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LOVING THE LOST

of the world through prayer

Nineteenth Edition

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9



International Mission Board missionaries saw 18,380 churches planted, 144,322 new believers and 86,587 baptisms in 2020. Also, 247 new people groups and places were engaged. This could not have happened without the prayers and financial support of Southern Baptist churches.

“Churches addressing the Great Commission are obedient to send missionaries,” said D. Ray Davis, manager of church mobilization at IMB. “However, like the Macedonians in 2 Corinthians 8, if believers first abandon themselves to the Lord, they are also giving generously and sacrificially. Additionally, Scripture instructs us to pray for the spread of the gospel. Healthy churches recognize the need to pray and give and to go themselves and send their best sons and daughters . . . The beauty of cooperation is that churches of all sizes can pray and give as they are able to be a part of this great work together.”

Supporting IMB missionaries in prayer is vital in fulfilling the Revelation 7:9 vision. Will you commit to pray for the people groups in this Loving the Lost prayer guide and consider adopting an unengaged people group for long-term, focused prayer? Will you partner with us in the spread of the gospel through prayer?

The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into
his harvest.

LUCAS 10:2



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Creator God has made us in His image and called us to reflect His glory through worship. Today, there are 3,180 unengaged and unreached people groups who have no known, consistent gospel witness. “How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” (Romans 10:14, ESV). How are they to worship the Lord if they do not know Him?

Every people group needs a gospel witness and should have a church committed to praying for them. Will you and your congregation be A Voice for the Nations by praying fervently for the unengaged? In addition to praying through the people groups in this booklet, read the final pages for more information, take the online prayer course, and ask the Lord to lead you in selecting an unengaged and unreached people group.

Scattered throughout these pages are victory stories that declare what God is doing among the nations. We can celebrate those today and look forward in hope to new stories of victory as the unengaged hear the good news and turn to Jesus in faith.

Prayer isn't just important--**it is essential!**

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1

Bai of China

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. **JOHN 15:16**

The first missionary to the Bai people arrived in 1881, yet even today, the majority of the 2 million Bai of China have yet to hear a clear gospel witness. Churches have been started and discipleship training has occurred, yet persecution from within and without has plagued the church and either crippled its growth or closed its doors. Many believers have stopped meeting, and some have fallen away from the faith. The quaint beauty of their region annually attracts many tourists. The Bai are very hospitable, warmly welcoming guests and treating them well. Believers can easily bring the light to these who still live in darkness.

PRAYER STARTERS

God, as the Bai study Your Word, give them a clear vision of Your plan and help them to overcome challenges...

Almighty God, we pray that leaders will not lose hope but will walk in the Spirit daily as they equip others...

Omnipresent Lord, move powerfully, granting believers favor with village leaders and opening doors for the gospel...

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Sutradhar *of India*

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. **MATTHEW 9:37-38**



The Sutradhar are a Bengali-speaking people who live primarily in the Indian state of West Bengal. This unengaged, unreached people group is made up of approximately 845,000 people, many of whom are involved in the woodworking trade. Like the majority of people in India, the Sutradhar are Hindu and worship idols made by human hands. The Bible and evangelistic materials are available in the heart language of the Sutradhar, yet there are less than a handful of known believers among them.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, call out laborers to take the good news to the Sutradhar so they may hear the gospel, repent, and believe...

Father, open the eyes of the Sutradhar so they may see the futility of worshipping images...

Lord, give strength and boldness to Sutradhar believers so they may withstand persecution and share Christ with their community...



WEEK
3

Lamet of Laos

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? ... As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

ROMANS 10:14-15

There are approximately 25,000 Lamet people living in villages scattered mainly throughout the remote mountain regions of northwestern Laos. The Lamet are hunters and farmers, primarily using the slash-and-burn method of agriculture. Rice is their staple crop. Trading is done with the Lao and the Thai for tools, clothes, and pottery. The primary religion is ethnoreligion, which is deeply rooted in their ethnic identity and includes animistic and ancestral worship. Religious and village celebrations are conducted by the spirit practitioner or “xemia.” Thankfully, a Bible translation and gospel recordings are available for this unengaged, unreached people group, but there are very few believers to serve as local witnesses.

PRAYER STARTERS

God, please send forth laborers to work among the Lamet as well as faithful intercessors to cry out on behalf of the Lamet...

Holy Spirit, help the few Lamet believers to take the gospel to their people...

Lord, draw key leaders among the Lamet to salvation and a bold declaration of the gospel...

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4

Serbs *of Serbia*



Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. **ISAIAH 43:19**

Among the nearly 7 million Serbs in Serbia, less than 7,000 are born-again believers. Although Serbia is an Orthodox nation, most Serbs understand the church to be part of their heritage rather than related to a personal relationship with Jesus. Amid last year's COVID-19 lockdowns, a team of sent-out ones and local Serbs rallied together to reach Serbia in a new way. Thanks to a social media platform, the message of Jesus has reached 18.5 million screens in a culturally sensitive, yet powerful, way. Sixty-six Serbs have given their lives to Christ, and 962 have received a copy of God's Word. God always makes a way to get His message to His people!

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, please raise up new national leaders to disciple these new believers...

Father may Your Word not return void. Speak to the hearts of those who read Your Word...

Lord, prepare the hearts of Serbs to hear the message of Your gospel and to believe that You died for them...



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5

Larestani *of Iran*

Behold, a great multitude that no one could number ... crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

REVELATION 7:9-10

The Larestani are a people of Persian descent numbering almost 40,000 who live in southwestern Iran. Although Persian, the Larestani are an island of Sunni Muslims surrounded by extreme Shiites. Many Larestani have left their poor homeland in the southwest and migrated to more prosperous parts of the country. Those who remain are mostly farmers or nomadic shepherds. The Larestani do not understand the person and work of Jesus, nor their need for His atoning blood. But God will fulfill His promise in Revelation as members of the Larestani people come to faith. Please pray for a great spiritual harvest.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, touch the hearts of the Larestani and give them a hunger for Your Word and a commitment to the authority of Scripture...

God, we pray that believers will be bold as they have opportunities to share truth with isolated members of this people group...

Lord, please bring Your gospel to many Larestani people so they will hear and believe in You for salvation...

