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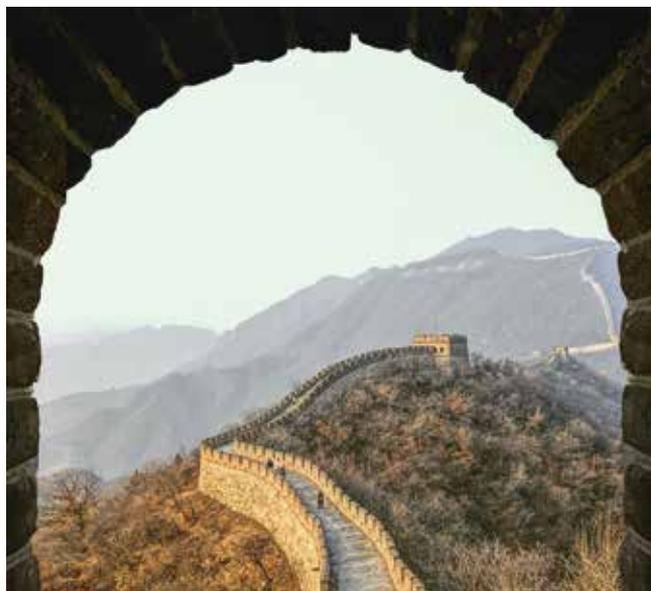
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■ 1 Shengzha Nosu in China

The Shengzha Nosu live in isolated rural areas and often view strangers with suspicion. Chinese believers will need to make an effort to build relationships with them. The large majority of the Shengzha have practiced folk religion and polytheism for hundreds of years, so their faith is in other spirit beings.

Isaiah 12:3 | *With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*

- May many from this people group drink deeply from the fountain of His salvation and mercy!
- Pray the Lord would get His word into the hands of the right people.
- Pray the Lord would send workers to tell them about Jesus.
- Pray that every Shengzha Nosu would have the opportunity to hear the good news.
- Pray that whole Nosu villages would come to Christ.



■ 2 Yinuo Nosu in China

The Yinuo's ancestor worship and folk religion are vastly different from biblical Christianity. The Yinuo speak a dialect of the Nosu language that is unintelligible to their neighbors. They live in mountains and forests far from urban areas of China. Therefore, their language and remoteness both provide additional challenges to getting them the gospel.

Isaiah 12:4

*In that wonderful day you will sing:
“Thank the Lord! Praise His name!
Tell the nations what He has done.
Let them know how mighty He is!”*

- May this people group praise Him and tell others of His mighty deeds.
- Pray that workers would be called to this harvest field, and that the necessary resources would become available.
- Pray that the Yinuo would have a church planting movement started among them.
- Pray that the Yinuo Nosu would hear the truth of God's Word, believe it and act upon it.

■ 3 Yadu Qiang in China

The Yadu Qiang are a Tibetan Buddhist people who live approximately 800 kilometers east of the Tibetan border in Sichuan Province, China, and they make their living raising sheep and selling apples. Embroidery is a favorite pastime of the women, and women have the final say in family decisions. Their Buddhism is mixed with folk religion and ancestor worship.

Isaiah 14:27

*The Lord of Heaven's Armies has spoken—
who can change His plans? When His
hand is raised, who can stop Him?*

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that God is sovereign, and they must obey Him alone.
- Pray that any group of Yadu believers would grow in numbers and spiritual maturity.
- Pray that the Scriptures would become available in the Yadu's language.
- Pray that a movement to Christ would begin and flourish among the Yadu Qiang.

■ 4 Queyu in China

The Queyu people are committed to the Buddhist religious system, and few witnesses of Christ's grace have been there since the 1950s. It is an understatement to say they still lack an adequate gospel witness. Chinese workers can set up small health clinics to care for physical ailments, keeping spiritual health at the forefront and seeking to lead their patients to Christ, the Great Physician.

Isaiah
25:9

*In that day the people will proclaim,
"This is our God! We trusted in Him
and He saved us! This is the Lord, in whom
we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation
He brings!"*

- Pray that many from this people group learn to trust in the Lord's salvation and rejoice in Him.
- Pray that God would bring peace between the Chinese government and the Queyu people.
- Pray that the Lord would call missionaries to this lone area, leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray that the Queyu people would see the glory of the risen Christ and turn to Him alone.

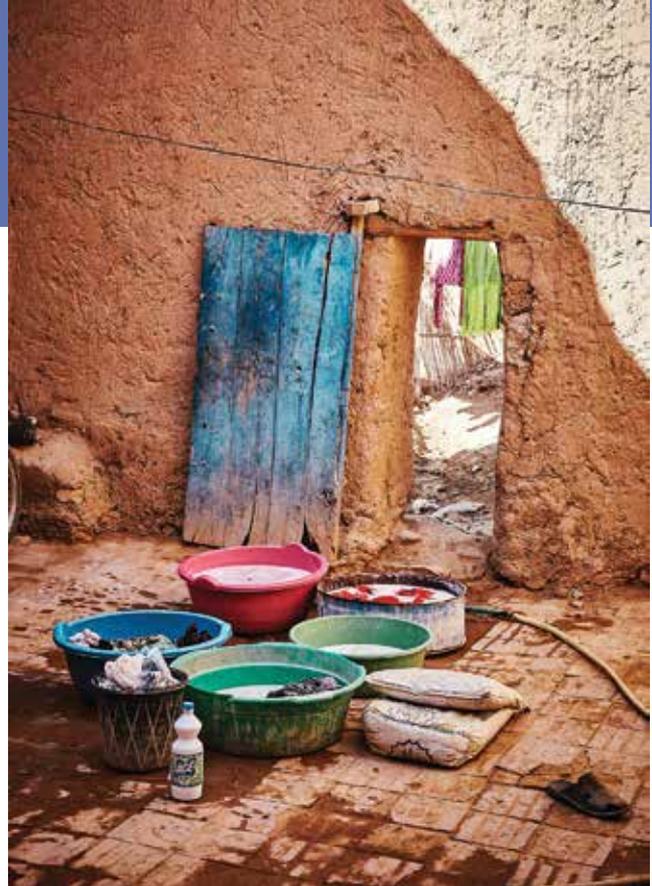
■ 5 Muslim Biswas in Bangladesh

Biswas is both a surname and a title in Bangladesh, and the title is very flattering. It means "reliable" "trustworthy" or "faith." This honorable title was given to them by Muslim rulers in a time that pre-dates British rule. Many of them were administrators at that time. Today there is a long list of prominent people in Bangladesh with the surname of Biswas.

