# Unreached

# **#** of the Day NOV/DEC 2023

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# **NOVEMBER**



## ■ 1 Sherdukpen in Bhutan

Buddhism first came to the Sherdukpen in the mid-1700s, and they have remained loyal to that religion ever since. Buddhism and the flexible mindset it fosters allow people to accept or reject any aspect of a faith system. It will be difficult for the Sherdukpen people to accept the truths of the gospel.

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, —2 Thessalonians 3:1

- Pray that the eyes of the Sherdukpen people would be opened, so they can see Jesus as he is.
- Pray for Christian believers to come to them with the gospel.
- Pray that soon they would be discipled in the ways of Jesus, resulting in transformed communities.

# 2 Nepali in Malaysia

Nepalese migrant workers have come to Malaysia, especially urban areas, to earn more income. Most of the Nepalese who go abroad are educated males from middle class families. Like other vulnerable migrant workers, Nepalis in Malaysia are often too busy trying to survive to think about spiritual matters.

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. —2 Thessalonians 3:5

- Pray for the Nepali people in Malaysia to have a desire for spiritual truth that will lead them to the cross
- Pray for many to find the Savior and tell of His glory to other Nepalis.

## 3 Hindu Megh in Pakistan

The Meghwals were originally Mahars from Maharashtra (meaning the land of the Mahars) and are a very low status group. To get away from their low status, they migrated and changed their name 26 times. Many of the Meghwals live on both sides of the Pakistan-India border. A few Meghwals (Meghs) came to Christ in the 1860s. They were the ones that led the Punjabi Christians to the Lord.

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

- Pray for Pakistan's Megh population to have spiritual discernment and the courage to look to the cross.
- Pray for an abundance of biblical materials in their Sindhi language.

## 4 Sarki in Bhutan

Bhutan is Buddhist, but the Sarki are Hindus. While there are some Christians among the Bhutanese, there are none among the Sarkis. Why are Hindu Sarkis living among Buddhists? They do so because of community status; cobblers and leather-working Sarkis are stigmatized by Hindus. By living here, they avoid the stigma.

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. —2 Timothy 2:25-26

- Pray for protection of Sarki women from sex trafficking.
- Pray for the development and acceptance of job training.
- Pray Bhutanese Christians would seek them out to win them to Christ and disciple them.

# ■ 5 Lunape in Bhutan

The Lunape are Tibetan Buddhist, a mixture of Buddhism and pre-Buddhist shamanistic beliefs and practices of the Bon religion. Economically, they need to diversify beyond agriculture due to climate change. No Christian materials exist in their native language, Lunanakha. There is no JESUS Film, no Bible, no tracts, no Bible recordings, nor Bible radio transmissions in their language. At this point, only those who understand Bhutanese can be reached by existing resources.

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you. —Titus 1:5

- Pray for spiritual hunger and for Bible translators to meet that hunger.
- Pray that the JESUS Film would be available in their language.

## ■ 6 Pajonal Asheninka in Peru

The Pajonal Asheninka of Peru live on the eastern slopes of the Andes Mountains. They failed to incorporate into the Incan Empire, and they were often enslaved in the 20th century. The rubber industry trespassed on their traditional lands. They were subject to terrorism in the 1990s and outsiders introduced infections that further stressed their culture. They have four or five churches, and they have the New Testament in their language.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. —Hebrews 1:1-2

- Pray for the Lord's protection.
- Pray that Christianity would not become blended with their old religion.
- Pray these animists will see power in the gospel.



## ■ 7 Deori in India

The Deori have successfully preserved their tribal identity by avoiding racial mixing and intermarriage. Their region in northeastern India has very little industrial development, so they rely heavily on agriculture for sustenance. Deori extended families live together in one dwelling.

How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, —Hebrews 2:3

- Pray for the Lord to call forth missionaries who will lovingly serve among the Deori.
- Pray for opportunities for the few Deori believers to disciple others from their families and villages.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Deori that will not be satisfied until they embrace the Savior.

## ■ 8 Hindu Deshwali in India

The term "Deshwali" combines "Desh," meaning "country," and "wali," meaning "lord." They are a Rajput community whose ancestors were prestigious warriors who eventually settled as landowners, and many Deshwalis are still landholders. Agriculture is their primary occupation, and they employ modern farming techniques. The community has a council responsible for safeguarding its interests. Unlike other Rajput groups, the Deshwalis do not have a system of gotras or clans.