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6

Jews of Germany

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:20



There are around 8,300 Jewish people in Germany who are unengaged and unreached. Their language is almost all Yiddish, and there is a Bible translation available. The main religion among them is Judaism, and they live by the Tanach—the entire Torah and Writings and Prophets—but mostly by the rabbinic traditions. Because of the past tragedy of the Holocaust, which is always in their minds, they are often closed to anything other than their rabbinical teaching. Many have emigrated to Israel; however, a few have no plans to leave yet. Germany is an old, beautiful country that still holds promise for them.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, cause the Jews of Germany to understand that reading the actual Word of God will change everything for them...

Father, give them the opportunity to see the fulfillment of the prophecies that are right in front of them...

Father God, move someone to go to these precious people who need to hear the gospel...



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7

Ingessana *of Sudan*

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

MATTHEW 11:29

The Ingessana people of Sudan number just over 100,000. They are a Muslim people group that has no Bible in their heart language, but there are believers working on a translation. In their language, the “JESUS” film is not available, and there are no gospel recordings and no radio broadcasts that share the gospel message. They live a life of ongoing political conflict, which forces many of them to flee their home areas and live as refugees. There are believers in the refugee camps who are seeking to share the gospel with the Ingessana. When they are in their own country, they make their living from the land, depending on cultivation, raising livestock, and crafting.

PRAYER STARTERS

Jesus, make a way for the Ingessana to hear the gospel message in a way that they can understand...

Lord, may the Ingessana know that You are their refuge and strength and they can find rest in Your arms...

Heavenly Father, give wisdom and patience to the believers who are translating the Bible into Gaam, the language of the Ingessana...

Ocaina of Colombia

My words declare the uprightness of my heart, and what my lips know they speak sincerely. The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

JOB 33:3-4



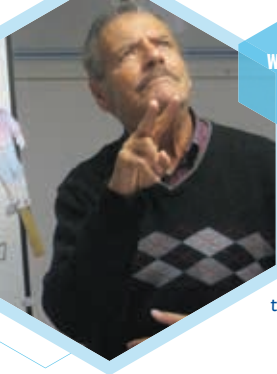
The Ocaina live in houses built upon stilts along the riverbanks in the Amazon rainforest in Colombia. This small group of approximately 125 people survive by hunting, fishing, and gathering their own food from the jungle. They send messages to one another through rhythms beat out on their mango tree drums. Their language, as well as their culture, is becoming extinct, as only the older generation still speaks Ocaina. The Ocaina have a system of leadership in which decisions are made by the village elders. This position of leadership is passed on from one generation to the next, along with the traditions and customs of the people.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord God, prepare workers who will know or learn the language and culture of the Ocaina...

Father, may the Ocaina submit to Your leadership and lordship instead of manmade rules and culture...

Jesus, we pray for provision and protection of this group as they eke out a living in the Amazon...



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9

Deaf of Mexico

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. **2 TIMOTHY 2:2**

In 2005, Mexican Sign Language was recognized as an official language by the national government, yet schools for the Deaf still focus on an “oral” method of education in which Deaf students read lips and try to “speak” Spanish. Among the 1.25 million Deaf in Mexico, the majority consider themselves to be Catholic. There are few evangelicals and only a handful of churches that give focus to an indigenous approach to reaching the Deaf. Workers have had success in helping to reach Deaf Mexicans, train them, and even establish a few Deaf-led congregations. There is often persecution by local Deaf Catholics of these new believers and their groups.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, we pray for the small congregation recently formed in a Mexico City suburb...

Jesus, guide the new Scripture translation project in Mexican Sign Language and the national partners who will be a part of it...

Lord, we give thanks for new workers and partners who are part of God’s plan to expand Deaf work throughout Mexico...

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Konjo Pesisir *of Indonesia*

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. **MATTHEW 4:19-20**



The Konjo Pesisir live in the coastal areas of Makassar, Indonesia, a port city on the island of Sulawesi. “Pesisir” means “coast,” and most of the 200,000 Konjo Pesisir are fishermen. Others make their living through farming. The Bible and gospel recordings are available in their heart language; however, there currently is no active church-planting movement happening among this precious people group. A few small churches are scattered throughout “Konjo land,” but believers face much persecution from their Konjo Pesisir brothers, who largely adhere to Sunni Islam. While there have been past efforts to reach the Konjo Pesisir, they are still considered to be an unreached people group. Who will go?

PRAYER STARTERS

Holy Lord, help the church to stand strong under persecution...

Father God, please generate a movement of God among the Muslim Konjo Pesisir people. Help them to have a deep desire for truth...

Friend Jesus, cause these fishermen to become “fishers of men”...



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11

Kampo of India

He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. **PSALM 126:6**

The Kampo of South India are a very large unengaged, unreached people group numbering 1,420,000 who reside in the northernmost tip of the state of Andhra Pradesh, along the border with the state of Orissa. The Kampo worship Hindu gods and have idols of them in their homes, workplaces, temples, shops, and even along the streets. Girls are married just a couple of years after they reach puberty, and the overall literacy rate is only 5-10%. Many Kampo work in agriculture, and the women sing folk songs while transplanting seedlings and also during the harvest.

PRAYER STARTERS

O Lord, may the Kampo hear and believe in You, the God of creation...

Heavenly Father, may they know that they can have the hope of Christ within...

Lord of the harvest, may the men and women of the Kampo who are going out weeping come home with shouts of joy...

Kham Tibetans *of China*

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The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. **PSALM 19:1-2**

The Kham Tibetan area begins in Tibet and extends primarily into the western Sichuan and southern Qinghai provinces of China, with beautiful grasslands, mountain peaks, lakes, and forests. But the vast majority of people here do not know the Creator God and may have never heard His name. Kham Tibetans are known for their bravery and horsemanship and are usually devout Buddhists. Living conditions are harsh for much of the year, but these nomads and farmers are considered to be cheerful people. Due to geographic barriers, most Kham Tibetans remain totally unreached by the gospel. Over the years, glimpses of hope have been seen, as a few have come to faith.

PRAYER STARTERS

Creator God, may the Kham Tibetans look to the sky above and realize that it is Your handiwork...