Isaiah
26:3

*You will keep in perfect peace all who trust
in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!*

- Pray for many from this people group to find perfect peace in trusting the Lord Almighty.
- Pray for the Lord to orchestrate efforts to reach Biswas families.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ among the Biswas people that would affect other communities in Bangladesh.
- Pray for the Lord to bring Biswas families to Himself by blessing them abundantly.



■ 6 Muslim Darzi in Bangladesh

In Hindi, Darzi means "tailor." For hundreds of years, they were highly respected for their craftsmanship throughout their communities in north India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Their shops were where people gathered to read newspapers, share news and socialize. However, global modernization in mass production of clothes has replaced this. Some now work in clothing factories, sell ready-made clothes, and a few are clothing designers. Many younger Darzi have chosen other professions.

Isaiah
26:8

*Lord, we show our trust in You by obeying
your laws; our heart's desire is to glorify
Your name.*

- Pray that many from this people group will trust the Lord, obey Him, and glorify His name through their actions.
- Pray that God's servants would lead the Darzi people to His living word and salvation found in Jesus.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Muslim Darzi people.

■ 7 Muslim Dhobi in Bangladesh

The Dhobi name means “wash,” and this identifies their trade of being clothes washers. Despite the painful physical problems they endure in their work, older Dhobis often work hard so that their children can have an education and advance. There are many young Dhobis now working in the government, trade, business, and other professions. Though most Dhobis in India are Hindu, those in Bangladesh are almost always Muslim.

Isaiah 29:16 *How foolish can you be? He is the Potter, and He is certainly greater than you, the clay! Should the created thing say of the one who made it, “He didn’t make me”? Does a jar ever say, “The potter who made me is stupid”?*

- Pray that many from this people group will soon understand that they belong to God by right of His life-giving creation.
- Pray the Muslim Dhobi would come to know Jesus and heed His teachings.
- Pray for a Holy Spirit-led Disciple Making Movement among the Muslim Dhobis in Bangladesh.



■ 8 Behara in Bangladesh

The Behara people live in rural Bangladesh and are followers of Islam. They have low status. The Bible is available in their language in audio and online formats, so they can encounter and respond to God’s Word. There is always a need for those who will use the local culture’s music and drama forms to present the life of Christ.

Isaiah 40:5 *Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The LORD has spoken!”*

- Pray that members of this people group will soon see the glory of the Lord and respond to it.
- Pray for workers to go to the Behara people in Bangladesh.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep through families of this people group, drawing them into His Kingdom.

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■ 9 Muslim Nagarchi in Bangladesh

In the past, when ceremonies and celebrations were being planned in the villages of Bangladesh, it was the Nagarchi who were called upon to serve as drummers. Today, many of them have given up their drums to farm and raise livestock in central Bangladesh. Most of the Nagarchi are Hindu. The Muslim Nagarchi intermix with the Hindus and have even adopted some of their religious practices.

Isaiah 40:8 | *The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.”*

- Meditate on this verse, and pray that members of this people group embrace it.
- Pray for workers willing to go to this harvest field.
- Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the Nagarchi to receive the gospel message and pray for many families to respond to His invitation.

■ 10 Muslim Jogi in Bangladesh

When you think of Jogis, you usually think of Hindus and India. However, they also have Muslim communities in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. They are also known as Jogi Faqirs, holy men who are often beggars. Faqirs are often wandering Sufi mystics who teach Islam. Historically, they have been a landless community. Their help in curing diseases and in the removal of evil spirits is sought by both Hindus and Muslims.

Isaiah 40:10 | *Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, He brings His reward with Him as He comes.*

- Pray for many from this people group to claim this verse by embracing the Lord.
- Pray for them to accept the spiritual blessings of Jesus Christ and teach them to others.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Jogis in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

■ 11 Tarafdar in Bangladesh

The Tarafdar people are small in number, but they have left their mark on Bangladesh. One has been a noted historian. Others have been Olympic athletes representing Bangladesh while another chronicled Bangladesh's 1971 war for independence from Pakistan.

Isaiah 40:18-19 | *To whom can you compare God? What image can you find to resemble Him? Can He be compared to an idol formed in a mold, overlaid with gold, and decorated with silver chains?*

- Pray that this people group will soon understand that they can never form an idol that compares with the Lord.
- Pray for the Lord to have His hand of blessings on the Tarafdar community so that they would know they need Him.
- Pray for their elders to welcome Christ's ambassadors and embrace the gospel.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them in Bangladesh.



■ 12 Muslim Badhai in Pakistan

Literacy levels are low among the Badhai as most are unable to afford the cost of education. Modern medicine is available though it is often coupled with traditional practices, especially in remote areas where modern facilities are less available than medicine men. Most Badhais in Pakistan are Muslim, but there are also many Hindus among them. In Pakistan's Sindh Province, both need a gospel witness.

Isaiah
40:28

Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding.

- Pray that they will soon understand that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.
- Pray for the Lord to pave the way for the Badhai people to have access to better education.
- Pray that workers would be sent to harvest this field and that a Disciple Making Movement would spread like holy fire.