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil. —Hebrews 2:14

- Pray for the Deshwali to find the joy and peace that only comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for council leaders to initiate a Disciple Making Movement in their community.

## ■ 9 Daizhan in China

In the old days, when a Daizhan couple decided to marry, the groom would select a date, gather flute players, and dance around the bride's home until nightfall. At dawn he would gather her in his arms and take her into the forest for the wedding. One month after the wedding, the wife would take her new husband to visit her parents. He would apologize to his in-laws for taking their daughter and give grain to his father-in-law as a gift of gratitude.

For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. —Hebrews 3:3

- Pray for the Lord's intervention in Daizhan families, drawing people to Himself.
- Pray for the establishment of a thriving churchplanting movement in their communities.

# ■ 10 Geman Deng in China

Geman Deng is one of the most difficult people groups in China to reach with the gospel as their communities are only accessible by boat or on foot. They believe they can temporarily calm the anger of the spirits and at appointed times offer sacrifices of animals. They are trapped in dire poverty, resulting from the killing of valuable livestock. Deng families often go into heavy debt to pay for the services of a shaman.

And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? —Hebrews 3:18

- Pray for Geman Deng people to find rest in new relationships with Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for church-planting and discipleship movements among this spiritually needy people group.

## ■ 11 Brahui in Turkmenistan

The exact origin of the term "Brahui" is unknown, but it is probably a derivative of the name "Abraham." Brahui people in Turkmenistan comprise a small group of the larger Brahui people group that is far more numerous in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Hebrews 4:16

- Ask the Lord to send laborers with servant hearts and adaptability to work among the Brahui in Turkmenistan, planting churches and developing Disciple Making Movements.
- Thank God for the availability of the New Testament, audio and the JESUS Film in the Brahui language.
- Pray that God would raise up a movement of strong, multiplying local churches among Brahui people.

# ■ 12 Chepang in India

Chepang (or Chewang) are one of the most isolated indigenous groups of India. They live near the Nepali border. Destruction of the forests and the demands of an increased population have caused vast land erosion, threatening their environment and their unique culture. Few have access to modern medicine or schools beyond the primary level. There might be opportunities for teachers and doctors to live among them.

And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him. —Hebrews 5:9

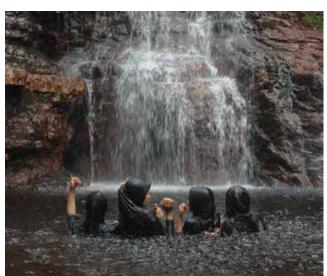
- Pray for believers to help them with basic skills needed in today's world.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will give Chepang people willingness to question Hinduism.
- Pray for church planting and discipleship movements within Chepang people.

## ■ 13 Bangka in Indonesia

The Bangka live on the island of Bangka in the South China Sea, off the east coast of Sumatra Island of Indonesia. Other Indonesians often visit this island because it has beautiful beaches. Inhabitants of the island are composed of two groups: those descended from the Malay and those descended from the Chinese. The Bangka Malay are Muslims; however, they are not orthodox in their beliefs.

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, —Hebrews 6:19

- Pray that there would be economic prosperity in the Bangka community, and that the Lord would be faithful in providing financial resources to struggling families.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among the Bangka, leading them to the cross.





## 14 Eli-Elat Banda in Indonesia

Growing nutmeg is a major source of income for the Banda islands along with fishing and agriculture. Tourism is becoming a major part of the economy. The inhabitants of the Banda islands became Muslims through the influence of Arab and Indian traders. Today the Eli-Elat Banda practice Islam combined with folk religion. They believe that spirits of nature dominate the environment in which they live.

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. —Hebrews 7:22

- Pray the Lord would send loving workers to the Banda.
- Pray the tiny group of believers would multiply and grow into many churches.

# ■ 15 Walang in Bhutan

Walang people have been traders in past times. When modern roads and transportation killed trade through the Walang area, many people were left in turmoil because they had completely relied on trade as their source of income. There were few crops planted in the Walang villages and few kept animals. They are still struggling with an economic transition.

But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. —Hebrews 8:6

- Without a single Christian believer, the Walang community will need people from India and Nepal to go to them.
- Pray that true churches would be planted, and disciples trained among them.