Lord, call harvest workers who are willing to endure this harsh environment in order to take the good news to the Kham Tibetans...

Father, completely fill believers with joy and peace so they will overflow with confident hope and become brave leaders of Your people...

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Kurmanji Kurds *of Iran*

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! **PSALM 34:3**



The Kurmanji Kurds of Iran number 1.5 million people and live in a rugged region of northeastern Iran. They often experience unwelcome pressure from the majority culture to assimilate, but they resist and hold fast to their own unique traditions. Throughout much of Iran, there are Iranians who have believed in Jesus for salvation and they even gather as churches. This is a great praise to God. But within the region of northeastern Iran where the Kurmanji Kurds live, there is not much of a gospel witness. The Kurmanji Kurds of Iran need to hear the truth that can set them free.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, we pray that many Kurmanji Kurds in Iran will encounter the gospel on the internet or through satellite television...

God, break their hearts over sin and give them salvation so they will magnify the Lord and exalt His name together...

God, we pray that many Kurmanji Kurds will have encounters with believers from the majority culture who will share the gospel...

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14

Akha *of Thailand*



And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

The Akha people live in mountain ranges in several Southeast Asian countries, including Thailand. Many Akha clans have a vibrant Christian heritage; however, others remain in darkness, continuing in spirit and ancestral worship. Since 2018, the Theological Training Initiative Team, in partnership with Crossing Cultures International in Thailand, has trained 31 students using a pastors' curriculum. Among these graduates are five men who have surrendered to full-time ministry and have planted three Akha churches in northern Thailand. The graduates, their churches, and the teachers are now planning to take the same curriculum to unchurched Akha areas in Laos, Myanmar, and beyond. Truly, our mighty God actively works to see His purposes fulfilled!

PRAYER STARTERS

Christ Jesus, inspire Akha believers to plant churches in unchurched villages...

Father God, call out Akha missionaries to go into Laos, Myanmar, and China...

Holy Spirit, grant wisdom in expanding networks of theological training...



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15

Gorani *of Albania*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. **REVELATION 7:9**

The Gorani of Albania are considered to be ethnic Bulgarian, speaking and writing an antiquated version of the language. In recent years, many have obtained Bulgarian passports and emigrated to Western Europe. Others have migrated to Albania's Tirana-Durrës area, integrating into the dominant culture. Most Gorani live in villages in northeastern Albania that they have inhabited for several thousand years. The two largest villages are Shishtavec and Zapod, each with around 2,500 residents. The Gorani, meaning "Highlanders," are Muslims, but their traditions and customs include pagan elements. It is believed that they converted to Islam in the 18th century. None are evangelicals, but evangelistic outreaches are beginning, with one pastor visiting these villages.

PRAYER STARTERS

Creator of all, we pray that the evangelistic outreaches that have begun to the Gorani villages will grow...

Father, send more laborers into Your harvest to bring the gospel to the Gorani people...

Lord, we praise You for Your promise that there will one day be Gorani people worshiping around Your throne...

Somalis of Scandinavia

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For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. **ROMANS 5:10**



An estimated 135,000 Somalis live in Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, and Denmark). Most immigrated following the Somali Civil War in the 1990s. They are the largest African immigrant group in Scandinavia, tend to live in bigger cities, and are nearly 100% Muslim. They are not integrated into their host cultures due to xenophobia, lack of education, and low host-language comprehension. There are also enormous differences between Somalian and Scandinavian cultures, leading them to become almost completely segregated in every area of life (places where they live, schools they attend, etc.). These factors isolate the Somalis and provide very few opportunities for people outside their community to build relationships and share the gospel.

PRAYER STARTERS

Holy Spirit, reveal Jesus to Somalis by sending dreams and visions, lead them to the Bible, and introduce them to believers who will share truth with them...

Way Maker, open doors into the isolated Somali communities to share the gospel...

Father, give growth, boldness, and obedience to the few Somali believers who face persecution in their own community...



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Bangobango

of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. **HEBREWS 7:25**

The Bangobango, who are farmers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, believe in a supreme god and worship their ancestors. They build shrines to appease family spirits, believe that diviners and blacksmiths hold religious power, and are convinced that other spirits serve as intermediaries between man and god. Many Bangobango do not know that there is one true supreme God, that His Son is the intermediary, and that those who find salvation in Him have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. Recently, the Bangobango have begun hearing stories like this from the Bible in their own language because of an orality project that is happening among their people.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, use the Bible stories that are being translated into the Bangobango language to spread Your truth...

Lord, may the Bangobango truly know that Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the only intermediary...

Father, may the Bangobango no longer work to appease false gods, but instead find freedom in Christ...

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18

Kulina Pano *of Brazil*

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **ROMANS 8:6**



The Kulina Pano live in the remote rainforests of the Brazilian Amazon region. While little is known about them, there have been reported disputes between this tribe and other local groups that, at one point, divided the Kulina Pano people. These disputes further diminished their already small numbers down to only about 125 people. Many from this group were assimilated into other indigenous groups. The remaining Kulina Pano seek to be recognized politically and institutionally in Brazil. They are thought to have an intricate system of beliefs in which the local shaman communicates with the spirit world through dreams and hallucinogenic herbs. Sicknesses are believed to be caused by curses and witchcraft.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, please raise up laborers willing to learn the Kulina Pano language and culture so they can share truth...

As the Kulina Pano seek to be recognized politically, may they seek, more importantly, to be recognized by the true King...

Lord, may the Kulina Pano become discontent with their spiritual practices and search for the better way...



WEEK
19

Deaf *of Burkina Faso*

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! **PSALM 90:17**

Nearly 220,000 Deaf live in Burkina Faso, but there is little or no opportunity for them to go to school or to have employment. The Bible is not available in Burkina Sign Language, and there are few, if any, evangelical Christians in this predominantly Muslim country. Workers have already made plans to engage the Deaf there with gospel stories and begin a project that involves training them in Bible translation in the national sign language. Deaf believers from nearby countries will be a part of these plans for follow-up, assisting in indigenous church planting and training local believers to reach out to the many places in the country where Deaf people live.

PRAYER STARTERS

Righteous Lord, please open hearts among local Deaf leaders who can make access to Deaf communities easy...