■ 13 Muslim Bahna in Pakistan

The Bahna people used to card (process) cotton, but the advancement of technology has led them to abandon that in favor of taking up agriculture, manufacturing and trade. Originally, the Bahna were entirely Hindu, but some of them converted to Islam during the Delhi Sultanate. Many Muslim Bahna left India and relocated to Pakistan, mainly to the Sindh Province.

Isaiah
40:31

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray that access to education would grow for girls and women.
- Pray that the Bahna hear the gospel in impactful ways and have ears to hear God speak to them.
- Pray that Disciple Making Movements would be started in Bahna communities and grow mightily.

■ 14 Rathawa in Pakistan

No gospel resources, such as Bibles, recordings, radio programs, or tracts are available in the Rathawi language. Rathawas are generally friendly with outsiders. Their way of honoring guests is by serving them food in their kitchen. This would be a great time for believers to tell stories of Jesus!

Isaiah
44:3

For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children.

- Pray that this blessing will soon reach today's people group.
- Pray for workers to go to the Rathawa people, and for their hearts to be ready to receive their savior.
- Pray for a chain reaction of families reaching families that results in thousands of new believers who share their faith with others among the Rathawa people.

■ 15 Muslim Bhangi in Pakistan

The Bhangi, a Scheduled Caste, were traditionally associated with scavenging, sweeping and basket making. The majority are employed by various municipal governments as scavengers, and a few of those living in cities are educated. Others make and sell bamboo goods or work as drummers.

Isaiah
46:10

Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

- Thank the Lord that He alone can tell the future, and His plans for today's people group can never be stopped.
- Pray for believers in Pakistan to reach out to this unreached people.
- Pray for a Church Planting Movement among the Bhangi people.
- Pray for God to shed His abundant favor on the Bhangi people in such a way they would know that Jesus Christ provides a better life.

■ 16 Mohana Sindhi in Pakistan

The Mohana Sindhi people call themselves “Mir Bahana,” which means, “Lord of the sea,” as they have traditionally been fishermen. Since visual, audio, and written Bible resources exist in the Sindhi language, it is possible that Mohana Sindhi people will hear the truth of the gospel online or through people who would help them in practical matters of their lives, and consequently build relationships with their families.

Isaiah 52:7 *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!*

- Pray for the Lord to send people with “beautiful feet” to bring good news to today’s people group. Pray for them to have access to God’s Word, study it, and apply it to their lives. Pray for this people group to have a spiritual hunger that would drive them to the sinless Savior.



■ 17 Sumra Sindhi in Pakistan

Traditionally, Sumra Sindhi people were warriors, but at present they are involved in business, agriculture, government and private service.

Isaiah 52:10 *The Lord has demonstrated His holy power before the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.*

- Pray for today’s people group to share in the victory of the Lord by becoming part of His family.
- Pray that Christian businessmen, agriculturalists, and government employees would reach into the lives of Sumra Sindhi people, building relationships and sharing Christ’s abundant life with them.
- Pray that Almighty God would open the hearts of Sumra Sindhi people to hear the good news that full payment of the penalty of sins has been made and is available to be received by whosoever will accept it.

■ 18 Sama Sindhi in Pakistan

During the time of Jesus, the Sama Sindhi were a Hindu and Buddhist people. A few centuries later, they were first introduced to Islam through conquerors. The rural Sama Sindhi live like their ancestors as irrigation farmers and livestock herders. They combine the saint worship of Hinduism with Islam, while they also believe in traditional folk spirits. The urban Sama Sindhi live as physicians, lawyers and teachers and they practice traditional Islam.

Isaiah 54:2 *Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home and spare no expense!*

- Use this verse to pray for the Lord to expand His house to include today’s people group.
- Ask the Father to prepare Sama Sindhi hearts for a mighty Church Planting Movement that would be a beacon of His light in Pakistan’s Sindh Province.

■ 19 Kazakh in China

Many thousands of oppressed Kazakh people fled both Russia and then China in the past century. Today Kazakhs still live in northwestern China as an official minority group. China’s Kazakhs have strongly resisted Christianity. Also, though they’ve practiced Sunni Islam for centuries, the Kazakhs have put their faith in elements of spiritism, animism and ancestor worship.

Isaiah 55:1 *Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it’s all free!*

- Pray that this people group will soon accept God’s offer of free salvation.
- Pray for freedom in Christ from all dark spiritual forces. Pray for God’s intervention to protect Kazakhs in China’s “re-education” camps.
- Pray that the few Kazakh believers would be disciplined, multiplied in number and used to start Disciple Making Movements that bring great blessing to Kazakh communities.





■ 20 Kyrgyz in China

The Kyrgyz are a farming people from Kyrgyzstan, but many live in Xinjiang, a province in northwestern China. Because the Kyrgyz respect demonstrations of signs and wonders, believers who call on the name of the Lord for the demonstration of His power among them might be effective. After the Chinese nearly eradicated all Kirgiz Christians in 1933, Christ is now mostly unknown among them.

Isaiah
55:3

Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.

- Pray for this people to have wide open ears to the words of the Lord.
- Pray that they would resist the oppressive forces that seek to indoctrinate and destroy them so that they may have opportunity to know Jesus.

■ 21 Sarikoli Tajik in China

Sarikoli Tajik families are composed of multi-generational households, with strict roles and traditions. For centuries, they have lived in tribal and clan structures with the tradition of following Shia Islam. Like the Uyghurs and Kyrgyz, they have been victim to the Chinese government's crackdown on ethnic and religious minority groups.

Isaiah
55:7

Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for He will forgive generously.

- Pray for true and lasting repentance to come to this people group.
- Pray that Sarikoli Tajik hearts would crave their key role in God's redemptive plan.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 22 Khik (Wakhi) in China

The Wakhi live along China's border with Pakistan. Small in number, they are inclusive, living in extended families and usually marrying within their clan. The Wakhi are Shia Muslims who also practice a wide variety of animistic rituals.