## ■ 16 Bayad in Mongolia

In the 13th century, the term "Mongol" grew into an umbrella term for a large group of tribes united under the rule of Genghis Khan. Ethnic distinctions among the Mongol subgroups are relatively minor. Tribal differences are usually not a political or social issue as Mongolia is a generally peaceful nation. The Bayad people are one of the Mongol tribes, residing in western Mongolia.

He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. —Hebrews 9:12

- Pray for the physical and material well-being of the Bayad people.
- Pray for the Bayad people to have spiritual hunger and discernment that will lead them to the cross.

## ■ 17 Uuld in Mongolia

Illiteracy is a major problem for the nomadic Uuld people. Their lifestyle is not conducive to the education of their children. Children who go to school often must quit early to help with their family business of caring for animals. These factors keep them from using any printed gospel material. Radio broadcasts might be useful.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. —Hebrews 10:23

- Pray that the Church would take Christ to them through the airwaves.
- Pray that Uuld people would embrace the truths of the Bible and forsake the spirit world.
- Pray that strong movements to Jesus would bring whole Uuld families into rich experiences of God's blessings.

## ■ 18 Kandu in Bangladesh

Modern Kandu people have left their old profession of parching grain and now work as merchants, moneylenders, shopkeepers and dealers in grain and spices. They have spread over South Asia, including Bangladesh. Almost all Kandu people are Hindu, even in Muslim Bangladesh.

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

- Pray for the gospel to penetrate Kandu families so that they will study God's word and share it with others.
- Pray for a discipleship and church planting movement to begin among Kandu people in Bangladesh.

# ■ 19 Korku in Bangladesh

Korku people are low status people who earn very little money. Each week they sell what they can produce through vegetables, the firewood they gather in the forests and other commodities. Those with more power take much of what the Korku earn. They need education to rise above the cycle of exploitation.

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2

- Pray for the Lord to provide for their physical and spiritual needs as a testimony of his power and love.
- Pray for workers who are driven by the love and boldness of the Holy Spirit to go to them, whatever the cost.
- Pray for a discipleship and church planting movement to Christ among them.

### 20 Baharlu in Iran

The Baharlu are a nomadic group who only live in Iran. They are known for their beautiful weavings and rugs, which are desired by many and fetch a high price. Similar to most nomads in Central Asia, the Baharlu livelihood is tied directly to their livestock.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. —Hebrews 13:2

- Pray that workers would be raised up and that they would be able to see the importance of Jesus.
- Pray that they would have what they need and show kindness to those around them.
- Pray for them to find Christian resources and have the spiritual hunger to seek Jesus.



## ■ 21 Gabri in Iran

Despite conversions to Islam, most Gabri speakers in Iran have remained faithful to the monotheistic Zoroastrian religion, which dates to the days of the Persian Empire. Zoroastrianism is one of the oldest remaining religions to date. This is a group that has suffered much abuse by outsiders, so it will be necessary to first win their trust.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

—James 1:5

- Pray they would benefit from relationships with Christ followers. May they find peace in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Gabri disciples who will make more disciples of Christ.
- Pray that the Gabri would have good health and strength in their communities.

### **22** Arabized Harasi in Oman

The Harasi are a tribe of Bedouins who raise camels and goats in the desert of Oman. As modern-day nomads, most use SUVs to move their herds to seasonal grazing lands. Their seasonal movement and remote isolation make it difficult to share the gospel with the Harasi. Some of the Harasi men work skilled positions in cities, returning to the desert for extended vacations. If these men could be reached with the saving message of Christ, they could carry the good news back to their families and tribe.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. —James 1:12

 Pray for God to establish His church among the Harasi and for them to become a light to other nomadic tribes.



## ■ 23 Luwathiya in Oman

The Luwathiya are the largest Shia Muslim group in Oman. Originally from Iran, they migrated to India, then to Oman. Many of the Luwathiya are wealthy and live in or near the capital of Muscat. The Bible has not been translated into Luwati.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. —James 1:22

- Pray for translators to complete a Luwati Bible.
- Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the Luwathiya people to receive his word.
- Pray for members of this people group to encounter God through internet evangelism.
- Pray for the Lord to move among the Luwathiya and establish his kingdom.



The Bawaria live throughout north and central India. The Sikh Bawaria are a low status group in society. The majority are semi-nomadic, working the land and tending animals for high status groups. Many Bawaria are illiterate, so gospel presentations must be oral.

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well.