Merciful God, send workers to go, evangelize, and train the Deaf of Burkina Faso...

Loving Savior, guide local Deaf who will be a part of a Scripture project in Burkina Sign Language...

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20

Vaikhanasa Brahmans *of India*



Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

AMOS 5:23-24

The Vaikhanasa Brahmins number 1,220,000 and are found throughout all the districts of the state of Andhra Pradesh in South India. They are Hindus who speak the Telugu language and are classified as a forward (socially advanced) caste. Many of them are priests in Vishnu temples and, as such, wear a silk “dhoti” (a cloth wrapped around their waists), a vertical line of red pigment on their foreheads, and the sacred thread across their bodies. These people are highly revered in their society and spend much time in religious acts and strict observance of rituals.

PRAYER STARTERS

Heavenly Father, may the truth of the gospel be boldly spoken by believers to the Vaikhanasa Brahmins...

Father, may You break down barriers that keep them from believing the gospel...

O Lord, may the truth set them free, and may they worship You alone...



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Yezidi Kurds *of Iraq*

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God. Many will
see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

PSALM 40:3

The Yezidi Kurds are an ancient religious minority group distinguishable from their Iraqi neighbors by their worship of God through a mediator called the Peacock Angel. Ask any Yezidi Kurd the significance of the number 74, and they will tell you: It represents the number of genocides faced by the Yezidi people over the course of their history. The most recent genocide in 2014 by ISIS resulted in the death or abduction of an estimated 10,000 Yezidi Kurds. The survivors of the 2014 genocide have deep scars. They have been pushed to Europe as refugees. Even so, the door for gospel access among Yezidi Kurds has opened like never before.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, we pray for the Yezidi city of Shingal, which is plagued with infighting, to have political peace. We pray even more for hearts to have peace through Christ...

Father, we pray that refugees outside Iraq will hear the gospel message and believe...

God, work among the many hopeless Yezidi living in camps so that they may find healing and hope...

Beni Shangul of Ethiopia

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... and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation. **ROMANS 15:20**

The Beni Shangul people, residing in western Ethiopia and straddling the border with Sudan, have been marginalized for centuries. Originally, they came from Sudan but found security in this remote area surrounded by mountain forests through which passes the famous Blue Nile River. The largest dam in Africa is in this region, although the Beni Shangul receive minimal benefit from the electricity that it provides. The Beni Shangul tribe in Ethiopia numbers 260,000 people who are 100% Islamic and speak their own language. There is no Scripture in the Beni Shangul language. There are few educational opportunities and few health centers serving this area.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, may Your Holy Spirit visit this isolated tribe, showing Your grace to bring them to saving faith...

Father, raise up godly leaders among the Beni Shangul tribe who can teach others the way...

Heavenly Father, create a means of access to this isolated location so that Your gospel can be heard and Jesus will be called upon...



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23

Borgu Fulbe *of Togo*

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the
sight of the nations. **PSALM 98:2**

The presence of the nomadic Fulfulde-speaking people stretches across many countries of West Africa, including Togo. Young Borgu Fulbe boys are trained to herd cattle and goats with only a slender stick to keep them in line. A boy's rite of passage involves being beaten on the chest with sticks without showing emotion. The Borgu Fulbe are often considered to be dangerous by the people groups living in the areas where they tend their herds. The primary religion among the Borgu Fulbe is Islam mixed with animistic beliefs. While there has been openness to the gospel in other countries where the Fulfulde-speaking people reside, those in Togo are still very resistant to hearing about Christ.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, open the hearts and minds of the Borgu Fulbe to receive Your gospel...

Lord, reveal Yourself to the Borgu Fulbe through dreams as You are already doing among the Fulani in other countries...

Father, help Fulani Christians to stand firm in their faith and lovingly share truth with their families...

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24

Salar of China

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

LUKE 24:27



The Salar people are proud of their culture and history, and they are proud to be Muslim. The majority of Salar live along China's Qinghai-Gansu border, and theirs is predominantly an agricultural society. In 1933, a small chapel was opened in the main Salar town and the gospel was preached, but with very little influence among the Salar. In the decades since, their spiritual situation remains largely unchanged. Though a handful of Salar believers now exist, no church has ever been established among them. Most Salar will continue to cling to the only way they know--their Muslim heritage and beliefs--until they are told that there is another way.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, send Chinese Christians to live among the Salar, sharing with them the hope they have in Jesus...

Holy Spirit, as the Salar hear stories from the Bible, cause a hunger to grow in their hearts that compels them to seek and find Jesus...

God, bring Salar believers together as a church...



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Mansi *of Russia*

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **JOHN 17:3**

The Mansi, a western Siberian people, live mainly in the Ob River Basin of central Russia. The long, harsh winters and summer flooding cause the Mansi to be seminomadic and dependent on fishing and hunting. The population has dwindled to about 13,000 over the years, and their way of life has changed as industry has moved in around them. The Mansi have some distant history with Christianity; however, only 0.6% are classified as evangelical. The majority are animistic in practice. The Mansi are hard to get to geographically, thereby making it difficult to reach them with the gospel. The Bible has not yet been translated completely into their language.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, please draw workers to the Mansi so that they can hear the good news and lives will be changed...

Spirit, direct plans to provide the Bible in the language of the Mansi...

Father, we pray that the Mansi will know You as the only true God...

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Cujareno of Peru

Yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding ... then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. **PROVERBS 2:3-5**



The Cujareno people live in Peru's southeastern region, close to the border with Brazil and Bolivia. Their huts, built on the banks of the Las Piedras River in the Alto Purus National Park, are constructed from palm leaves. Though long uncontacted, they engaged in distant communication with the Yine tribe across the river in the summer of 2013. The event was tense, with the tribe asking for bananas, rope, and machetes. Soon after, the Cujareno left the area. Because of their isolated existence, little is known about their way of life. In an effort by the government to protect the Cujareno, outsiders are not allowed access to this people group.

PRAYER STARTERS

God, You who can move mountains, also move governments to allow access to the Cujareno people...

Lord, please lay on the hearts of indigenous believers the need to reach the Cujareno and give them ways to communicate...