Isaiah
55:8-9

My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts, says the Lord. And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

- Pray that today's people group will understand that God's ways are far higher than theirs.
- Pray for the Wakhi to have the opportunity to hear the gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up mission workers who are willing to learn the language and go to this remote area of the globe.
- Ask God for a Church Planting Movement to sweep through their families and villages.

■ 23 Nghari Tibetans in China

Different yet similar! The inhabitants of the Nghari region are also known as the Chang Tang (Northern Plain) Tibetans. Although they are ethnically Tibetan, they speak a language far removed from other Tibetan varieties. Their lifestyles have changed little over the last thousand years.

Isaiah
56:3

"Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the LORD say, The LORD will never let me be part of His people." And don't let the eunuchs say, I'm a dried-up tree with no children and no future.'

- Pray that many from today's people group will put all their hope in the Lord.
- Pray that the 2020s would be the decade where there is a Disciple Making Movement among every Tibetan subgroup, including the Ngharis.
- Pray for a hunger for spiritual truth and a willingness to seek and find answers in Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up His ambassadors to the Nghari Tibetans.



■ 24 Uyghur in China

What is the future for China's Uyghurs, a people with a rich and centuries-old Turkic culture severely oppressed by China's government? Their homeland is now a police state that imprisons well over one million Uyghurs in brutal "re-education" camps. Almost completely Sunni Muslim; Uyghurs mix their Islam with folk religion.

Isaiah
61:1-3a

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

- Pray for these blessings for today's people group!
- Pray God would stir Chinese Christians to intercede and reach out to China's suffering Uyghurs.
- Ask that suffering Uyghurs would experience God's comfort from within re-education camps and broken homes.
- Pray for the Lord to send His angels to protect the innocent.

■ 25 Northern Uzbeks in China

The word "Uzbek" is most likely derived from two Turkic words to form the phrase "genuine man." The Uzbeks' Islamic faith permeates much of their lives. When the Chinese government ordered that all children be educated at Chinese schools, the Uzbeks refused to send their children to schools that taught atheism.

Isaiah
61:9

Their descendants will be recognized and honored among the nations. Everyone will realize that they are a people the LORD has blessed."

- Pray that those who live near today's people group will want their spiritual blessings after they submit to the Lord Almighty.
- Pray that the Uzbeks turn away from dogmatic Islam and open their hearts to the true prophet, priest and king, the one who desires nothing but a repentant and contrite heart.
- Pray that their hearts would be softened and for a movement to Christ this decade.

■ 26 Persian in Iran

Persia—the name evokes ancient memories mostly from the Bible. The children of Israel were taken captive and exiled in Persia or modern-day Iran. Tehran, the capital, is home to many ethnic groups, and the Persians are one such group. The Persians are very family oriented. Modern Persian women highly value their appearance, and many wear designer fashions.

Isaiah
61:10

I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For He has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels.

- Pray for the garment of salvation to come to this people group.
- Pray for the evangelical movement in Iran to continue to be blessed by multiplying house church movements.
- Pray for entire families to come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and understand that Jesus Christ died for them so that they can live for Him.

■ 27 Hazara in Iran

People of Mongolian descent are often associated with the image of Mongolian hordes, riding and raiding across an area, killing all in their path. They were traditionally shepherds, but through subsequent generations, some became farmers, and currently many are in professional careers. Unfortunately, there is race discrimination in Iran, and the Hazaras are sometimes victims of it. Virtually all Hazaras are Shia Muslim like the Persian majority.

Isaiah
62:3

The LORD will hold you in His hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God.

- Pray for this blessing to come to today's people group.
- Pray that spiritual discernment and spiritual hunger among the Hazaras in Tehran would lead them to begin a movement to Christ.





■ 28 Gulf-spoken Arabs in Iran

Gulf Arabs live in the desert regions of Iran, herding their goats and sheep, traveling by camel from one oasis area to another. These nomadic people are very proud of their lifestyle and feel like it is a step down to farm or have any other job.

Isaiah 66:2 *My hands have made both heaven and earth; they and everything in them are mine. I, the LORD, have spoken! "I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word."*

- Pray for the Lord to give humility and a fear of Him to this people group that will lead to them being blessed beyond measure.
- Pray for God to send dreams and revelations of Himself to the nomadic Gulf Arabs so that their hearts would be ready to accept the good news.
- Pray for God to call special people to this challenge to reach these people with the good news.
- Pray that Tehran would be the home of a Disciple Making Movement for Arabs.

■ 29 Gujarati in Iran

Wherever they are, whether it is their native India or Iran, Gujaratis have maintained their own culture. They are resourceful businessmen. Muslim Gujarati families usually arrange marriages as a way to strengthen alliances between families. Business-minded believers will probably be the best ones to befriend Gujarati businessmen and introduce them to the Savior.

Isaiah 66:22–23 *"As surely as my new heavens and earth will remain, so will you always be my people, with a name that will never disappear," says the LORD. All humanity will come to worship me from week to week and from month to month.*

- Pray that soon all mankind will bow in humble submission to the Lord Almighty.
- Pray for God to open the door of opportunity for Christian women to get to know Gujarati women, invite them to their homes and show them the way to His abundant life.
- Pray for radio broadcasts for Gujarati-speaking women.

■ 30 Parsee in Iran

Zoroaster was a Parsee, said to be born between 1,200-1,500 BC in northeast Iran. He rejected the polytheistic worship of his culture and believed in worshipping only the creator God (Ahura Mazda), and he believed that Angra Mainyu (devil) caused people to commit evil deeds. He believed that when people died, they would go to heaven or hell. They keep a fire burning in their temples as a symbol of Ahura Mazda's wisdom, brightness and power. The Magi and Persian kings like Cyrus and Darius were probably believers in Ahura Mazda.

Jeremiah 1:5 *"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."*

- Pray for the Lord to thrust out many prophets from every nation to every nation in the 2020s.
- Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among Iran's Parsees this decade.

