough rain. Without sufficient water, their animals become sick and some die.



Relief workers have brought some help by digging new wells and making water reserve projects. Tahouas, like most Tamacheq subgroups, are a proud people, but out of necessity, they have recently accepted help. A few have given up their beloved nomadic life and become farmers or have taken jobs in cities. They are Muslims who have had almost no exposure to the gospel.— PD, Global Prayer Digest, May 12, 2003.

PRAY FOR GOD TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO THE TAHOUA TUAREG

Pray that the Lord will send dedicated believers to the Tahoua Tuareg to help them in their time of need. Pray that He will send abundant rain to Mali and Niger as a testimony of His mercy and greatness.

MEMORY VERSE

"He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs; there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle." Psalm 107:35-36 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 8

Pray for the 12,654,200 Fulani Peoples of West & Central Africa

JANUARY Week 4 Prayer Focus



There are 13 different least-reached Fulani people groups living in West and Central Africa in the nations of Central Arab Republic, Chad, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Niger. The Fulani peoples are identified in three very distinct ways: "To be Fulani is to be a Muslim." "For centuries to be a Fulani meant to be a cattle owner," and to be a Fulani meant to play the drums of the Firdu Fula. The Fulani were one of the first African tribes to convert to Islam, and today they are 99 percent Muslim. Their tribes stretch from the west in Senegal to the western edges

of Ethiopia. They remain the largest group of nomadic peoples in the world. The Fulanis are known for their intricate drumming, and several Fulani artists have become renowned not only in Africa but also in Europe for their recordings. The Firdu Fula drummers play interlocking rhythms that have been crafted over generations to weave music from drums of different tones. What are their needs? Future projections predict an increased migration to cities as the Sahara desert encroaches on grazing land. Fulani herders will be forced to relocate. These "refugees" are likely to be more open to the gospel in this time of change and turmoil.—JS, Global Prayer Digest, June 7, 2005.

PRAY FOR THE GOSPEL TO EXPAND INTO EVERY FULANI GROUP

Pray that mission agencies will be especially sensitive to target the urban Fulanis. Pray for continued success with Christian radio in reaching the Fulani peoples.

MEMORY VERSE

"For we did get as far as you with the gospel of Christ.... Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you." 2 Corinthians 10:14-16 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 8

West & Central Africa Testimony
"To Build the True House"

The Story of Tito in Senegal

Islam had already reached the powerful tribes of West Africa long before the French colonized much of the region during the 19th century. For many centuries, Islam was mainly the religion of the chiefs and the elite. Arabs were primarily interested in profiting from the slave trade and not interested in making converts from it. When slavery was forbidden by the colonial powers, then Islam spread faster in 50 years in this region than it had in the previous eight centuries. Islam here is a layer of the 5 pillars of Islam spread on top of



their animistic traditional religions and animistic practices. These are particularly diverse—voodoo, fetishes, ancestor worship, and idolatry. The church has grown rapidly especially in places like Nigeria which is now also a sending base for missionaries to other continents. Large churches exist, with one group having over 2 million members and another having 450,000. However, a great challenge remains even in their midst. AIDS in Africa now overshadows the future of the entire continent, and the specter of poverty looms large over much of this region. Pray that God will empower our brothers and sisters in this region to rise to these challenges, with good news and good works leading to transformation of those around them. Here is the story of one individual whose life has already been transformed: My name is Tito and I was born into a Muslim family in Senegal. As a youth, I went to Guinea Bissau to help my brother build his house. While there I came upon an evangelistic group preaching Jesus is the Son of God. This

"...THE SPECTER OF POVERTY LOOMS LARGE OVER MUCH OF THIS REGION."

teaching surprised me, for I had always been taught that God had no children. So, I asked the man: "Why do you say that Jesus is the Son of God if God never had sexual relations with a woman? We only recognize Jesus as a prophet." Right then the man handed a New Testament to me and asked me to wait for him to finish his teaching. Afterwards he began to share with me personally how Jesus

is the Son of God and invited me to his evangelism group. I began to go to the missionary's home regularly. He taught me a lot about Jesus and especially about John 14:6. He also came to my brother's place to see me and read portions of the Bible to me there. My brother got very upset, furious that we had read

"GOD ANSWERED ME AND MET MY NEEDS WITH A PLACE TO LIVE AND A JOB."



the Bible in his home. He kicked me out of his house. For a while I stayed with friends or even slept on the streets, but I knew I needed a place to stay, so I asked God for help. He answered me and met my needs with a place to live and a job. I once again began to live a respectable life of my own, and during this time, I accepted Jesus in my heart. I went through many difficulties, yet the Lord carried me through.

Even so, I still longed to know more about God and how to live as a good believer. The Lord answered this prayer as well. The missionary that led me to the Lord asked me if I would work with his mission. I agreed, and continued learning the Word of God and working with him. I worked there until war broke out, which forced me to return to my home country of Senegal in 1998. The next year I met my wife and was married in 2000. I had been able to do some medical courses and am currently studying at a correspondence Bible school. I continue to learn more and more about my Lord and how I can be closer to Him. We also continue to serve the Lord through medicine as well as sharing His word wherever we go, especially among the Mandinka and Fulani people. The Mandinka represent 5% of the Senegalese population. They are originally from what was known as the Mali Empire and the valley of Niger. They live mainly in the Southern region of Senegal. They also have a large population in Gambia. Their main religion is Islam, and their livelihood comes from farming and trading. Only two out of every ten can read. They have the New Testament in their language as well as a few portions of the Old Testament. There are very few believers among them.

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of West & Central Africa?

Pray for **MIRACLES OF HEALING & DELIVERANCE:**

Pray that miracles of healing and deliverance (even for those battling HIV/AIDS) will open doors for faith among the more than 500 Least-Reached Peoples of West and Central Africa.

Pray for **POWER OVER DEMONIC ACTIVITY:**

Pray that believers walk in the Holy Spirit's power and prevail over all demonic depression, oppression, and attacks of every sort, demonstrating that Jesus is truly King of kings and Lord of lords on earth and in heaven.

Pray for **ONCE FOR ALL SACRIFICE:**

Pray that all Least-Reached Peoples recognize that Jesus is the Lamb of God, the once-for-all sacrifice that forgives all our iniquities and heals all our diseases. Pray that they apply this finished provision to their lives.



Pray for **BINDING OF ALL BACKLASH OF THE ENEMY:**

Pray that believers apply the authority of Jesus to bind all backlashes of the enemy to their work for Him. Pray that they can penetrate the strongholds of darkness and see those set free transferred to the Kingdom of Light in Jesus.

Pray for **BREAKING GENERATIONAL CURSES:**

Pray that generational curses that have come as a result of idolatry, immorality, injustice, and independence from God will be broken. Pray that believers will walk in true freedom of Jesus Christ as a testimony to those who do not yet believe.