May the Cujareno be open to receive the good news and believe in faith...

Global Prayer



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27

Deaf of Iran

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? **ROMANS 10:13-14**

Research shows that there are many Deaf schools throughout Iran and that the Deaf community there is well organized. Most Deaf there are a part of Muslim families. The number of evangelical Christians among the 850,000 Deaf in the country is unknown, but reports indicate that there are only a handful of them. Contacts with the Deaf from Iran have been made in neighboring countries where workers are discipling a few new Deaf believers. Opportunities for these new believers to return home and share the gospel are often limited and very risky. Plans being made for a nonresident approach to engagement are still in the early stages.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father God, please give the Deaf in Iran dreams and visions that draw them to You...

King Jesus, provide training in neighboring countries and opportunities to engage Deaf communities face-to-face...

Omnipotent Lord, lead the plans of a Scripture translation project in Persian Sign Language...

WEEK
28

Cantonese *of China*

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**



Before Granny B., a Cantonese Chinese woman, came to faith, she had never heard of Jesus. As her faith grew and she was baptized, the joy she exuded was evident to everyone. She would constantly remind others that Jesus was coming for her soon. Granny B. went to be with Jesus less than a year after she was baptized. Months later, friends and family members shared how they were still moved by Granny B.'s faith. During the brief time before she passed away, her faith was obvious because of the joy she had, the smile on her face, and her constant reassurances that Jesus, her Lord and Savior, was taking her to her heavenly home.

PRAYER STARTERS

Even among people groups considered to be reached, there are those who have not yet heard the gospel. God, increase the church's passion to reach them...

Fountain of Joy, fill believers with a life of joy that points others to You...

Praise You, Lord, for new believers with new life in Christ. May they grow in faith...



WEEK
29

Malaweg *of the Philippines*

Declare His glory among
the nations, His marvelous works
among all the peoples! **PSALM 96:3**

The Malaweg of the Philippines number about 21,000 and are classified as an unengaged and unreached people group. They live in the Cagayan Valley region of the Philippines. They have a reputation for being quiet, humble, modest, and loyal. The Malaweg's main source of income is farming rice and corn and also fishing. They speak Itawit and practice marginal Christianity. Beginning in the 1500s, Catholic Spanish missionaries and settlers first brought Christianity to the Philippine Islands. From the teachings of these early missionaries, the Malaweg have intertwined their ritual practices and animistic beliefs with Christianity to form the type of religion they follow today.

PRAYER STARTERS

Creator God, may the Malaweg people be brought out of darkness to understand the truth they hold from past missionary teachings...

Gracious Lord, call local and overseas believers to adopt the Malaweg in prayer and going...

Praise You, God, for the precious Malaweg people who will be around Your throne on that final day...

Northern Saami *of Sweden*

WEEK
30



Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **JOHN 7:38**

The Saami are an indigenous people residing in Sweden, Norway, and Finland. They number around 6,000 in Sweden and 52,000 globally. Many are nomadic, working as reindeer herders or fishermen. This has served as a gospel barrier, as pastors and church planters struggle to effectively reach a people who continually travel. The Saami typically live in harsh, arctic environments with sparse populations and speak a language different from other national languages; this presents another challenge to reaching and connecting with them. Historically, the Saami have adhered to shamanistic and animistic traditions. There have been some efforts by believers to reach the Saami in Norway and Finland in recent years, but the Saami in Sweden remain unengaged and unreached.

PRAYER STARTERS

In 2019, a new translation of the Bible was released in the Saami language. May Your Word penetrate the hearts of the Saami...

Lord, as many Saami shift from nomadic lifestyles to more traditional professions, please use believers in the workplace to share the gospel with them...

Holy Spirit, stir the hearts of Nordic believers to reach their Saami neighbors...



WEEK
31

Manga Kanuri *of Nigeria*

And you will feel secure, because there is hope; you will look around and take your rest in security. **JOB 11:18**

The Manga Kanuri of Nigeria are located in an area of the country that faces great insecurity and frequent terrorist activity by Boko Haram. The almost 400,000 Manga Kanuri are part of the larger Kanuri group of more than 7 million people who are found in both Niger and Nigeria. The Kanuri are devout Muslims, and there are very few who have chosen to follow Christ. While there is long-standing gospel work among the Kanuri, including Bible translations, the work has been slow and the results have been small. However, in recent years, as people have directed their prayers towards the Manga Kanuri, several have chosen to follow Christ.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, bring thoughts of biblical truths to the minds of the Manga Kanuri who have heard of Your love through the “JESUS” film...

Lord, strengthen new believers and help them to stand strong even in persecution...

Prince Jesus, bring peace around the Manga Kanuri, as terrorists have taken over their part of Nigeria...

WEEK
32

Bakho *of India*

The next day he [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” **JOHN 1:29**



The Bakho are a Muslim people group in northern India numbering approximately 26,000. They are some of the poorest people in the world. Some of the first Bakho who heard the gospel and believed were women. A South Asian Christian shared Bible stories with two Muslim women, and they began to meet regularly to study God’s Word. The first woman from this unengaged, unreached people group to believe shared the gospel with dozens of people between 2019 and 2020, one of those being her husband, whose life was radically changed by Jesus. Women trusted that God would bring their husbands to faith, and He did! Now households are gathering in worship.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, raise up more Bakho to share the gospel with Muslim neighbors and friends...

Father, we ask that Bakho believers will gather in healthy churches and practice discipleship as they learn Your Word together...

Lord, give Bakho men, women, and children the strength to stand firm in their faith when they face persecution ...



WEEK
33

Turkmen *of Central Asia*

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. **EPHESIANS 2:19-20**

The Turkmen people have been working to develop their identity in the world since the fall of the Soviet Union. Oppressive measures of control, however, have made that process difficult. Many struggle to make ends meet due to little work, few opportunities, and a sense of hopelessness. Nearly 40% of Turkmenistan's population live and work in other countries to help family back home. The resulting parental void erodes their traditional understanding of family. Restrictions make it difficult for gospel workers to enter Turkmenistan, and a threat of persecution hinders the growth of the church. Even so, nothing is truly an obstacle to God and His plan of salvation among the Turkmen.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, we especially pray for the 244,000 Turkmen who live in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Lead them to local believers...