■ 31 Judeo-Persian Jews in Iran

Jewish people have been in Iran since the days of Queen Esther. According to the chief rabbi of the Jewish community in Iran, Garami, the Iranian government is currently allowing the Jewish people of Iran to worship in peace. The rabbi also stressed that Jews are safe in Iran. Their schools, estimated 35 synagogues, cultural centers, kosher stores and restaurants are found primarily in Tehran and other big cities such as Isfahan and Shiraz.

Jeremiah 1:9-10 *Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."*

- Pray for Christ's ambassadors to be careful to speak only what God tells them to say when they go to the nations.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Iran's Jewish population, leading them to the spiritual blessings only offered by Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a willingness to seek and find their Messiah in the Torah.





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■ 1 Southern Pashtun in Iran

The Sunni Muslim Pashtun were the traditional rulers of Afghanistan for over 250 years, from founding of the country in 1747 to 1973. Since the overthrow of the Afghan king, the Soviet invasion in the 1970s, and the overthrow of the communists in the 1980s, Afghanistan has faced constant conflict. Since that time some Pashtun men have sneaked into Iran to escape poverty and the constant fighting. Younger Pashtun men try to go directly to Tehran to find work in construction, where they are more accepted. Many send money back to Afghanistan to help their families.

Jeremiah 12:16 *And if these nations truly learn the ways of my people, and if they learn to swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the LORD lives' (just as they taught my people to swear by the name of Baal), then they will be given a place among my people.*

- Pray for today's people to become well established in their devotion to the Lord alone.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among Pashtuns in Iran that would spread to Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- Pray that Pashtuns in Iran would feel a spiritual need and allow it to be met by the only Savior.
- Pray that Pashtun believers allow the light of Christ to bring their families to Him.

■ 2 Western Baloch in Iran

The Baloch people live in several countries. Although most live in Pakistan, many also live over the border in Iran, and they are nominally Sunni Muslims. The Western Baloch are evenly divided between those who live the lives of rural farmers/herdsmen and those who live in urban centers, where many of their young men migrate to find work. Most are poor with a high infant mortality rate.

Jeremiah 14:20 *LORD, we confess our wickedness and that of our ancestors, too. We all have sinned against You.*

- Pray that soon leaders among this people group will repent of their sins and lead others to do the same.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Western Baloch that would lead them to the risen Savior.
- Pray that urban Baloch youth would open themselves to the gospel and that believers would deliberately go with the purpose of establishing Christ's presence among them.

■ 3 Bakhtiari in Iran

There are many reasons why the Bakhtiari people have not responded to the gospel. They are geographically isolated by rugged terrain. Clan divisions keep them socially isolated, so gospel efforts might need to be made on a clan by clan basis. There are many gospel tools in a language the Bakhtiari people can understand.

Jeremiah 16:21 *The LORD says, "Now I will show them my power; now I will show them my might. At last they will know and understand that I am the LORD."*

- Pray that today's people group will understand from the heart that God is all powerful, and He can give or withhold blessings.
- Pray that the church would intercede for these people and would plan to reach them via oil workers and women's commercial enterprises, clan by clan.
- Pray that women would become believers who teach the gospel to their children.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Bakhtiari this decade.

■ 4 Central Kurds in Iraq

Iran's Sorani-speaking Kurds have famous ancestors: the Medes! In Iraq, the Kurds have been much more open to the gospel than those in Iran. Iran's Sorani-speaking Kurds have few, if any, opportunities to hear about the sin-free, risen Savior. As it stands, they associate the gospel with the West; it can be associated with Darius the Mede or perhaps the Wise Men. The most effective ambassadors for Christ may be non-Westerners. There are several gospel tools in Sorani: TV, radio and Scripture portions.

Jeremiah 17:7 *"But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence."*

- Pray that today's people group will put all their trust and confidence in the Lord only.
- Pray that the Kurdish church would be increasingly evangelistic in ways that are meaningful to Sorani-speaking Kurds.
- Pray that they would welcome missionaries.
- Pray that they would become increasingly dissatisfied with Islam and open up to the ways of Jesus Christ.

■ 5 Urdu in Saudi Arabia

Urdu speakers who live and work in Saudi Arabia are not exactly a people group in the usual sense. They are collection of peoples from many countries who share the common language of Urdu. Some Urdu language users work at the highest level of Saudi society. Others are day laborers who do not read. All come to Saudi Arabia looking for economic opportunities. Radio broadcasts in Urdu can share the news about Jesus. Believers who are working in Saudi Arabia can very discreetly tell the Urdu speakers about Jesus in small social settings.

Jeremiah 17:14 | *O LORD, if you heal me, I will be truly healed; if You save me, I will be truly saved. My praises are for You alone!*

- Pray for this people group to seek and find the Lord’s healing touch.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Urdu speaking peoples.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that would drive them towards the only Savior.

■ 6 Northern Kurds in Turkey

Deciding to follow Christ would bring serious consequences to any Kurdish person. They are Sunni Muslim. Kurdish believers can take the gospel to their people in Turkey.

Jeremiah 29:12 | *For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

- Pray that this blessing will reach today’s people group soon.
- There is a small number of Kurmanji speaking Kurds who follow Christ. Pray that they find each other and receive solid Bible teaching, so they can grow spiritually.
- Pray for a peaceful and just end to the violence in Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon, where many Kurds live.
- Pray that Kurdish refugees would have their spiritual and physical needs met.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Kurds of Turkey in this decade.



■ 7 Alawite in Turkey

You may have never heard the word “Alawite” before, but they have power in some parts of the Middle East. The Alawite sect is considered an offshoot of Shia Islam. Thousands of Alawites have fled the turmoil in Syria and now live as refugees in Turkey. The Alawites in Turkey hope that they can someday return to Syria.

Jeremiah 29:13 | *If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.*

- Pray that today’s people group will seek the Lord will all their hearts and find Him to be merciful, loving and powerful.
- Ask the Lord to send medical and educational teams of believers to the Alawite refugees.
- Pray the Alawites in Turkey would be receptive to the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Alawites in Turkey.