—James 2:8

- Pray for literacy programs with biblical curriculum for sharing the gospel with the Bawaria.
- Pray for this unappreciated people group to understand that God greatly values them and sent his only Son to secure their salvation.
- Pray for mission workers who are willing to invest themselves in reaching the Bawaria.

## ■ 25 Sikh Jhinwar in India

The traditional occupations of the Jhinwar have been fishing and boating. Others work in agriculture as farmers or day laborers. The Jhinwar embrace Sikhism, which teaches that all people have equal access to God. The Sikh God is formless, without gender and is to be found in everyone. One gets closer to God by living a good life and by practicing charity. Like Hindus, Sikhs believe in reincarnation and the law of karma.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you doubleminded.—James 4:8

 Pray for the Lord to thrust out new workers who will lovingly stick with these people until they have a church planting movement.

### ■ 26 Sikh Mirasi in India

There are many subgroups among the Mirasi, and they live in various states in the northern parts of India. Many are laborers, farmers and vegetable sellers. The well-educated work in government or serve in the military. Some entertain at fairs and sing at weddings.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, -1 Peter 1:3

- Pray that they would be liberated by God's Holy Spirit from the many ties that bind them to lives that keep them from Christ's blessings.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint Mirasi families, especially the children, and to raise up a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses of Christ's mercy and love.

## 27 Kabirpanthi in India

The name Kabirpanthi means "the path of Kabir," a guru from the 15th century who wanted to find a unity between Hinduism and Islam. Most Kabirpanthi have a low level of literacy. They work as skilled and unskilled laborers. Some have opened shops while others work in construction and forestry.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation. —1 Peter 2:2

- Pray that God would overthrow spiritual forces of darkness opposing the spread of his gospel.
- Pray that many of the Kabirpanthi people would come to love the true God with their whole being and would walk in his ways.



Nanak was the founder of Sikhism. This Hindu storekeeper (1469-1539) had a life-changing spiritual experience, which incited him to travel for years seeking spiritual truths. A wealthy admirer funded a village for Guru Nanak and his followers after they settled in Punjab. Some followers remained as permanent residents of the village; many more made periodic visits to obtain Nanak's blessing. They listened to the teachings expressed there in numerous devotional hymns. Upon his death, Nanak chose a disciple to be his spiritual successor and leader of the emerging Sikh community: Nanakshahi.

For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. —1 Peter 1:24-25

 Pray that Jesus would reveal His nature and is salvation to the Nanakshahi community during their meditation and through the Scriptures.

## 29 Ramgarhia in India

Hailing from the Punjab state of northwestern India, the Ramgarhia community classifies as Sikh. Today the Ramgarhia hold the identity as a very well-educated and well-respected people, a significant change from their early low status. Due to the determination of early Ramgarhia influencers, the Indian status system fell in the Sikh community.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. -1 Peter 2:10

- Pray that God would increase their influence among Sikhs as He increases their understanding of His loving nature.
- Pray for disciples from the Sikh community to disciple others in the ways of Jesus Christ.

## ■ 30 Sikh Vaddar in India

The Vaddar earned the name "earth diggers" because of their traditional roles in stonecutting, digging wells and canals, and literally moving the earth. Today their work follows more contemporary blue-collar jobs such as agricultural labor, as higher status Hindus have replaced the Vaddar earthworking industry with mechanization. The Sikh Vaddar remain committed to the teachings of Sikhism.

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. -1 Peter 3:14-15

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Sikh Vaddar people hunger for God's love and truth.
- Pray for Sikh Vaddar families to seek understanding about Christ's work on the cross.12/1

# **DECEMBER**

# ■ 1 Dhimal in Nepal

Dhimal women are expert weavers and have unique dresses among the ethnic peoples of Nepal. Education is almost completely absent among them. As a landless people, hunting and gathering was the traditional occupation of Dhimal. Today they are farmers. They worship nature and household gods.

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, —1 Peter 3:15

- Pray that many Dhimal people in Nepal would seek their savior.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give courage to Dhimal people who desperately need a new spiritual beginning.
- Pray that churches and disciple making movements would begin within Dhimal villages.