Father, repair the eroding understanding of family and establish godly Turkmen mothers and fathers who are members of Your household...

God, open the doors for gospel workers to live in Turkmenistan...

WEEK
34

Malian Tamasheq *of Niger*



All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. **PSALM 22:27**

In the 15th century, ancestors of the Malian Tamasheq controlled the city of Timbuktu. Back then, it was a prosperous trading center as well as a place of literary brilliance and learning. Guiding their camel caravans, the veiled Malian Tamasheq and their Tuareg cousins were kings of the Sahara. Today, their homeland is carved up into different countries, with 12,000 Malian Tamasheq living in Niger. Due to drought and political unrest, their nomadic, pastoralist lifestyle is drastically changing, causing the majority to live in poverty and need. A host of superstitious beliefs are practiced beneath the veneer of Islam. A few individuals, by putting their faith in Jesus, have turned to the Lord.

PRAYER STARTERS

Good Shepherd, give these people who live in fear a hunger to seek You...

Lord, give the Malian Tamasheq access to the Bible, the "JESUS" film, and the gospel recordings that are available in their language...

God, may families of this nation bow together in worship before You as You build Your church...



WEEK
35

Sammarinese *of San Marino*

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world. **ACTS 17:30-31**

In north-central Italy sits the world's oldest republic, San Marino. Situated completely within Italy, it is one of only three landlocked countries in the world that lie inside another country. The legend of its origin surrounds a stonemason who came to build a monastery and escape persecution for his beliefs by the Roman emperor Diocletian. His motto of freedom has inspired the country over the years, with "Libertas" (Freedom) also being San Marino's motto. In spite of this, much of the country's influence is intertwined with and dependent on that of Italy, including its identification with the Roman Catholic Church. Only 0.07% of its citizens, the Sammarinese, are evangelical; the country is both unengaged and unreached.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, we pray for believers from Italy and other European countries to share the truth of the gospel with the Sammarinese...

God, we pray that the illusion of freedom that the Sammarinese live under will be shown to be false by the truth of Your Word...

Holy Spirit, prepare the hearts of the Sammarinese to hear and receive the message of salvation...

WEEK
36

Manyika of Mozambique

In that day man will look to his Maker,
and his eyes will look on the Holy One of
Israel. **ISAIAH 17:7**



For many years, prayers have been lifted up for the Manyika, an unengaged, unreached people group living in Mozambique near the Zimbabwean border, where 99.8% are nonbelievers. Praise the Lord that after many years of preparation, a young couple arrived in April 2021 to begin ministry among them! They have begun visiting existing churches in the province, near where the Manyika are located, in hopes of developing relationships with Mozambican believers they can partner with to reach the only remaining unengaged, unreached people group in Mozambique with a population of more than 100,000 people.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, we pray for partnerships to be developed with national believers for making disciples and planting churches among the Manyika...

Jesus, open their hearts to receive the gospel, breaking their ties with animistic worship and false prophets...

Lord, we ask for contact to be made with Manyika in the provincial capital...



WEEK
37

Japanese *of Japan*

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

PSALM 113:3

For almost half a millennium, Japan, the “Land of the Rising Sun,” has had a witness to Almighty God. Yet, heartbreakingly, all too few know of the presence and power of the risen Son. Disasters, both man-made as well as natural ones, have come upon them, and yet they have stoically endured because that is what they have been taught to do. Since the Good Shepherd left the 99 to search for the one who was lost, we thank God even now, knowing that He will certainly leave the 1% in good hands to search for the 99% in Japan who are still lost.

PRAYER STARTERS

Son of God, help the church to act on the fact that they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them...

Holy Spirit, help Your believers in Japan to be salt, light, and leaven to the nation...

Father, give the Japanese Christians a burning passion to reach their own...

Kui of Thailand

For it is you who light my lamp; the
LORD my God lightens my darkness.

PSALM 18:28



The Kui of Thailand is a minority group numbering about 369,000 in Thailand and also scattered throughout Laos and Cambodia. Thankfully, those in Thailand received the gospel over 50 years ago by Western missionaries. Churches were planted, and people were discipled. However, that generation of believers is dying out without strong discipleship and reproduction, creating a whole new generation of Kui people growing up without the gospel. The Kui church is not strong enough to reverse this trend. God has lit a fire of hope, however, in Tha Tum district, home of the famous Elephant Village. It is one of the most spiritually dark places in Kui Land, but the gospel light is penetrating the darkness through Thai believers.

PRAYER STARTERS

Merciful God, bring revival within the Kui church as Thai believers share...

Light of the world, grant favor in the use of the Kui Bible and the Kui "JESUS" film so that Kui people are discipled to reproduce themselves...

Lord of the harvest, send laborers especially to ThaTum district...



WEEK
39

Tindi *of Russia*

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

ISAIAH 55:12

More than 5,000 Tindi people live in 14 mountain villages along the Andi-Koisu River Valley in the North Caucasus region of Russia. The Tindi have followed Islam for many centuries and consider themselves to be Muslim, but they also practice ancient nature worship of the sun, moon, and other created things. The Tindi language is one of nine languages making up the Andic language family and is part of the larger Avar community. Tindi is not a written language; those who are able to read use the Avar language. There are no known believers from among this people. Pray that one day, joyful singing to Jesus Christ will break forth from these 14 villages.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, please establish a church among the Tindi people. Burden Russian believers to pray for Tindi villages and find ways to reach them with the gospel...

Father, may many Tindi people encounter the gospel through online resources, dreams, or encounters with Russian believers...

God, we pray for the creation of audio and video gospel resources in the Tindi language...

WEEK
40

Hindi-speaking Jains *of India*



For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

India is home to nearly 1.1 million Hindi-speaking Jains, but this large unengaged, unreached people group represents a miniscule percentage of that country's population. Jains have very distinct beliefs and practices. While many Hindus avoid eating meat, most Jains follow a far stricter diet, also eliminating root vegetables such as garlic, onions, and potatoes because they do not want to risk injuring insects or organisms. Out of this same desire to show respect to all living things, many Jain monks and nuns opt to wear cloth masks on their faces and sweep the ground in front of them as they walk to avoid accidentally ingesting--or stepping on--any creatures.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, give believers a growing desire to proclaim the gospel of Jesus to Hindi-speaking Jains...