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ETHNÊ Region 9

Least-Reached Peoples of the
Eastern Europe & Eurasia

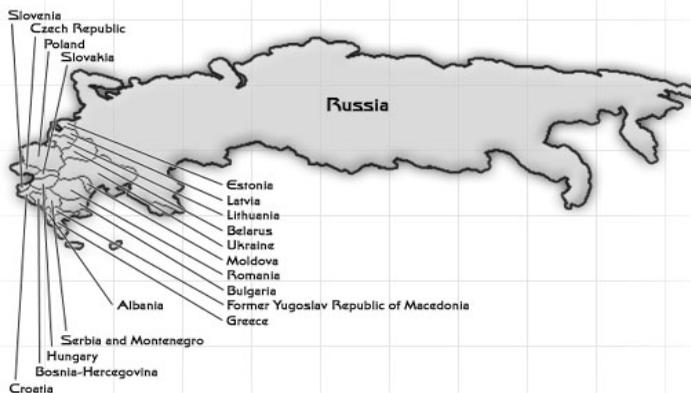
FEBRUARY



Eastern Europe and Eurasia have 20 countries with 188 least-reached peoples among them. More than ten years of some of democracy but with greed, crime, self-seeking politicians, a organized crime and lowering of the quality of life has caused many in Russia to long after the old form of government even without their freedoms. The long-term problems caused by a Communist-run economy in Eastern Europe badly damaged many nations, their economies, the ecology and the work ethic of the people. The main things in the 1990's have been the gradual recovery of most former Communist states and the strengthening and planned expansion

of the European Union from 13 original members to most nations in Europe. Conflicts between different people groups and religions have become important and major causes for political upheavals and wars since 1990. The church overall in Eastern Europe and Eurasia is small and struggling but there are rays of hope in places like Ukraine. Pray that the spirit of prayer will sweep through the church and revive it. Pray for laborers for this volatile environment that is ripe for the good news.

"202 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the Eastern Europe & Eurasia Region."



ETHNĚ Region 9

Pray for the 5,970,000 Tatar People of Russia in Eastern Europe & Eurasia

FEBRUARY Week 1 Prayer Focus

"I was only a little boy when my family left Crimea," the Crimean Tatar man recalled. "I remember Daddy trying to comfort Mama when we left our home with other Crimean Tatar families. We were forced to live many miles away in Soviet Central Asia. Stalin believed we had collaborated with the Nazis. Mama became sick and, like almost half of all the other Crimean Tatars deported, she died on the way." It is interesting to note that the non-Russian Crimean Tatar people are descendants of the Mongols who swept through Eastern Europe about 1200 AD.



Because of the decimation of the group, much of their traditional lifestyle has disappeared although they have their own language. Only the older Crimean Tatars in Ukraine still cling to their ethnic identity. Family ties are very important to these Sunni Muslims and most of them marry within their own people. — MC, Global Prayer Digest, December 31, 1999.

PRAY THE TATAR SEEK AND FIND THE GOD OF ALL THE EARTH

Pray that the Crimean Tatar people will seek and find the One who came to give abundant life. Pray that the relatively few Christians among these people will be strengthened, protected, and encouraged to share their faith with their Muslim neighbors.

MEMORY VERSE

"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other." Isaiah 45:22 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 9

Pray for the 420,00 Buryat of Russia in
Eastern Europe & Eurasia

FEBRUARY Week 2 Prayer Focus



"The [Buryat] woman proudly invites us into her cabin and offers us fresh milk from her cow. We all hesitate knowing that the milk is not pasteurized, but how can we turn her down? So we drink this wonderful, creamy, ice cold milk. It's a new experience. It is so rich and sweet it tastes like ice cream. It was also interesting to see her refrigerator, a room in the permafrost." Thus reads an entry from a visitor

to the Buryat people of northern China. They obtain excellent milk from their herds, but they also eat a lot of meat, sometimes cooked into a dish called pozas. The Buryat people are nomadic herders of sheep, goats and camels. As Tibetan Buddhists, they consider the Dalai Lama to be their spiritual leader. The Buryats have been Buddhists for many centuries. They continued to secretly practice their religion after communist China outlawed all religions in 1949. Russian Orthodox missionaries won a few Buryats to the Lord between 1818 and 1840, but today the vast majority of them are still in bondage to shamanism and Tibetan Buddhism. A partnership was formed some years ago for workers among the Buryat to cooperate together. A new Bible school was established. About 1,500 Buryat now follow Jesus Christ but much work remains to be done. -BK, Global Prayer Digest, April 18, 2006.

PRAY THE BURYAT KNOW JESUS AS THEIR GOOD SHEPHERD

Pray that God would send faithful workers to reach out to this people group. May the work of translating the Bible into the Buryat language be completed. Pray that God would create a spiritual hunger among the Buryats. Pray that they will soon seek out and embrace the One who wants to be the Shepherd of all nations.

MEMORY VERSE

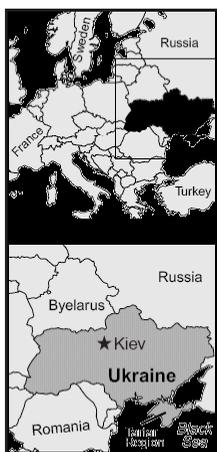
"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me..." John 10:14 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 9

Pray for the 107,000 Eastern Yiddish-speaking Jews of Belarus in Eastern Europe & Eurasia

FEBRUARY Week 3 Prayer Focus

Riva feeds another log into the wood-burning stove, hoping the pile next to her lasts the rest of the night. As she eases back into her tattered chair, she finishes counting her money after the latest round of house repairs. At least she has running water in the kitchen. With her \$36.00 a month pension, she's not able to afford indoor plumbing for the rest of the house. She can't remember the last time she bought any new clothes. Riva lives among the 107,000 Jews in Belarus, once the most prosperous Soviet republic before the breakup of the Soviet Union. Belarus is in dire poverty



with its large elderly population, most military pensioners. Like many other Jews in the area, Riva was greatly affected by World War II. In addition to losing a brother in the war, she says it was because of the war that she never married. By the time the war was over there were few men left to marry. The Jewish people of Belarus are her family now. For religious Jews, God is the Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe, and the ultimate Judge of human affairs. Beyond this, the religious beliefs of the Jewish communities vary greatly. Jews have a wonderful understanding of their connection with the Abrahamic covenant but have a history of rejecting Jesus Christ as Messiah, the one who fulfilled that covenant.—BK, Global Prayer Digest, April 18, 2006.

PRAY THE YIDDISH-SPEAKING JEWS SEE JESUS IN THEIR SCRIPTURES

Pray for God to open the eyes of Jews to recognize Jesus as the fulfillment of all the prophets have spoken about the Messiah.

MEMORY VERSE

“And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.” 2 Peter 1:19 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 9

Pray for the 159,000 Kalmyk-Oirat of Russia & Ukraine in Eastern Europe & Eurasia

FEBRUARY Week 4 Prayer Focus



This is the only native Buddhist people group in Europe! The 100,000 Kalmyks represent a piece of the Tibetan World in a Russian republic that straddles Europe and Asia. They have a turbulent and unique history. Four hundred years ago the Mongols forcefully swept across Western China. Some of them settled in what is now Kalmykia in Russia. These people adopted their own unique form of Tibetan Buddhism. They formed an alliance with the Russian Czar. During World War II, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin grew suspicious of the

Kalmyks and exiled them to Siberia. When the Kalmyks returned home in 1957, their Buddhist temples were gone. Under harsh life in Siberia, their Buddhist culture was gone as well as a huge percentage of the Kalmyk people themselves. They had died in the severe conditions and deprivation they experienced in the unfamiliar climate and territory. Now, under the leadership of a very wealthy elected president, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, they are experiencing a Buddhist revival complete with the building of many Tibetan Buddhist temples. They are looking to restore their identity which they believe is tied up in Tibetan Buddhism. The Kalmyks are also pondering whether to allow Ilyumzhinov to gain more power, or to establish a Western style democracy.