## 2 Muslim Gaddi in Nepal

Gaddi people traditionally live in mountainous areas, working in animal husbandry and selling dairy products. They also own land and work as nomadic herdsmen. Today many in Nepal work in small businesses or as laborers. Few are using the Gaddi language; they prefer Urdu or other languages as a means of communication.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. —1 Peter 4:12

- Pray for open hearts and a thirst for the abundant, eternal life that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for dreams and visions among Gaddi elders, leading them to open their communities to seek the only savior.
- Pray that disciples and gospel work would spread throughout Gaddi communities.



Many churches have been established in the southern area of the Bobo Madare. Many have professed conversion to Christianity, but most of the population remains rooted in Islam and traditional animistic beliefs. They need open hearts. Life remains challenging for Bobo Madare people. Malaria, measles, meningitis and malnutrition annually take many lives. Healthcare is often inaccessible.

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. —1 Peter 5:5

- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers among this people and for persons of peace to welcome them.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a church planting and disciple making movement among this needy people group that will grow and bring glory to the only savior.

## ■ 4 Dogose in Burkina Faso

Dogose people in Burkina Faso are Sunni Muslims. They are only open to the rites and rituals of Islam, not salvation by the blood of a living savior. The New Testament, audio resources and the JESUS Film exist in Dogose, the spoken language of this people group. Those who follow Christ in Burkina Faso can take these resources to Dogose villages.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence. —2 Peter 1:2-3

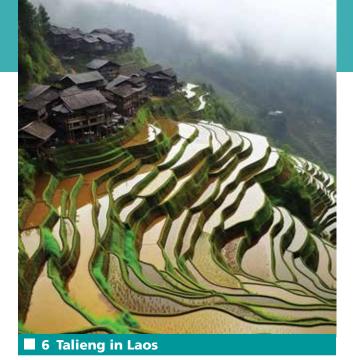
- Pray for spiritual receptivity and an understanding of their need for a righteous savior.
- Pray for a vibrant church planting movement that will begin with the leaders of the Dogose people.
- Pray for Dogose disciples who will make more disciples who will make even more disciples.

## ■ 5 Hmong Bua in Laos

After several generations of separation from their homeland, the Hmong Bua people in Laos have developed their own identity. Today most of the various Hmong subgroups do not acknowledge kinship with one another even if they speak the same language. They are only unreached in Laos.

By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. —2 Peter 1:4

- Pray for believers in Southeast Asia who are trained in telling gospel stories and producing audio and visual Bible resources to go to the Hmong Bua people in Laos
- Pray for Hmong Bua families to be drawn by the Holy Spirit to understand the adequacy of Christ's work on the cross.
- Pray that soon Hmong Bua disciples would reach others with the gospel in Laos.



Talieng means "headhunters," and they are concentrated in remote mountainous areas near Laos' border with Vietnam. There are Talieng Christians in Vietnam, but the massive mountains and political restrictions between Vietnam and Laos have prevented the gospel from spreading across the border.

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. —2 Peter 3:17

- Pray the Talieng people would hear and respond to the abundant grace of Jesus.
- Pray there would soon be a strong church planting movement among the Talieng of Laos.

## 7 Bukharic-speaking Jew in the US

Bukharic Jews were citizens of the USSR. With the break-up of the USSR, many left Russia for the United States. They settled in New York, Atlanta, Denver, Los Angeles and San Diego —centers of American Jewish community. They were so successful in blending into the American Jewish community that few Americans have ever heard of them. None are known to be Messianic.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. —2 Peter 3:18

- Pray that Messianic Jews would reach out to them with the gospel.
- Pray these Jews would become interested in both the Old and New Testaments.
- Pray that the Gentile church would adopt the Bukharic-speaking Jews for prayer and outreach.

## ■ 8 Bulgarian Jew in Bulgaria

Bulgaria was settled by Bulgars in the Middle Ages. Historically, Jews have been there since Roman times. In 1492, Spain expelled all Jews; some went to Bulgaria. Most Bulgarian Jews are elderly. In 1997, the Jewish community sought to revitalize Judaism through education and the introduction of Hebrew into public schools as a foreign language. Revitalization of Jewish communities may prove to be either an obstacle or a bridge of God for Bulgarian Jews. If the gospel is viewed as a threat to their Jewishness, it will be an obstacle.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. —1 John 1:5

 Pray that the Bulgarian Orthodox Church would become mission-minded and experience a Holy Spirit revitalization. May they actively seek the salvation of Bulgarian Jews.