Lord Jesus, open the eyes and hearts of Jains across India to understand that it is You alone who deserve their reverence and praise...

Lord, please show them that the path of following You is paved with abundant grace...



WEEK
41

Western Chinantec *of México*

Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me; let them bring me to
your holy hill and to your dwelling! **PSALM 43:3**

Living among the mountainous regions of southern Mexico, the approximately 6,000 Western Chinantec make a living through agricultural and indigenous practices that have been passed down from generation to generation. While Roman Catholic in name, they have many traditions that have been passed down from their ancestors and incorporated into everyday religious practices. Gratitude and petitions are often offered to both the natural forces as well as to various saints and idols to ensure a successful harvest and protection of the community. It is also a common practice to visit “curanderos,” or healers, who practice the art of healing through hallucinogenic medicines. Possibly, the Chinantec believe that one is born with multiple souls.

PRAYER STARTERS

Thank You, Lord, that the Chinantec are generally peaceful people. Produce in them a desire for salvation through You...

Oh God, how mixed earthly religions can be! Please lead the Chinantec to that which is pure and of You...

Giver of life, may the Chinantec derive their life and purpose under Your lordship...

WEEK
42

Deaf of Laos



In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. **ISAIAH 29:18**

Laos is home to more than 70,000 Deaf people, and because of restricted access in this communist country, opportunities to engage them with the gospel in the local sign language are extremely limited. In addition, many of the places where the Deaf live are difficult to reach due to a number of physical factors. Currently, Laotian partners are gaining entry at times, plans are in place to begin evangelistic outreach in certain areas of the country, and the opportunity to begin work on the translation of Scripture stories/passages in Laotian Sign Language is being scheduled.

PRAYER STARTERS

Jesus, clear the path for workers who have plans for a long-term Bible project that will provide 300 Scripture passages in Laotian Sign Language...

Ruler of all, guide recently deployed workers as they learn the local sign language and culture so that communication will not be hindered...

Holy One, guide Deaf partners who have contacts and plans to engage locals with the good news...



WEEK
43

Northern Dong *of China*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! **PSALM 98:4-5**

The nearly 1.5 million Northern Dong of China believe that singing gives life to the spirit, and as an oral society, they use music to communicate their history. They live in villages of 200 to 300 families, and the local drum tower, built without the use of nails, is the central meeting place. Their celebrations produce only temporary joy, as superstitions and fears continue to plague them. The younger Northern Dong tend not to follow any religion, making their hearts fallow fields for gospel seeds. Though churches were built decades ago, with no written gospel materials available in their language, it's not surprising that there are fewer than 600 Christians among them today.

PRAYER STARTERS

God, may gospel songs and stories in their heart language be heard and then passed down from generation to generation...

Father, as the Northern Dong drink of the Living Water, may they find the joy they have been searching for...

Magnificent Lord, may today's drum towers be tomorrow's places of worship to You...

WEEK
44

Sudra Das *of India*



To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. **ACTS 26:18**

A land of rolling hills, flowing rivers, thick forests, and beautiful tea gardens, the northeastern state of Assam is home to the unengaged, unreached Sudra Das of India. Numbering 869,000, the Sudra Das speak Bengali and practice Hinduism. In a state filled with famous Hindu temples, a long, rich Hindu heritage makes it hard for the Sudra Das to put their faith in Christ.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord of the harvest, send out laborers into the harvest field of Assam to share the good news with the Sudra Das, where the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few...

Holy Spirit, open the eyes of the Sudra Das of Northeast India so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God...

Father, as the Sudra Das hear the gospel, give them ears to hear and hearts to respond so they may repent and receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ...



WEEK
45

Parya *of Central Asia*

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

PSALM 66:16

The Parya people, numbering only 3,000, are a poor minority group in Central Asia. They stand out with their dark skin and unique language spoken at home. A few years ago, a local believer's employment took him to a Parya village. Over time, he and others shared the gospel with the villagers, and God opened hearts. Parya villagers gathered to worship and study Scripture. Their group grew to 30 people, and in 2021, 10 people were baptized. Now, a Parya man from within the group is taking over pastoral leadership. His heart is to mobilize the small fellowship to share truth with other minority villages.

PRAYER STARTERS

God, use this small group of Parya believers to reach many other villages with Your good news...

Lord, we pray that You will strengthen these new believers and help them to trust in You as they face persecution from their neighbors...

Father, provide for those who need employment...

WEEK
46

Spaniards *of Spain*



As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

Spain is a predominately Roman Catholic nation, with three-quarters of the population self-defining as such. However, less than 20% of them can be found attending mass on any given day. Moreover, 13% of Spaniards are atheists and 11% are agnostics. All other religious groups make up less than 3% of the population; this includes the percentages for Judaism, Islam, and Protestantism combined. Less than 1.5% are evangelical. The result is a highly secular society, especially among young adults ages 18 to 24, who make up the most unreached segment of society. Although many consider themselves to be “spiritual,” less than half of them claim to believe in a god.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord Jesus, we pray for Your Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of young adults...

God, we ask for Your wisdom, boldness, and direction for national believers and field personnel as they work together...

Father, we pray for local churches to have a deep desire to reach young adults...



WEEK
47

Bangingi of Malaysia

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. **ROMANS 6:17-18**

History paints a gruesome picture of a tribe located in Malaysia and the Philippines called Bangingi Sama. Hundreds of years ago, this Muslim tribe obtained slaves to sell to the ruling powers of the day. Along the northwestern coast of the island of Mindanao in the Philippines, ancient ruins of Muslim watchtowers erected to scout the ocean for Bangingi slave traders can still be found. Historically, the Bangingi have been resistant to the gospel. Geographically, they are very difficult to reach. Outsiders are reluctant to enter their areas, and there is strong opposition to the gospel. Among the estimated 150,500 Bangingi living in the Philippines and Malaysia, there are only about 25 believers.

PRAYER STARTERS

Omnipotent God, watch over gospel-centered education centers that will give the Bangingi an opportunity to hear truth...