■ 8 Hazara in Afghanistan

Can you name a Muslim people who have been persecuted by other Muslims within their own country? The Shia Hazara of Afghanistan have been the recipients of attacks by Afghan Sunni Muslims for centuries. At one time the Hazaras formed half the population of the nation whereas today they make up only about one tenth. If a Hazara person becomes a follower of Christ, their community will see them as a traitor and treat them as such.

Jeremiah 31:33 | *“But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

- Pray for today’s people group to become the Lord’s people!
- Ask the Lord to give each Hazara the opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the gospel.
- Pray for peace in Afghanistan and that Hazara parents would be able to provide for their children.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Hazaras this decade.

■ 9 Bade in Nigeria

In a country with a king, he is crowned when he assumes the throne. But what about the supreme leader of the Bade people known as the emir in Nigeria? He is turbaned! The Bade people are mostly farmers who practice some other occupation during the dry season. They live mostly in Nigeria's northern Yobe and Jigawa states, which are subject to the terrors of Boko Haram. These people live with terrible uncertainty; they depend on the weather, and they live in an area subject to terrorist attacks.

Jeremiah 51:19 | *He is the Creator of everything that exists, including His people, His own special possession. The LORD of Heaven's Armies is His name!*

- Pray for today's people group to soon become part of the Lord's inheritance. Pray that they would respond to the certain future that God promises.
- May He give them faith to entrust their present lives to Him. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Bade people.

■ 10 Kyanga in Nigeria

There are four subgroups of Kyanga, the people who can be identified by their different facial scars. Many of them are bilingual, speaking their own tongue, Kyanga, along with the dominant Hausa language. In the last 70 years, Islam has become the main religious affiliation of the Kyanga people, though animism lies beneath the surface of their form of Islam.

Lamentations 3:21-24 | *Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in Him!"*

- Pray that soon members of today's people group will embrace the love and compassion of the Lord.
- Pray that they become part of His portion.
- Pray that the Lord would send workers into the harvest field to help build His Church and begin a church planting movement among the Kyanga people.
- Pray that the Lord convicts the souls of the Kyanga Imams (elders/teachers) so that they embrace the Savior and encourage others to do the same.

■ 11 Wandala in Nigeria

The Wandala get some of their income from trading arts and crafts with other peoples, but they receive most of their income through farming. They are a conservative male dominated society, residing in northern Cameroon and Nigeria. Polygamy is common, with the first wife being the "head" wife over the others.

Ezekiel 34:23 | *And I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will feed them and be a shepherd to them.*

- Pray for today's people group to submit to the one true shepherd, Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would lift the veil of deception and that they see their need for the free gift of salvation in Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would move the hearts of local elders so that they may influence those they lead.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Wandala people this decade.

■ 12 Duwai in Nigeria

How would it feel to be part of the Duwai people? They are a small ethnolinguistic group in northeast Nigeria. They have been Muslim since the 11th century, though their Islam is mixed with African traditional religions. They dwell in harsh, hot conditions, with some residing in remote places. The Duwai language contains no Christian resources--no Bible portions, JESUS Film, or gospel recordings. There are no known Duwai believers. Nigerian missionary efforts have been rejected.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 | *Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.*

- Pray for this people group to find spiritual cleansing in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the God of the impossible would prepare Duwai hearts to receive Christ.
- Pray that anointed witnesses would continue to reach out to Duwai families and community leaders.
- Pray for a harvest of souls and disciples, leading to a Disciple Making Movement to transform and bless Nigeria's Duwai people.



■ 13 Sokoto Fulani in Niger

The Sokoto Fulani are a subgroup of the greater Fulani tribe. The Fulani believe that to be a Fulani is to be a Muslim. Many Fulani are revered teachers of Islam, who get much respect for their Islamic pedigree. Polluted water is a problem for the Sokoto Fulani, who suffer from malaria and other water-carried diseases.

Daniel 2:47 | *The king said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret.”*

- Pray that leaders among this people group will understand that God alone can reveal truth to them.
- Pray that they will cease to look to any other. Pray for workers with the skills to help them have clean, potable water.
- Pray that this would be the decade when the Sokoto Fulani have an unstoppable movement to Christ.

■ 14 Muslim Yao in Malawi

Though they originated in Mozambique, the majority of Yao people now live in Malawi. The Yao people migrated in the 1800s due to famines and tribal divisions and befriended their new neighbors. These neighbors, the Swahili Arabs, drew the Yao into the trade of ivory and slaves for guns and cloth. Through this trade agreement, the Yao became one of the most powerful tribes in southeastern Africa. Perhaps if the Yao were reached in their own language, Ciyawo, they might respond. They also have significant medical challenges, so medical and educational outreach might have a significant impact.

Daniel 3:28 | *Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent His angel to rescue His servants who trusted in Him. They defied the king’s command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.”*

- Pray that leaders of this people group will be amazed at the works of God as this Babylonian king.
- Pray that they will worship God alone.
- Pray that their cultural walls would be lowered and that they would know the true love of God.
- Pray for invested workers to spring up among them in Malawi.

■ 15 Muslim Yao in Mozambique

Think of our planet, Earth. Zoom in on the continent of Africa. Next, the country of Mozambique and finally, the small village of Chiconono. This is the geographic center of the Yao people, once one of the richest and most powerful in Southern Africa, thanks to a lucrative trade with the Arabs. In addition to trade, the Yao people obtained the religion of Islam from the Arabs.

Daniel 4:37 | *“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and He is able to humble the proud.”*

- Pray for leaders of this people group to repent before the Lord Almighty like this king.
- Pray that Yao hearts would be opened to the gospel and that they would discover the power of the true God.
- Pray for loving, patient and respectful workers to show the love of God, leading them into a vast Disciple Making Movement in Mozambique.