9 Croatian-speaking Jew in Croatia

The Jews have been in Croatia since the third century. In the late 1940s, most Croatian Jews fled to Israel. While the Jews in Croatia tend to be secular, they maintain a strong Jewish cultural identity. Antisemitism has been increasing and is often perceived as coming from Christians in general.

Whoever says I know him but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. -1 John 2:4

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give the Jews of Croatia a spiritual hunger.
- Pray for them to realize their need for their Messiah.
- Ask God to counter the growing antisemitism and to demonstrate his love through compassionate Christ followers.

## ■ 10 Czech Jew in the Czech Republic

Jews have lived in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, since 970. As a result of the Holocaust, some of the Czech Jews now reject their Jewish heritage and ethnicity. Today, many Jews in the Czech Republic consider religion irrelevant. Some have converted to Catholicism and others have been assimilated into Czech culture.

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. -1 John 3:10

- Pray for God to give Jews in the Czech Republic a spiritual hunger.
- Pray for them to long for their Messiah and realize he is Jesus.
- Ask God to provide mission organizations and local Christian believers with opportunities to share the good news with Jews.

### ■ 11 Danish Jew in Denmark

Most Danish Jews are well educated and speak Danish along with other European languages. The majority live in the cities of Copenhagen and Arhus. Like the rest of European culture, younger Jews are becoming increasingly secular. They value education and career advancement while conservative Jews continue to resist being assimilated.

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

—1 John 4:4

- Pray for the Lord to draw the attention of the Jews in Denmark away from their worldly pursuits and toward his offer of salvation.
- Ask God to open their hearts to the good news.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up the right people to disciple the Danish Jews in his ways.

# **■ 12 French Jew in France**

French Jews have had a strong influence on the development of Europe, as well as on the traditions of Jews throughout the world. Like most of France and Europe, French Jews are increasingly secular and disinterested in spiritual matters.

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. -1 John 5:11-12

- Pray for mission activity focused on students, sports and social networks for the younger generation of Jews in France.
- Pray for God to give mission organizations innovative ideas for discipling the Jews of France in the ways of the Messiah.
- Pray for God to speak to the Jews in ways that cut through the distractions and noise of modern life.

# ■ 13 Hungarian-speaking Jew in Hungaria

Atrocities committed against Hungarian-speaking Jews during World War II are remembered with the help of a shoe memorial on the edge of the Danube River, commemorating a day when 800 Jews were murdered by Hungarian fascists. Today, Hungary welcomes the Jewish community. Two recent prime ministers were part-Jewish.

I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. —2 John 1:4

- Pray for the Hungarian-speaking Jews to realize their need for the Messiah.
- Ask God to stir their hearts and give them a hunger for his Son.

## 14 Kurdit Jew in Israel

The Kurdit (Kurdish background) Jews are from the parts of the Middle East where ethnic Kurds live and Kurdish customs thrive. Most have migrated to Israel where they join other Jewish communities. Kurdit Jews have unique origins, cultural traditions, professions and beliefs.

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, —2 John 1:10

- Pray for opportunities for the gospel to reach the hearts of Kurdish Jews in Israel.
- Pray for open hearts and minds, and for doubts and questions to be addressed through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for a movement toward Christ among the Kurdit Jewish community.
- Pray for Jewish leaders in Israel to recognize their Messiah.

# ■ 15 Portuguese-speaking Jew in Brazil

In Brazil, Jewish identity is often defined in secular terms, such as language and family traditions, rather than strict religious observances. Childhood plays a crucial role in understanding Jewish identity with storytelling, participation in festivals and Jewish education being important aspects. Engaging in interfaith dialogue to promote understanding and respect between Christians and Jews can be fruitful.

Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

—3 John 1:11

- Pray for Christians who are called to reach out to Jewish communities, that they may be filled with love, wisdom and boldness.
- Pray for the Jewish people in Brazil to have a revelation of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and to recognize his fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant.

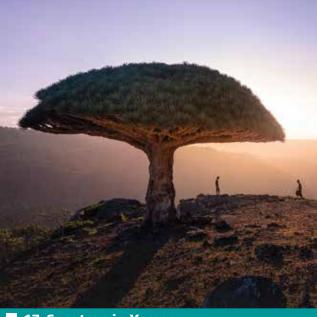
### ■ 16 Razihi in Yemen

The Razihi people dwell in Yemen's Houthicontrolled northwestern desert. The Razihi, a small people group, speak a unique language. Even Yemen's Arabic speakers cannot understand Razihi, nor can the Razihi understand Arabic. Not only do they struggle to grow meager crops and to herd livestock they also live near the Saudi border where war is a daily occurrence.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen —Jude 1:24-25

- Pray that the Lord would provide fresh, living water for the Razihi.
- There are no Christian resources in the Razihi language, so pray for this to change.
- Ask the Messiah to visit them in dreams and visions which can spark a movement to Christ.