PRAY THE KALMYK-OIRAT TO FIND THEIR TRUE IDENTITY IN JESUS

Pray for the Kalmyk-Oirat to discover that as they delight themselves in the Lord, He will give them the desires of their hearts.

MEMORY VERSE

"Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 9

Eastern Europe & Eurasia Testimony
"REAL AMERICANS"

The Story of Yulia Newby

The genuine church overall in Eastern Europe and Eurasia is small and struggling. However, rays of hope shine in places like the Ukraine. This story is an example of one such ray of hope among the least-reached: My name is Yulia Newby. I was born in Irkutsk to a Buryat family, a people group related to Mongolians. I can speak both Buryat and Russian which is the predominant area language. When I was 5 years old my family moved to Ulan Ude, the capital of Bor yachtia.



We lived a normal Russian Soviet life there, devoid of any religion at all. Only old-fashioned, uneducated people believed in a God. I had heard of the great religions, but they meant nothing to my family. My first exposure to religion came one Buddhist New Year when we went as a family to the datsan (Buddhist Shamanist temple)—since everyone else was going to see what it was like. It was not an enjoyable experience-- all very dark, dirty and mystical with strange smells. My first encounter with a Christian came a couple of years later, attending a pioneer sports camp. A red-haired girl my age also attended, and we somehow found out she believed in God. We ridiculed her, making her confused and miserable. My next experience came in the 8th grade, when an American missionary teacher came to teach English a couple of times a week in my school. She also invited us to a youth group. Although they knew the group was Christian, our teachers encouraged us to go to learn English. Of course we went to see "real Americans." At first, I only went to enjoy the

"OF COURSE WE WENT TO SEE "REAL AMERICANS."

fellowship and getting to know other people. However, at this place I first heard about God, what He did, and who He was. Gradually the people there helped me to see God. They were different, not only because they were Americans, but because they believed in God. They were kind, full of joy. As I learned more about God, I began to understand His love for me. At every meeting we were

invited to come forward and receive Christ. Although I was too shy to go up front, after several weeks, I finally asked an American girl friend to help me pray. At the age of 14, I received Jesus. It was a very good day! I immediately became involved in a home group. That was the beginning of my church, a cell group

“BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM TAKES A LONG TIME.”



church. My life was changed. I could feel God's presence and love in my life. Later I also started leading a cell group myself. As I tell this story at 27 years of age, I can look back and see how God comforted me during those early days. Sometimes it was hard to be a believer and face the ridicule. Very few openly believed in God. But I had found hope, the only real Truth and love—I found it in God! I

asked God about my study plans after high school, and He showed me I was to stay in Ulan Ude to study. In university, I studied English and French, preparing to teach. God began to show me that He wanted me to be a missionary during my five years of studies. There I met my future husband, a missionary with Campus Crusade student ministry in Irkutsk. After we married, we began our ministry together here, working with students from all over Siberia and all over the Far East to help them know who Jesus is. Here we meet many kinds of people, most of whom are without God or the Truth. We are also excited to be a part of our church in Irkutsk, a very active and mission-minded church who wants to reach all the nations, great and small. Our city of Irkutsk and all of Siberia are full of people who are willing to try or do anything to find true life—except to try God. Building relationships with them takes a long time. Pray for their hearts to be soft and responsive to the Truth of the gospel. Pray now for all the approximately 200 least-reached peoples in Eastern Europe and Eurasia:

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of Eastern Europe & Eurasia?

Pray for **DELIVERANCE FROM ADDICTIONS**:

Pray God sets the captives free from bondages to addictions such as alcohol and drug abuse, sexual addictions, pornography, and gambling in order that they may be as lights in the world, examples of God's grace and goodness in Jesus.

Pray for **HOUND OF HEAVEN**:

Pray that the Holy Spirit searches for the lost of the remaining 188 least-reached peoples like the Buryat and demonstrates to them God's goodness that leads them to repentance.

Pray for **OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD**:

Pray God shows believers how to overcome evil such as greed, self-seeking, organized crime, and degeneration with His goodness and love that His kingdom may rapidly grow.



Pray for **ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN**:

Pray that the Church understands Paul's command to become "all things to all men" that they might win some in order to bring the gospel in a way that can be understood and accepted.

Pray for **INVISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT**:

Pray God to pour out His heavenly provision through those whose hearts are completely His so that He supplies and multiplies all resources needed for reaching those who have not yet heard the gospel of Jesus.

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ETHNÊ Region 10

Least-Reached Peoples of the
WESTERN EUROPE

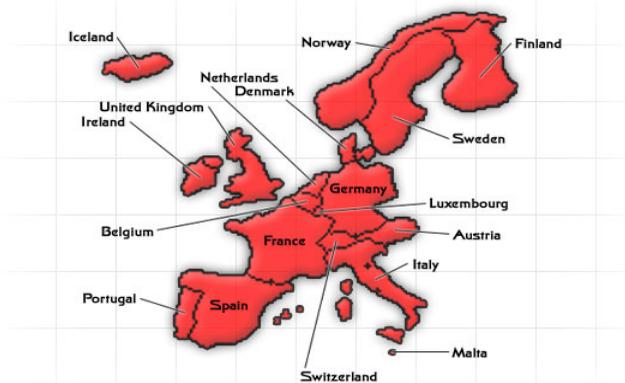
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Christianity seemed defeated until the late years of the 10th Century. Vikings invaded Western Europe with little to stop them, burning churches and monasteries, along with precious hand-written copies of the Scriptures. The Magyar Empire pressed in from the east. Muslim armies moved north with their zeal for Allah. During the 16th Century, the Reformation energized the Church for world evangelization and the last 250 years the gospel advanced worldwide, but declined in Europe today. European beliefs such as humanism, secularism, socialism, Marxism, fascism, Nazism, and capitalism have all contributed to many evils in the world.

The 29 countries of Western Europe are going through a period of peace but, although they are uniting politically and economically, there is also division along the lines of race. Many of Europe's great cities today hold in their straining arms many cultures and languages, coming drawn by education and opportunities or fleeing from war, famine, economic deprivation, and sometimes horrifying situations. The situation is both full of problems and rich with opportunities. And, Western European churches are usually empty buildings filled with more dust than worshipers. 227 least-reached people groups are here. Now is the time to bring the gospel to those searching for answers in Western Europe.

"240 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the Western Europe Region."



ETHNÊ Region 10

Pray for the 808,000 Algerian Muslims of France in Western Europe

MARCH Week 1 Prayer Focus

"I was only a little boy when my family left Crimea," the Crimean Tatar man recalled. "I remember Daddy trying to comfort Mama when we left our home with other Crimean Tatar families. We were forced to live many miles away in Soviet Central Asia. Stalin believed we had collaborated with the Nazis. Mama became sick and, like almost half of all the other Crimean Tatars deported, she died on the way." It is interesting to note that the non-Russian



Crimean Tatar people are descendants of the Mongols who swept through Eastern Europe about 1200 AD. Because of the decimation of the group, much of their traditional lifestyle has disappeared although they have their own language. Only the older Crimean Tatars in Ukraine still cling to their ethnic identity. Family ties are very important to these Sunni Muslims and most of them marry within their own people. —MC, Global Prayer Digest, December 31, 1999.