■ 16 Somali in Ethiopia

The Somalis are scattered across the Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia. They mostly live in the SRS (Somali Regional State), which borders their homeland. The SRS contrasts greatly from other Ethiopian states. There are deep grievances over uncounted atrocities that continue between Ethiopians and Somalis.

Daniel 7:14 | *He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey Him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.*

- Pray that many from today’s people group will understand and respond to the fact that Jesus Christ has an eternal kingdom.
- Pray for them to worship their eternal King of kings! A mere handful of Christian Somalis live in the SRS.
- Pray that they would allow Christ to show His forgiveness for oppressors through them, and that they would lead a movement for Him in the SRS and beyond.
- Pray for loving and culturally sensitive workers to be thrust out to the Somalis.
- Pray for spiritual openness that would lead to a Disciple Making Movement for Somalis in Ethiopia and Somalia.



■ 17 Rashaida in Eritrea

The Rashaida are a Bedouin people, who populate either side of the Red Sea and came from a major tribe in mainland Arabia about 150 years ago. They are a nomadic people who live in tents made of goatskin, and they are herdsman, raising primarily goats and sheep. The gospel message needs to come to them orally, using stories from Scripture, videos, recordings and similar means.

Hosea 1:10 *Yet the time will come when Israel's people will be like the sands of the seashore—too many to count! Then, at the place where they were told, 'You are not my people,' it will be said, 'You are children of the living God.'*

- Pray that this people group soon become children of the living God.
- Pray Rashaida families would be able to live peaceful lives.
- Pray for stability and prosperity in Eritrea.
- Pray for bold and loving workers to go to the Rashaida people to build His Church in Eritrea and beyond.

■ 18 Bengali-speaking South Asians in UK

Most Bengali speakers in the UK have been somewhat absorbed culturally in the UK. Some immigrated there to escape the harsh lifestyles of Bangladesh while others have come in search of better educational or economic opportunities. Yet most retain their traditional Islamic religion as a cultural anchor. They feel that they have sacrificed their languages and cultures. Thus, they really do not want to lose their religion as well.

Hosea 5:15 *Then I (God) will return to my place until they admit their guilt and turn to me. For as soon as trouble comes, they will earnestly search for me.*

- Pray that the troubles of this people group cause them to seek the Lord and find Him.
- Pray for openness and spiritual awakening, leading to genuine responses to the Savior.
- Pray that this would be the decade when there is a movement to Christ among the Muslim Bengalis in the UK.

■ 19 Gujarati in United Kingdom

Gujaratis in the UK have taken on western dress, speak the English language and strive for the Western level of success. Yet, most have retained their traditional religion, Hinduism. Gujaratis feel connected to their mother country, India, and stay in contact with their relatives there.

Joel 2:12 *That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning."*

- Pray that this people group turns to the Lord and repents of their sins.
- Pray for the small remnant of true believers among Gujaratis to be discipled and to lead others to the saving gospel.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among Gujarati Hindus that would lead them to the only Savior.
- Pray for people who have the right background to go to them.
- Pray that the UK would be an incubator for a Gujarati movement to Christ.

■ 20 Malaysian Malay in United Kingdom

The strongest characteristic of Malay identity that remains consistent regardless of their location is their adherence to the Islamic faith. Being a Muslim is a central part of the Malay identity. The Malay can be reached in Great Britain, where there is freedom of religion. The Malay are often gregarious and friendly.

Joel 2:28 *Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.*

- Pray that this people group receives the gift of the Holy Spirit as they turn to the Lord.
- Pray that this would be the decade when there is a spiritual breakthrough among the Malay Muslims in the UK.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate the wall of religion that keeps them from accepting the Savior and give them a desire for Jesus Christ.
- Pray for loving and persevering workers to go to them. It is often very difficult to be allowed into their social networks.





■ 21 Northern Kurds in Germany

In the early 1950s, Germany had a labor shortage, and they allowed temporary “guest workers” from Turkey to enter. Among the peoples from Turkey, there were Kurmanji-speaking Kurds, otherwise known as the Northern Kurds. Although some Northern Kurds farm, most live in German cities. As many Kurds are urbanized, Christ’s ambassadors can become schoolteachers and health workers in Kurdish neighborhoods. This can be a platform for reaching these unreached Kurds.

Amos
4:13

For the Lord is the one who shaped the mountains, stirs up the winds, and reveal His thoughts to mankind. He turns the light of dawn into darkness and treads on the heights of the earth. The Lord God of Heaven’s Armies is His name!

- Pray that this people group seeks and finds the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
- Pray that God’s Word become available to those who are seeking Him.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would stir the hearts of Kurmanji-speaking Kurds in Germany so that the Lord can show them the limitations of man-made traditions and religious customs.
- Pray that God would convict their hearts of the true prophet, priest, and King, leading to a movement to Christ. Pray for more workers to reach out for Christ.

■ 22 Zaza-Alevi in Germany

Do you know what it’s like to not fit in? The Zaza-Alevi people in Germany do. They consider themselves Muslims but have retained some ancient beliefs, giving them the label “heretic” by Muslims. They consider themselves to be Kurdish, but their language is different from any Kurds. Having migrated from Turkey, they are not considered German, setting them apart from the German majority.

Amos
5:24

Instead, I (God) want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living.

- Pray that God’s justice and righteousness prevail in the society of this people group.
- Pray that God would reveal Christ as the only one to turn to in their sorrowfulness over their sin.



■ 23 Turk in Germany

The majority of Turks live in Turkey, but several million live in Germany and have adapted to Western culture, pursuing professional careers such as engineering, medicine and law. They began to establish themselves there soon after WWII, so that period of time when immigrants are open to new ideas is long gone. But God can still do miracles! Turks don’t want to lose what remains of their culture and religion in this secularized land. This can cause them to automatically reject the gospel.

Amos
8:11

The time is surely coming, says the Sovereign Lord, when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the Lord.