## ■ 17 Socotran in Yemen

The Yemeni-owned island called Socotra is described as the most alien-looking place on Earth. Some Socotrans raise cattle and goats; others sell dates, ghee, tobacco and fish. Although Christianity was introduced and faith was practiced for many years, Christianity in Socotra went into decline when a Muslim sultanate took power in the 16th century. Helping to restore Socotra's flora, fauna and fish will be a meaningful display of Christ's restorative work.

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. —Revelation 1:7

- Pray that Christian satellite TV broadcasts would be made available in the Soqotri language.
- Ask the Lord to send more loving laborers to the Socotran to nurture a movement to Christ.

## ■ 18 Ha Li in China

The Ha are the largest of the groups under the official Li nationality. A small number of Ha Li Christian believers live in the community, but they lack familiarity with the Bible. Churches teach heresies and practice cultic activities. This keeps them from reaching those who don't understand the gospel. Christian believers can teach from the Bible in an interesting and compelling way.

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

—Revelation 2:5

- Pray for the Lord to open the eyes of the Ha Li, that they may turn from darkness to light.
- Pray for Ha Li Christian believers to receive Bible study tools and grow in the knowledge of Jesus.

# ■ 19 Qi Li in China

With a long history of being bullied by Chinese landowners, many Qi Li chose to live in the mountains beyond the reach of their oppressors. Those who remained in the valleys were gradually assimilated to Chinese culture and language. Few Qi Li have ever been approached with the gospel. Today, there are possibly several hundred believers among the Qi Li; however, the few churches are weak and nominal.

The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. —Revelation 3:5

- Pray for loving workers.
- Pray for their hearts to be drawn to the Lord of lords.
- Pray for a church planting movement to thrive in their communities.

### 20 Limin in China

Today the Limin have a reputation for being savvy businessmen and romantic poets. A few hundred Limin believers are scattered in Guizhou Province. In 1999, two Limin evangelists tried to reach out to their own people but, finding a cool reception, turned instead to the Bouyei living in the same area. Mission workers could use the books of Psalms and Proverbs as a point of connection with the poetryloving Limin.

I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. —Revelation 3:8

- Pray for the Lord to draw the Limin to the poetry in his word.
- Pray for loving workers. Pray for their hearts to be drawn to the Lord of lords.

## ■ 21 Kaman in Myanmar

The Kaman are a minority Muslim people in Myanmar. The government has recognized them as one of the country's 135 ethnic groups. When violence broke out in 2012 between the Rohingya and Buddhists, the Kaman received the same ill treatment as other Muslim groups. Many families have migrated to Yangon to avoid violence, but they were also ill-treated there; government seized their homeland for small compensation.

I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. -Revelation 3:15-16

- Pray that the Church would gain entry to minister within Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps and stand alongside the Kaman.
- Pray that God's Spirit would use their difficult situations to bring about a people movement to Christ.



22 Yintale Karen in Myanmar

Yintale is a Karen language with two subgroups. Yintale speakers are a rural people who grow their own rice and vegetables. They have livestock and fish for their meat supply. There are other Karen tribes that have many Christian believers, but not this one. God will have to start at the beginning with the Yintale Karen people.

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. -Revelation 4:9-10

- Pray for workers to go who are anointed by the Holy
- Pray for spiritual openness among Yintale speaking Karen people.
- Pray for a vibrant church planting movement among the Yintale that will spread far beyond their community.

## 23 Domari Romani in Lebanon

The Romani people have long been known for their abilities as musicians, singers and dancers. Today, there are Romani communities in Lebanon. Though there are a growing number of Romani Christian believers, a Muslim majority remains. If Christ followers unite behind Jesus, they stand a good chance of influencing Muslims who admire Jesus but don't understand he is the only way to reconciliation with God. The quality of healthcare, nutrition, housing and education is poor.

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. —Revelation 5:8-10

- Pray that the Romani would have their physical needs met and would have access to education.
- Pray for the Domari Romani to seek and find the one who is the truth.