PRAY ALGERIAN MUSLIMS FIND TRUE CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Please pray that God will reach the Algerian Arabs of France through the people who are evangelizing because of their common interest in soccer through friendship evangelism. Pray they discover REAL cause for celebration in knowing Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." John 15: 11 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 10

Pray for the 60,000 Buddhist Vietnamese of
Germany in Western Europe

MARCH Week 2 Prayer Focus



There are about 3 million overseas Vietnamese globally. Vietnamese comprise the largest Asian ethnic group in Germany. In western Germany, most Vietnamese arrived in the 1960s or 1970s as refugees from the Vietnam war. The comparatively larger Vietnamese community in eastern Germany traces its origins to assistance agreements between the German Democratic Republic and the North Vietnamese government. Under these agreements,

guest workers from Vietnam were brought to East Germany, where they soon made up the largest immigrant group, and were provided with technical training. Following the fall of the Berlin Wall, many stayed in Germany, although they often faced discrimination, especially in the early years following reunification. In addition to the legal immigrants, estimates of illegal immigrants run into additional thousands. The Vietnamese have come seeking safety and prosperity but often it may prove illusive. The atmosphere among the community of Vietnamese can be depressing and in this environment, drugs and alcohol addiction thrive along with crime. It is not easy to reach out to this community with deeply-ingrained beliefs. Perseverance and unconditional love as well as a sense of urgency must propel believers to overcome these barriers.

PRAY VIETNAMESE DISCOVER JESUS THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Pray for all the 3 million overseas Vietnamese to discover that Jesus is indeed the Pearl of Great Price, that His loveliness is worth accepting and doing God's will no matter what it costs.

MEMORY VERSE

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it." Matthew 13:45, 46 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 10

Pray for the 1,536,000 Islamic Turks of Germany in Western Europe

MARCH Week 3 Prayer Focus

The two Turkish mothers slid into their chairs at the café, wanting to chat over their coffee even though harassed by their two-year olds. "Won't it be nice," muttered one woman, "when they get that proposed Center for us! They say there will be child care, classes, and a place to relax." The proposed Christian ministry center is intended to be a bridge to reach the highest concentration of Turks living now in Germany. War, conquest, and profound change throughout the Turkish region have dispersed many Turkish peoples to other lands. Altogether, there are 3 million Turks in Europe, accounting for 1/4 of the non-European Union nationals living in the EU. Many settled in Europe, seeking an education, others started restaurants and grocery stores, and still others followed family members to maintain their strong ties. Many of these are young and vulnerable to extremist influence. While Turks are 99.9 percent Muslim, superstition and folklore, such as a fear of being cursed by the evil eye, are strongly intertwined in their belief system. Since resettlement, their strong ties to Islam are weakening. Yet, few believers recognize their presence, much less reach out to them. Our part is to pray for them to find Christ. What a wonderful opportunity through the proposed Center to share God's love with thousands of precious people who don't know of His provision for all who turn to Him.



PRAY FOR BELIEVERS TO REACH OUT TO TURKS LIVING NEARBY

Ask God to help believers be ready to give an answer for the hope within them to the Turks and other immigrants, refugees, overseas workers and students around them, many who are members of least-reached peoples.

MEMORY VERSE

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience." 1 Peter 3:15-16a [NIV]

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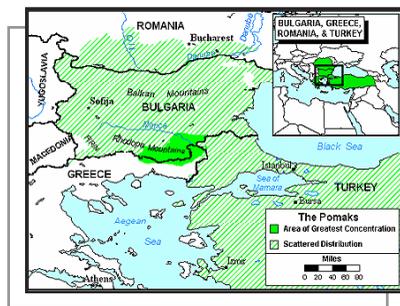
Pray for the 27,000 Pomak of Spain in Western Europe

MARCH Week 4 Prayer Focus



Sylvia had tears in her eyes as she waved goodbye to family. Her wedding was over, and she was on her way to her husband's home. Sylvia thought of all she had done to prepare for this big day: improving her weaving skills while going to school, and preparing her own dowry for the groom's parents. Her groom brushed her tears away, and she put her head on his shoulder. Sylvia is a Muslim Pomak, living in Spain. Like most Pomaks, she is getting married as a teenager. There are always a few sweet tears when the bride leaves her parents, but not the same kind of tears the Pomaks have shed in past centuries.

As Muslims in Christian parts of Europe, they feel persecuted by the Greeks and by the Bulgarians. Ironically, they were forced to become Muslims in the late 1300s, but they have since chosen an Islamic way of life. Their name means, "people who have suffered." Muslims claim that in the past Pomaks have been forced to convert to Christianity, forbidden from buying land, or traveling without restrictions. Because of persecution, the Pomaks are not open to Christianity.



PRAY POMAK TO KNOW GOD'S GRACE THROUGH JESUS

Pray for believers living near the Pomak to find creative ways to share about Jesus and His love so that the Pomak may know God's grace through Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men..." Titus 2:11 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 10

Western Europe Testimony
"MISSIONARY CHILDREN"

The Story of Lasana

My name is Lasana. Although today I live in Portugal, I was born and raised in a village in Bissau, capital of Guinea Bissau. I grew up in a fundamentalist Fulani Muslim family. We lived next door to the Evangelical Mission headquarters. Through daily exposure to these missionaries and their teachings, my family came to respect them. However, my father's influence was far-reaching though he died when I was still a toddler. A respected man in our community, he was a devout follower of Islam. Thus, we could not attend the church services next door, and no one in our family converted. This proximity did impact us, however. One of the women was well-known because she helped many people. My brothers and I grew up listening to her stories from the Bible. When we were older we began to visit the mission to play with the children of the missionaries. My family feared their Christian influence in our lives, but greatly respected these good people. Around the age of 12 years old, I met a missionary named Stan. He invited me to church and some times I went, but always secretly and with fear of my family. Stan showed great love to my family. When my Mama was very ill, Stan helped take care of her. My family drew very close to Stan, and from that time on, I could be with him more openly. Thus, I continued visiting the missionary children next door and helping Stan to learn our local language. Although Stan shared Christ with me, still I had not received Jesus for fear of my family. They had threatened to throw me out of the



"MY FAMILY FEARED THEIR CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE ON OUR LIVES..."

house if I converted. As a result, some of the believers questioned why I spent so much time with Stan. They thought I was interested in receiving material benefits but not interested in receiving Jesus. The years I spent under Stan's influence during my adolescence helped me to begin to understand that Stan taught and lived the truth. Others in my family were affected as well. My older brother, too,

decided my friendship with Stan was motivated by hopes of receiving something. One day this brother struck me hard because I borrowed his pair of shoes without permission. Stan, hearing this story, gave my brother a new pair of shoes instead of giving some to me. Stan's love and forgiveness toward my brother,

"ONE OF THE MISSIONARIES' DAUGHTER TAUGHT ME TO PLAY THE GUITAR..."



signified by the offender receiving the gift, rather than me, really made an impact on my brother. After that time, my brother never hit me again, and he asked me about Stan with much respect. Three years later Stan was forced to return to his country due to illness. When Stan left Guinea, I felt that I had lost a father. However, we continued to write one another.