- Pray that the Bible becomes available to this people group.
- Pray they listen to and obey the words of the Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would show the Muslim Turks the need for a sin-forgiving Savior.
- Pray for spiritual openness among the Turks in Germany.
- Pray for a spiritual awakening that would lead to a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 24 Arabic-speaking Algerians in France

In Algeria, there is a gray line between the more powerful Arab population and the less powerful indigenous Berber peoples. Originally, North Africa was dominated by the Berber peoples who were once Christians. As centuries went by and with several invasions of Muslim Arabs, the Berbers were “Arabized,” and some mixed with and married the Arabs, causing a blend of cultures. The two groups get even more confusing when they migrate to France, where they live and work side by side.



Micah
6:8

No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

- Pray that this people group learns to walk humbly with the Lord.
- Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ among the Algerian Berbers both in Algeria and in Europe.
- Pray for God to soften the hearts of Algerian Muslims, so they would know that they can never be right with God except by the work of a holy and sinless Savior.

■ 25 Arabic-speaking Moroccans in France

Moroccan Arabs living in France have lives that are very different from the ones they had in Morocco. There is greater freedom for women to leave the home and even work outside of the home. Since they have been exposed to western culture on a grand scale, their traditional culture and way of life have undergone many changes. Political unity has always been a dream among Arabs, but today the greatest tie among them is still the Arabic language.

Micah
7:18

Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of His special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unending love.

- Pray that this people begin to experience the unending love of God and come to the knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to call people led by the Holy Spirit to share the love of Christ with Moroccan Arabs in France.
- Pray for God to strengthen, encourage and protect the small number of Arabs who have decided to follow Jesus in France.
- Pray that France would be the incubator for a Disciple Making Movement that would spread to Morocco and beyond.

■ 26 Kabyle Berbers in France

The word "Berber" is a derivative of the word that the Romans gave the Kabyle Berbers, meaning "barbarian." The Kabyle Berbers mostly inhabit the rugged mountainous area of northern Africa. They are very family oriented, so their lives center around family traditions and activities. When job opportunities dwindled in their North African homeland, many immigrated to France.

Nahum
1:7

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in Him.

- Pray that this people group takes refuge in the Lord.
- Pray for Berber women to be open to invitations from Christian women to join them in fellowship and hospitality.
- Pray for the children to be invited to Christian events where they can hear the gospel.



■ 27 Southern Shilha Berbers in France

Shilha Berbers identify Europeans and Christianity as a polar opposite of their Berber Islamic identity. They are torn between blending in with the French or self-isolating to protect their Muslim Berber identity. If they chose Christ over the Islamic religious system, that would present another cultural conflict.

Habakkuk
2:4

Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

- Pray that this people group become faithful to God and not trust in themselves.
- Pray for a people movement to Christ among the Shilha Berbers in France in the 21st century.
- Pray for Christian women in France to seek out the immigrant women and start a prayer ministry for them that would culminate in opportunities for hospitality and sharing the Savior.

■ 28 Shawiya Berbers in France

In Paris, about one out of three cafes are owned by Berbers from northern Algeria. In addition, the majority of Paris taxi drivers and many small grocery stores are owned by Berbers. Most of France's Berbers, including the Shawiya subgroup, live in Paris. Believers need to take every opportunity to buy at Berber grocery stores and eat at Berber owned cafes to earn the right to engage Berbers with the knowledge of the only Savior. People need to bring them Christ, not Christianity.

Habakkuk 3:18 | *Yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!*

- Pray this people group learns to rejoice in the Lord and His salvation.
- Pray that believers would have the love and perseverance to reach out to Shawiya Berbers as Christ's ambassadors.
- May Shawiya Berbers understand and embrace the abundant life offered by the loving Lord.

■ 29 Comorians in France

Comoro is made up of four major islands and small islets located off of the eastern coast of Africa. Only the island of Mayotte remains in French control; the others received independence from France in 1975. Thousands of suffering Comorians have risked their lives by crossing the Mozambique Channel in boats to reach Mayotte, where there is less poverty. Some who reach Mayotte have migrated to France, but those who reach France live in poverty. France is a very secular environment, and that mindset could be affecting Comorians. Comorians in France are either Muslim or forsaking religion altogether.

Haggai 1:7 | *This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you!*

- Pray that this people group consider their ways and turn to the Lord.
- Pray the Comorians would be freed from their physical and spiritual hardships.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Comorians in France this decade.



■ 30 Soninke in France

The Soninke people of West Africa were one of the first immigrant communities in France. Most Soninke men seek employment in hard labor jobs such as construction. Often single men live together in houses known as "foyers." Soninke people in France work hard so their children can have a higher education and have the chance of reaching professional status. Soninke are strong Muslims. They rarely marry those outside their ethnic community. Fear of being rejected by their families and community keeps Soninke people from accepting Christ.

Zechariah 2:11 | *Many nations will join themselves to the Lord on that day, and they, too, will be my people. I will live among you, and you will know that the Lord of Heaven's Armies sent me to you.*

- Pray that this people group would be among the many nations that soon join themselves to the Lord.
- Pray that the Soninkes in Africa, France and beyond would be open to Christ's answers for their lives and respond with love and devotion to Him.

■ 31 Thai in France

"Mai ben rai" is often heard on the lips of Central Thai Buddhists. Roughly translated it means, "That's not an issue." The phrase expresses a deeply held Thai belief that things are not worth getting agitated over because that would cause one to leave the "middle path" of calmness as taught in Buddhism. This attitude also keeps them from giving serious thought to the claims of Christ. Yet God is moving in France among the Thai. There are believers from OMF International who are reaching the Thai diaspora in Europe through friendship evangelism which can lead to Bible studies and Disciple Making Movements.

Zechariah 14:9 | *And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one Lord—His name alone will be worshiped.*

- Pray that this people group would learn to worship the Lord and king of all the earth.
- Pray for spiritual openness and a desire for true holiness among the Thai people in France.