## ■ 24 Middle-Eastern Turkmen in Lebanon

There are Turkmen populations located throughout the Middle East, including Lebanon. Some Turkmen self-identify as Turks whereas others identify as Turkmen. Those in Lebanon usually speak Turkmen at home as their heart language. They are not very receptive to ideas and beliefs that conflict with Sunni Islam.

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! —Revelation 5:13

- There is one steadily growing Turkmen church.
- Pray that it will prosper and that the Turkmen people benefit from its presence in their communities.
- Pray for Turkmen disciples in Lebanon who will make more disciples.
- Pray that they would have access to quality medical care and housing.



25 Ugandan Hindi in Uganda

There is a Hindi speaking diaspora from South Asia living in Uganda and much of the Ugandan economy is controlled by these South Asian descendants. Most of the Hindi speaking population practices Hinduism. Some treat Hinduism as a philosophy while others treat it as a religion.

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, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! -Revelation 7:9-10

- Pray for local Ugandan Christians to shine the light of Christ and reach out to unbelievers of all backgrounds in Uganda.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Hindi speakers that will spread joy, peace and salvation to other Hindu peoples.

## ■ 26 Nubi in Uganda

The Nubi people of Uganda and Kenya were united by military service. Their language is heavily influenced by Arabic, but it includes features of the languages of South Sudan. The Nubi are strictly and piously Muslim.

And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. -Revelation 11:16-17

- Pray that community leaders would become open to the possibility of Bible translation in their language.
- Pray for mature believers in the local community to intentionally reach out to the Nubi.
- Pray that God would open the hearts of the Nubi people to see who Jesus really is and be willing to follow him, despite great social pressure.

# ■ 27 Imazighen Berber in the US

The Imazighen Berbers live primarily in the beautiful, wooded High Atlas and Middle Atlas Mountains of Central Morocco. Their diaspora is mainly in France and other European countries, but a small number have made their way to the United States. They celebrate festivals with other Muslim communities in the United States. There are portions of the Bible translated into Tamazight, the primary language among the Imazighen Berbers. However, further Bible translation would greatly increase accessibility to the gospel.

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. —Revelation 12:7-8

 Pray for loving workers to go to Imazighen leaders and find persons of peace who will welcome them into their communities with the gospel.

## ■ 28 Bisaya in the US

The Bisaya of Malaysia are in western Sabah along the northern coast of Brunei Bay. Thousands of Bisaya have come to the United States seeking better lives and opportunities for their children. Their children must enroll in American schools. As the Bisaya immigrate to the United States, local churches can be intentional in reaching out and sharing the gospel with them.

And he said with a loud voice, Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.

—Revelation 14:7

- Ask the Lord to send workers to help the Bisaya in their new home.
- Pray that American Bisaya believers would go back to Malaysia to share the gospel with their families and friends.

## ■ 29 Bosantiya in India

Little is known about Bosantiya history. From what we know, they have worked as dyers, using a dye made from the powder of a red berry. Today, they are known as farmers. Most cultures have their own music, which is the language of the heart. Someone who is familiar with the preferred music of the Bosantiya people can write songs that teach gospel truths.

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

—Revelation 14:12

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Bosantiya people teachable and understanding hearts.
- Pray that a strong movement of the Holy Spirit would bring entire Bosantiya families into a rich experience of God's blessing.

### ■ 30 Gawli in India

The Gawli take pride in their belief that they are descended from the Hindu god Krishna (believed to be a cow herder) due to their mutual connection to the dairy industry and the sacred cow. They offer food and drink to Krishna in their worship, never enjoying a personal relationship with the true and loving heavenly Father.

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed. —Revelation 15:4

- Pray for God to raise up those who would live among the people and finally be able to use the plethora of scripture resources.
- Pray for humility to soften hearts and knees to bow to their Creator.
- Pray that soon Gawli Christ followers would disciple others.

## ■ 31 Kaikadi in India

The Kaikadi were once called a criminal tribe. Their touch was once considered to be polluted, and they were barred from entering village Hindu temples. Consequently, they have a very low social status. Formerly nomadic, most have settled. They are locked into the caste hierarchy.

They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful. —Revelation 17:14

- Pray that God would place a desire in someone's heart to reach the Kaikadi people.
- Pray for a divine appointment with a receptive Kaikadi.
- Pray for a movement to Christ within the Kaikadi community.