Two people at the mission were tremendous help to me during those days. One of the missionaries' daughter taught me to play the guitar and was a great help to me in many areas. The second was a missionary named Miss Isabel. I could always ask her anything about the Bible or about anything in Stan's letters. At the age of 17, I was born again. One day in secondary school, I experienced a strange thing—a voice within me but nobody was speaking with me. I felt God say that now was the time for me to come to Him because He had a plan for my life. I left the class, and when my friends followed, I said to them, "I must give my life to Jesus." They were shocked because they knew that I was Muslim. They had never known anyone who converted from Islam to Christianity. I went directly to the mission headquarters to tell Miss Isabel. It was such a surprise for her! She asked me many times if I truly wanted to convert. She was very glad but concerned for the consequences from my family and their threats. Miss Isabel guided me to receive Christ. I knelt down and confessed my sins. I felt totally free. Of course my family was shocked and furious. They stopped any economic support for school. They began to criticize me daily, sometimes to the point of verbal torture. My friends scorned me. In spite of all my family did and said to me, I continued with my new faith. Some years later, God opened the doors for me to study in a Bible Institute in Western Europe. I know that God's plan for me to serve him as a musician and to compose songs for Him. I want to completely dedicate my life to Him. At the moment, He lets me play the guitar for a famous secular band. We have visited several European countries, and I have been able to testify of Christ as an artist in some difficult situations, including with famous Muslims who have dropped their convictions in order to follow alcohol, money, fame and secularism.

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of Western Europe?

Pray for **FINDING THE FATHER**:

These least-reached are far from the Lord for many reasons. Pray that they will turn their hearts to their creator who can give them eternal life and that they will find the Father who seeks them continually.

Pray for **FIRMNESS OF FAITH**:

Pray for the few believers among the least-reached groups in Western Europe to continue to grow in their faith in Jesus. Pray for those translating the scriptures into their languages to quickly and effectively provide the Word that helps them grow strong.



Pray for **FEARLESS WITNESSES**:

Pray for others to join in fearlessly sharing their faith to the Fulani and other immigrant groups as well as all the 230+ least-reached groups living in Western Europe through language study, medical ministry, music and many other ways.

Pray for **FRUIT THAT REMAINS**:

Pray for those who have heard the Word, even if they are now far away, to come to know Jesus fully and for wisdom, clarity and skill for those who share the Word among all these groups.

Pray for **FULLNESS OF LIFE**:

Pray for good health for the Fulani and other groups as they often die at an early age due to malnourishment and sickness in their homelands; pray also for those who are seeking to minister to their physical needs and those of the other least-reached peoples, so they find the fullness of life and health Jesus offers them.

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Praying for My Friends and Family:

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Praying for Those Who Do Not Know You Near Me:

Praying for Those Who Do Not Know You Far Away:

ETHNÊ Region 11

Least-Reached Peoples of the
Central & South America

APRIL



"God, gold and glory" was the rallying cry of the Spaniards who went to the New World. God was the motivator for many Jesuit missionaries, and that put them in conflict with those who came to take the gold and enslave those who needed God. The original inhabitants were almost destroyed by European conquests and diseases in the 16th and 19th Centuries. In 1900, almost the entire Spanish-speaking population was considered Catholic but since then, changes have been dramatic—from narrow traditionalism with strong opposition to Protestant activity to freedom of religion and a rapid growth of Evangelicals. Spiritism has grown rapidly

in influence in many countries. The divinely ordered convergence in Latin America of greater freedom of religion, more open and accountable democracy, a series of military, natural and economic disasters which loosened the hold of traditional structures enabled many to come to Christ. Today there has been a rapid growth and maturing of missions vision which has sparked many outreaches to unreached peoples. Among the 21 countries in Central and South America, 97 least-reached people groups remain.

"103 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the Central & S. America Region."



ETHNÊ Region 11

Pray for the 680,000 Spanish-speaking Jews of Argentina in Central & South America

APRIL Week 1 Prayer Focus

"The bony fingers of hate search us out wherever we go in the world." Laura nodded as she reached to comfort her tearful friend Dina on the steps of the court building in Buenos Aires. They meet there with many others every Monday to protest the bombings in their community and the deaths of their fathers. In the early 1880s, Argentina was desperate for settlers for its vast grasslands, and Jewish people in Russia were desperate for relief from persecution. This situation brought the country its first Jewish cowboys, although most of their descendents have now migrated into the cities. The same country that has appointed Jewish leaders to top cabinet posts has been the site of terrorist bombings to Jewish community centers and embassies. Fear and a sense of vulnerability pervade the hearts of the Jewish residents, mainly because the bombings have never been solved. It is widely held that the Hezbollah International terrorist group, along with aid from renegade local police involved in a Mafia-style cover-up, are responsible for the horrifying bombings that took 86 lives at the center alone.—PE, Global Prayer Digest, May 14, 2004. There are 909,000 Spanish-speaking Jews altogether in Central and South America; besides Argentina where the largest number are, many live in Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.



PRAY THE JEWS OF ARGENTINA KNOW JESUS AS THEIR REFUGE

Pray that local Christians will reach out in love to these frightened people. Pray that the few Messianic Jewish Congregations will stand as lighthouses, showing their brethren the way to the safety of the arms of their Messiah.

MEMORY VERSE

"When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Thy consolations delight my soul...the Lord has been my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge." Psalm 94:19 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 11

Pray for the 131,000 Japanese of Peru in Central & South America

APRIL Week 2 Prayer Focus



The largest immigrant ethnic group in Peru is the Japanese (Nikkei) who had a large impact on its economic and cultural diversity but also suffered substantially from racial discrimination. In 1899, the Japanese government worried with over population and began to send Japanese to different parts of the world to gain foreign funds and provide for territorial expansion. The Japanese participants were lured with the promise of wealth. Many signed on because of lack of opportunity and poverty at home. 790 Japanese arrived in 1899 to work the sugar and cotton plantations. Large plantation operators in Peru had a shortage of labor and difficulty in recruiting Indians from the Sierra to work. For 40 years, about 33,000 Japanese migrated to Peru but their dream of acquiring wealth failed. Still, most of them stayed after their contract expired. Because there were few chances to gain land, Japanese moved to cities like Lima, a move which continued until just prior to WWII. Many worked as domestic servants and street vendors. Later, many Japanese began barbershops (1904), which required little money to start and soon dominated the industry. Many Japanese, after saving money, opened small stores and food stands. By 1930, over half were involved in small businesses, such as watch repair shops. Because of the pressures against the Japanese in WWII, many were deported and their property taken. The Japanese in Peru today have a very closed society and keep a low profile. Pride in their cultural means they work hard to preserve it with education and arts. Ties are strong with Japan. Few follow of Jesus Christ.

PRAY THE JAPANESE OF PERU EXPERIENCE RESTORATION IN JESUS

Pray for the Japanese of Peru to find true acceptance and fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Pray for believers to share the gospel sensitively so they can respond.