Jesus, guide local believers as they seek to reach the Bangingi and prompt others to pray earnestly...

Spirit, draw the Bangingi to redemption of their past and freedom from slavery to sin...

WEEK
48

Motilone-Bari *of Venezuela*



Love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

JOSHUA 22:5

The Motilone-Bari live in the Amazon jungle of Venezuela. They are hunter-gatherers who live off their surroundings for survival. Skilled in jungle botany, they utilize the majority of the plants around them. They believe that they have deceived God and, therefore, have lost their way to Him. Convinced that God lives beyond the horizon and that life is like a trail, they rely on their chief to lead and guide them on that trail. They trust in the power of the witch doctors to heal them. While many Motilone-Bari who live in Colombia have turned to Christ, the approximately 2,400 living in Venezuela still cling to their animistic beliefs.

PRAYER STARTERS

Father, while You live in heaven, You are also present on earth. Please guide believers to go to the Motilone-Bari...

Savior, in place of witch doctors for healing, lead the Motilone-Bari to complete healing, both physically and spiritually...

Lord, reveal to the Motilone-Bari that no one is too lost for You to save them...



WEEK
49

Figig Berbers *of Algeria*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. **PSALM 89:1**

There are about 10 million Berbers, native inhabitants of the North Africa region. The Figig Berbers of Algeria are one subset who number 74,500 and live in the harsh environment of the Sahara desert. Centuries ago, after the Arab invasion, the area was affected both culturally and religiously by Islam, a monotheistic religion that follows the teachings of the Quran and claims Muhammad as its prophet. The Figig Berbers, like most other Berber groups, succumbed to Islam, yet they are one of several tribes who have maintained their traditions and customs. Their primary language is Central Atlas Tamazight, which has portions of Scripture available in it.

PRAYER STARTERS

God Almighty, send Your children to live among the Figig Berbers so that Your faithfulness will be made known to each generation...

Jesus Messiah, establish Your church among the Figig Berbers so they may have eternal life and proclaim truth...

Spirit of God, orchestrate the completion of Your Word in the Central Atlas Tamazight language...

WEEK
50

Fulanke *of Mali*



And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

HEBREWS 11:6

The Fulanke, also known as the Peul of Arbala, are one segment of a vast people known as the Fulani. Fulani are typically nomadic herdsman, but the Fulanke are unique in that they have inter-married with Malinke women and have settled down as farmers. While they continue to be proud of their Fulani heritage, the Fulanke no longer speak any of the many dialects within the Fulani languages. Instead, they speak a language of the area in which they live. Like their ancestors, the Fulanke say that “to be Fulanke is to be Muslim”; however, they live in fear of spirits and are steeped in animistic religious practices.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, encourage believers among the Fulanke. Help them to continue walking the path of Jesus and allow their testimony to draw others...

Father, be with a family living among the Fulanke. Help them to believe that You will provide for all of their needs...

God, prepare a national research team to go into villages, gather accurate information, and declare the good news...



WEEK
51

Deaf *of the Balkans*

Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

ISAIAH 43:7

Nine primary countries make up the countries of the Balkans, with Serbia being the largest and Montenegro being the smallest. There are more than 300,000 Deaf living in these nine nations, many of which were a part of the old Yugoslavian empire. There are Deaf schools in all of these countries, but most of the Deaf struggle to live and deal with systems that keep them down. Good, sustainable employment isn't accessible to most Deaf people in the Balkans. Scripture in the sign languages of these countries is also not accessible. There are no known Deaf churches and few Deaf believers.

PRAYER STARTERS

Lamb of God, encourage national partners in neighbouring countries who are committed to engaging, discipling, and training Deaf Christians...

Faithful Father, guide workers who will be working with these partners to expand the reach in every Deaf community...

Rabbi, direct a project that has already begun to translate 300 Bible passages into these nine sign languages...

WEEK
52

Middle Easterners *Engage Diaspora*



And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

Ali,* an Arab man from the Middle East, traveled to another country in the region on business. When planning to return home, travel restrictions were implemented, and Ali had to postpone his flight. He took that opportunity to share the good news with fellow countrymen who were also stranded. Several of them were intrigued with what he said and made the decision to follow the Savior. Ali led them to faith and taught them basic lessons in following Jesus. He plans to continue discipleship with these men during future visits. Ali was faithful, and God used him to lead people to Himself.

(*name changed)

PRAYER STARTERS

Lord, thank You for changing Ali's plans, leading to new brothers and sisters...

Oh God, help new believers to be bold in their witness with discernment when sharing in their community, even when persecution is a strong possibility...

Lord, continue to lead the few believers in this people group to reach their own...



IMB *prayer* CHAMPION

Let's identify an IMB Prayer Champion in every church—someone who will partner with the pastor in keeping prayer for the nations a priority. An IMB Prayer Champion commits to consistently challenge their church or network to pray regularly for missions, adopt a missionary, pray for unengaged peoples, and periodically host, or help coordinate, prayer events.

The IMB commits to keep the IMB Prayer Champion informed of new prayer resources, great articles, and fresh ideas for leading prayer times and events. An online prayer course, *A Voice for the Nations*, is now available for individuals or cohorts.

This prayer champion initiative is suitable for every church, whether you have an existing prayer ministry or simply the vision to begin. For a larger church or an association, it would be appropriate to have more than one prayer champion with an IMB Prayer Champion Coordinator. Start where you are and grow from there! As the network of prayer champions expands, we can learn from each other.

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A voice FOR THE NATIONS

What will it take to reach the remaining 3,180 Unengaged Unreached People Groups (UUPGs)? These are people God loves who will be part of that great multitude before the throne and before the Lamb. We can all agree: Every people group deserves a gospel witness!

Did you know that if each association in the SBC adopted just three UUPGs and committed to enlist churches to pray for them, we could cover every remaining people group that has no known active church-planting effort?

The new prayer course, *A Voice for the Nations*, is now available online. The course lays a foundation for prayer and helps a congregation understand how to adopt a UUPG. Adoption is an act of love and commitment. You are saying that these people are now your people. Your church or association will pray for them regularly, asking God to help you understand the people group, to send believers to their area to proclaim the gospel, and to soften the hearts of the people to hear His Word.

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