MEMORY VERSE

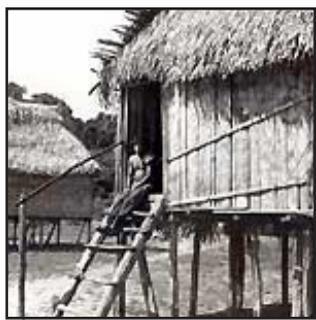
"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." 1 Peter 5:10 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 11

Pray for the Tribal Groups of Central & South America Such as the Arara Indians of Brazil

APRIL Week 3 Prayer Focus

Arara Indians under are under the 'threat of extinction' according to an article 17 Aug 2006. A federal prosecutor has ordered FUNAI, the Brazilian government's Indian affairs department, to draw up a plan to recognize the land of a group of Arara Indians. The prosecutor stated that 'environmental crimes are being committed daily' on the Indians' land and that 'the government's negligence is threatening the Arara people with extinction'. The



Indians live in the heart of the Amazon in a territory called Cachoeira Seca ('Dry Rapids'). FUNAI will incur a daily fine of US\$4,700 if it does not present a plan within 30 days. It was supposed to have drawn up plans to demarcate the Cachoeira Seca territory by June 2005. Various indigenous Indian groups live in remote areas of Central and South America and still are little reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Organizations such as New Tribes Missions are working to reach at least some of these groups.

PRAY THAT EVEN THE SMALLEST GROUP HAS THE CHANCE TO HEAR GOOD NEWS!

Pray for every least-reached group in Central and South America to have the opportunity to hear the good news found in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's empowering for the ministries attempting to bring this news to them.

MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 11

Pray for the Sarnami Hindi Indians of Guyana Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

APRIL Week 4 Prayer Focus



Hindustani speakers have a significant number of speakers in Caribbean countries such as Suriname, Guyana, and Trinidad & Tobago. The formal name of the language spoken is generally called Caribbean Hindustani, though it is also referred to as Sarnami Hindustani. Sarnami Hindustani is the second most spoken language in Suriname after Dutch due to the emigration of East Indians (known locally as Hindustanis in Suriname)

from the Indian states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh located in North India. The emigration was mainly of Bhojpuri speaking people which has led to the local Hindustani language having various Bhojpuri words and phrases from other Bihari languages. Ethnic Indians form 37% of the population in Suriname, the largest ethnic group there. Hence, Hindustani is spoken frequently in Suriname and Indian culture plays a major role there in general. Hindustani is also spoken among the 314,000 ethnic Indians of Guyana and is popular there as South Asians make up around 45% of Guyana's total population. Hindustani also has a significant number of speakers in North America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East due to immigration by the people of India and Pakistan to these countries. Most have moved for jobs since the 1800's and have continued on there until today. Pray they new life in Jesus.

PRAY GOD BRINGS THE SARNAMI HINDI INDIANS NEAR TO HIM

Pray that God sends believers who can communicate clearly to the Sarnami Hindi Indians living in Central and South America about His love for them through Jesus Christ. Pray they understand and respond to salvation in Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13 [NIV]

ETHNÉ Region 11

Central and South America Testimony
"THE GREAT SPIRIT"

The Story of Bee

In the 21 countries in Central and South America, 107 least-reached peoples remain. More than 46 of these groups are located in Brazil. One of them is the Yanomamo, an indigenous shamanist group. The Yanomamo live on the border of Brazil and Venezuela. Listen to the work of God in this story of Bee, a Yanomamo man: My father was a shaman. His father was a shaman. The spirits chose me to follow in their footsteps. As I entered manhood, my training began. I went many days alone without food.



Then finally my master blew special drugs into my nose and began to lead me into the world of the spirits. First my master showed me many "play spirits" who helped me get used to the spirit world. We are told to ignore them. They are for children and playing. Then I saw two spirits come toward me. My master told me not to be afraid, but to let the spirits come. They built a house inside my chest where many more spirits came to live. The goal of a shaman is to house so many spirits that no light can shine in. We all knew about the greatest of all spirits. We called him Yai Wana Naba Lawya, meaning, Great Unfriendly Spirit. We knew about his beautiful land where his beings constantly made noise to him. And we knew about Shobati Wakka too, the lake of fire. If you are a stingy person, you go to Shobati Wakka after you die. Still, we wanted to know more about this spirit. When I became older I made a very long trip to a village where there were some foreigners. One of them tried to tell me about the spirit world. He

"IF YOU ARE A STINGY PERSON YOU GO TO SHOBATI..."

said something that I have never forgotten to this day. He said that the greatest of all the spirits loved me. When he said that, a strange new feeling went all the way through me. The Great Spirit, the creator of all the spirits loves me? What an amazing thing for him to say. Every spirit in my chest shook with fear when he said that. Later that same man moved to my village. This foreigner showed

me love. One day he put his arm around me and told me more about the Great Spirit and about the son he sent to become a Yanomamo to show us the way to his beautiful land. That feeling came to me again and my spirits made a great fuss inside my chest. I liked to listen to him talk about the Great Spirit. I explained

"I LIKED TO LISTEN TO HIM TALK ABOUT THE GREAT SPIRIT."



to him that this spirit was our enemy, an unfriendly spirit. But he told me that he wasn't our enemy, that he loved Yanomamo people. Then he said, "You only think he's your enemy because your spirits hate him. He's their enemy. He's your friend." It would take me much time to think through these strange thoughts. And whenever I thought about it, every spirit inside me shook again with fear. They would say, "Please,

Father, don't throw us away." This fight went on in my chest for a long time. Then one day the chief of all our spirits came to me to win me back to his side. I was entranced by his beauty and power. And I said, "This is what I've always wanted." Then a great light, whiter than the sun, hit us both. Something grabbed me and a voice said, "You can't have him; he's mine." It was the Greatest of all spirits. I will never forget the look of fear on our chief's face when he ran off into the jungle. All the rest of my spirits ran too. From that time I have been following Jesus. Nothing has been the same since I began following the true Spirit. God is working in the Yanomamo people. Joshua Project records there has been a new church plant among the Yanomamo within the last two years and there is a missions agency working with them. Still, the Yanomamo are only less than 1% evangelical believers, making them one of the least-reached groups of Central and South America. Let us now pray together for Bee, his people the Yajomamo, and the other 104 least-reached people groups of this region: in order to follow alcohol, money, fame and secularism. I also serve alongside a missionary couple in the planting of a church of African Muslims coming to faith here in Portugal. We work together to share the gospel through ministries in a hospital and a language academy. The area where we live has many Muslims, many of whom can only read and write Arabic. In teaching them to read and write in other languages, we can help them practically and share God's love to them. Pray for God to fill my hands with fruit for His glory! Please pray for:

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of Central and South America?

Pray for **COOPERATION NOT COMPETITION**:

Request that God remove competition and impart a sense of cooperation in every believer, that we join hands with Him and one another to complete the task of reaching every "no-choice" people.

Pray for **RELEASING NEW LEADERS**:

Ask God that every new believer would exercise the gifts He has given them to encourage other believers and to share the gospel with others who have not heard, being a disciple of Jesus and making other disciples.



Pray for **THE WORD IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE**:

Pray for God to speed the Word to every least-reached people group in their own language so they can grow through their own reading.

Pray for **DELIVERANCE FROM DOMINATION BY FEAR OF SPIRITS**:

Just as God delivered Bee from the domination of of spirits, pray for God to set free all those held captive to fear of these spirits and to come into the freedom of relationship with Jesus.

Pray for **KINGS, LEADERS, AND ALL IN AUTHORITY**:

Pray for God to place righteous leaders in power that rule justly, and for God to give favor to believers trying to minister, that they may live quiet lives in all godliness and see His kingdom coming on earth in their own communities and nations.

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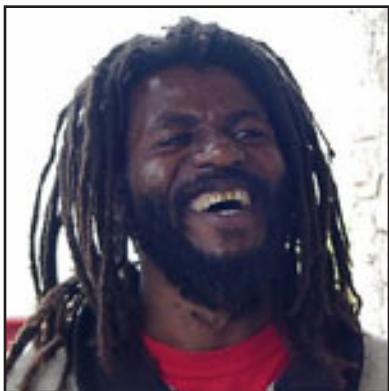
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ETHNÊ Region 12

Least-Reached Peoples of the
North America & Caribbean

MAY



The 30 countries in North America and the Caribbean include 3 of the largest countries of the world: Canada, USA and Greenland. Communities from every ethnic group in Europe have settled in the Americas. It is probably the region with the least religious discrimination and it has been the largest sending base in the world for missionaries but that is rapidly changing. 83 least-reached people groups remain here. If the gospel is not sent, sometimes people come to hear the gospel in a land where churches are plentiful. This could be the way North American Christianity is known. Students, immigrant communities, and indigenous peoples remain a

challenge for the gospel in this the world's wealthiest continent and the economic engine on which the world's economy depends for growth. Less than 15% of international students in the US today are touched by any Christian ministry. In addition, 70% will never see the inside of an American home and 80% will never have a Christian friend. It's ironic that American churches pray for Muslim countries but do little to reach Muslims in their own communities. Pray for re-energizing the Body of Christ in North American/Caribbean to join the rapidly emerging harvest forces from China, Russia, Latin America, India, Africa, and other places...peoples joining together to glorify God among all peoples.

"83 Least-Reached People Groups Remain in the N. America & Caribbean Region."



ETHNÊ Region 12

Pray for the 5,100 Arapaho Indians of the United States

MAY Week 1 Prayer Focus

The Arapaho are one of the remaining indigenous people groups still living in North America/Caribbean. There are actually two Arapaho tribes today. The Northern Arapahos live on a reservation, which is land that belongs to the tribe and is under their control. They share this reservation with the Shoshone. The Southern Arapahos live on trust land together with the Southern Cheyennes. Each Arapaho tribe has its own government, laws, police, and services, just like a small country. However, the Arapahos are also US citizens and must obey American law. In the past, Arapaho bands were led by traditional chiefs. But today, both Arapaho reservations are shared with Indians of other tribes. So, today, these communities are governed by council members elected by all the Indians who live there. Today, some Arapahos still wear moccasins or a fringed shirt, but usually they wear modern clothes like jeans instead of breechcloths... and they only wear feathers in their hair on special occasions like a dance. In present day, some Arapahos have gotten into the gaming or casino industry. A few of them own casinos, most notably the Arapaho Casino located in Wyoming. The Arapaho are still one of the least-reached peoples groups living in North America/Caribbean region. Pray for God to prepare their hearts to hear and send messengers to them to bring His message of good news about Jesus Christ.



PRAY FOR MESSENGERS OF GOOD NEWS FOR THE ARAPAHO

Pray for prepared hearts among the Arapaho people, ready to hear the message of Good News about Jesus Christ. Pray that God sends more than enough laborers to share in a way that the Arapaho can understand.

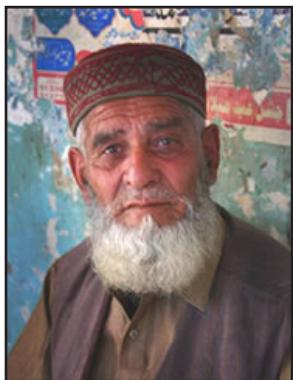
MEMORY VERSE

“With Him are wisdom and might; to Him belong counsel and understanding.” Job 12:13 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 12

Pray for the 821,000 Punjabi of
Canada in North America/Caribbean

MAY Week 2 Prayer Focus



Most Punjabi (people originating from the state of Punjab in India) in Canada live in the Greater Vancouver Area and the Greater Toronto Area, however there are growing communities in Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal. The Punjabi immigrants have taken on a variety of occupations. Many of the Sikhs, who are characterized by their neatly wound turbans, have excelled as mechanics, construction workers, and business professionals. Other Punjabi found work in retail and trade, particularly through small family businesses. The Diaspora Punjabi reflect the three major religions of

their homeland: Hinduism, Islam, and Sikhism. Most of the Diaspora Punjabi speakers are Sikhs, except for those in Myanmar, who are mostly atheists. Although there are many Christian resources available in the Punjabi language, very few Punjabi have been reached with the Gospel. Even in predominantly Christian countries, such as Canada, Tanzania and Kenya, the Punjabi are still less than 1% Christian. In other countries, such as Bangladesh and Myanmar (Burma), no missions agencies are currently working among the Punjabi. Their search for 'one god who transcends all religions' can provide the open door to share Jesus - the one true God and Savior - with them.

PRAY PUNJABI COME TO KNOW THE GOD ABOVE ALL GODS

Pray that God opens the eyes of believers nearby to the need of Punjabis to hear the gospel. Pray for the Punjabi to recognize that Jesus is the Lord and God above all gods and to put their trust in Him alone.

MEMORY VERSE

"Who is like the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high, who humbles Himself to behold the things that are in heaven on the earth?" Psalm 113:5-6 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 12

Pray for the 414,000 Syrian Arabs of Mexico in North America/Caribbean

MAY Week 3 Prayer Focus

Arab diaspora refers to the numbers of Arab immigrants, and their descendants, who voluntarily or as refugees emigrated from their native countries and now reside in non-Arab nations, primarily in Western countries. Mexico is an ethnically-diverse country where many Syrian Arabs now live. Arabs identify with Arabic--their language spoken throughout the Middle East and one of the most widely-spoken languages in the world. Syrian Arabs are primarily Sunni Muslim. Being both Arab and Muslim leads many Syrians to feel that the two characteristics are natural companions and that one cannot be an Arab without being Muslim and vice versa. A Muslim who professes faith in Jesus Christ can lose his family, his honor, his job, or even his life. At the present time, there are only a few known Christians within the Arab community. Evangelization efforts among Syrian Arabs are often challenging due to restrictions in many of the countries where they live, as well as their general antagonism towards Christianity. But, Syrian Arabs in Mexico live within easy reach of believers, if those believers make the effort to reach out with the love of God to them and share the gospel about Jesus Christ. Communities of Syrian Arabs can be found in other nations in North America/Caribbean region where they are more open to hearing and responding to the gospel of the Lord Jesus.



PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK TO SYRIAN ARABS

Ask for the Holy Spirit to draw the hearts of Syrian Arabs to seek for God. Pray for laborers to clearly point the way to God the Father for those whose hearts are ready. Ask that they be disciplined and stand strong in the Lord.

MEMORY VERSE

"...God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father.'" Galatians 4:6 [NIV]

ETHNĚ Region 12

Pray for the 300,000 English-speaking Jews of
Canada in North America/Caribbean

MAY Week 4 Prayer Focus



Jews represent the oldest monotheistic religion of modern times. Because of the uniqueness of their history and culture, all Jews have a strong sense of identity. Persecution of and discrimination against the Jews have been the historical reasons for their migrations and settlements around the world. Although they do share a common culture and religion, the Jews of North America/Caribbean have very distinctive lifestyles. Most of the Jewish immigrants to the Americas came in the late 1800's from Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the Middle East. While most of them speak either English or Spanish, other distinctive Jewish dialects are also still used. Yiddish, a German dialect with Hebrew elements, is the lingua franca of those with a European heritage, while Ladino, a blend of Spanish and Hebrew, is often used by those of Spanish descent. Hebrew is the religious language of prayer for the more Orthodox Jews. In North America, most Jews live in urban areas on the east or west coasts. New York City has the largest concentrated Jewish population in North America, with over a half million Hassidic Jews alone. In South America, they also live in cities, but keep themselves as a distinct religious and ethnic minority. While maintaining a Jewish identity, the majority of North American Jews conform to the mainstream American culture. "Jewishness" is often defined in more secular terms such as the use of Yiddish words and family traditions, rather than in religious aspects, such as the following of Jewish laws regarding dietary restrictions.

PRAY FOR WISDOM IN SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH JEWS

Pray for believers sharing the gospel with Jews to recognize the differences in among them and to present Jesus their Messiah clearly so they believe.

MEMORY VERSE

"...for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 [NIV]

ETHNÊ Region 12

North America & Caribbean Testimony

"Is There a God?"

The Story of a Jew

My family raised me to appreciate Jewish tradition. We did not eat pork and we separated the milk and meat dishes at grandma's house. I watched my uncle, a practicing orthodox Hebrew, walk to Synagogue on Saturdays. I still remember the prayer in Hebrew over the bread and wine. My uncle devoted his life honoring God through the Scriptures. Every Friday night he would wrap the phylactery around his forearm and forehead, drape the shawl over his shoulders, and stand reciting his prayers. Grandma prepared the meals for the Sabbath on Friday. Sometimes she made matzo ball soup, challah, or home made mandel bread (a biscotti-like cookie.) During the twilight hours, grandma lit the candles. I also remember celebrating Passover with my family. The year I was 14, I was responsible for reading the children's Haggadah. This helped explain the various parts of the Passover Seder plate. While reading about the precious Seder, two questions stirred in my heart: "Is there a God?" and, if so, "Who is He?" Within seconds of asking "Is there a God?" I knew the answer was "Yes." However, I needed four more years before discovering the answer to "Who is God?" During high school, most of my coaches and some of my teachers were Christians. They guided me to read the Bible and they answered my questions. My best friend was a Christian who prayed for me. Although presented with the opportunity to believe in Jesus in high school, I chose not to because I wasn't sure it would be possible to devote my life to Him. I understood him, but wasn't



"I UNDERSTOOD HIM, BUT WASN'T READY TO BELIEVE."

ready to believe. During my first year in college I noticed something different about one of my volleyball teammates. Her life reflected peace and a confidence that no other player had. On the way back to our dorm one night I told her there was something different about her. She said, "That's Jesus in me." We began studying the Bible together and six months later, in February 1990, my friend

asked me if I wanted to receive Jesus as Savior and I did. I started serving the Lord immediately after trusting in Him. The Christian college group supported my baby steps in the Lord and encouraged me to live a life that glorified the Lord. My family relationships suffered after my dad's family discovered I believed in Jesus.

"THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE GROUP SUPPORTED MY BABY STEPS IN THE LORD..."



I started taking a stand for biblical principles and although I loved my family and they loved me, an aloofness existed between us for about seven years. Now my family and I get along great. The Lord used the biblical stands I stood for to develop healthy family ties that are based on Him. I have even had the pleasure of leading one of my uncles to the Messiah. A couple years after college, I joined a ship ministry called Friend Ships. I had no financial support but my five years there taught me to trust the Lord with my finances. Early on at Friend Ships, I filmed a guest speaker named Dorothy Miller. Soon afterward, she invited 20 of the crew to review a video with her. This was my first contact with God's Story: From Creation to Eternity. God prompted me that this video belonged to Him and I have never forgotten this. During my last couple of years at Friend Ships I started helping Dorothy with The God's Story Project (TGSP). In late 2001, I joined the TGSP staff full time. I currently serve as the International Director of Technology developing the website, researching recording equipment, and producing the video in new languages. Through reports we receive every year at TGSP, I have seen that the tools we craft are some of the most effective Christian tools in the world today. I realize that God has me in a strategic position. Spending time in the studio potentially leads to hundreds of thousands knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord. I may never meet the impacted people directly but for me, this is time well spent and an investment in the Kingdom. The very question "Who is God" that started my search is the same question God allows me to help answer for others through God's Story. Let's pray together for all 83 of the remaining least-reached people groups of North America/ Caribbean and for the 166 Jewish people groups all around the globe:

How do I pray for the Least-Reached Peoples of North America & Caribbean?

Pray for **TURNING OBSTACLES TO OPPORTUNITIES:**

Pray that God causes North American/Caribbean believers to value all the redemptive gifts in every culture. Pray He gives them the ability to respond with His grace and love to the challenges of building relationships across cultures.

Pray for **SEEKERS TO FIND:**

Pray for those who have migrated or come as students, overseas workers, immigrants or refugees seeking education, opportunity or fleeing war, famine, or deprivation to find Jesus as their Resource, Refuge, Teacher and Friend.



Pray for **TURNING THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN:**

Pray for God to supernaturally reconcile the older generation with the younger so that families are God-honoring examples and faith in God is passed from the older generation to the younger. Pray for the changed lives of those coming to Christ as young people will win their families to Christ.

Pray for **BUILDING BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP:**

Pray for God to empower believers to creatively build friendships. Help believers share His love as they connect with those different in language, culture, or belief.

Pray for **RELEVANT FAITH:**

Pray for God to be alive in believers of North America and the Caribbean so their lives are the message. Pray they live lives worthy of imitation and bring a living witness to least-reached peoples. Pray for re-energizing of the people in the Body of Christ in North America and the Caribbean. Pray they will come alongside the rapidly emerging harvest forces from China, Russia, Latin America, India, Africa and other places...peoples joining together to glorify God among all peoples.

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Adoration: God, You are so...

Confession: God, please forgive me for...

Thanksgiving: God, thank You for...

Supplication: God, please...

My Prayer Journal

Praying for My Friends and Family:

Praying for My Church and My City:

Praying for Those Who Do Not Know You Near Me:

Praying for Those Who Do Not Know You Far Away:



Young People Joining Together to Glorify God Among All Peoples

1 in 4 People on Earth Still Need to Know About Jesus
—The Forgotten One Fourth World!

Prayer changes things!
Prayer moves the hand of God!
Children pray with faith.

Children can change the world through prayer!

Ethnê World Changers' Prayer Handbook
can help you do just that!

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Eth-nê: Greek Word meaning tribe, ethnic or people group

Ethnê06: a meeting of individuals, churches & organizations focused on Least-Reached Peoples

Ethnê, the Movement: The Body of Christ together into the Forgotten One Fourth World!

This guide was compiled through the efforts of Ethnê06 Prayer Workgroup,
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Our heart is that all tongues, tribes and nations would worship Jesus, Name Above All!

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Daily Points for Prayer for Least-Reached Peoples: www.global-prayer-digest.org

Additional Information on Least-Reached Peoples: www.joshuaproject.net/ethne.php