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■ 1 Malayo in Colombia

Who are these men, all dressed in white with long black hair? They are the Malayo, also known as Wiwa people, who live in the valleys of the Sierra Nevada Mountains of Colombia. They have a very democratic way of governing; every few weeks, the men gather all night to discuss and vote on how to resolve conflicts, and village shamans are in charge of carrying out their decisions. Currently, they are struggling to maintain their identity.

Malachi
4:2

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

- Pray that this people group would fear the name of the Lord and experience His healing.
- Pray for God to send workers to the Malayo with the means to not only improve their physical health, but also to share the good news about Christ. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among them.

■ 2 Pajonal Asheninka in Peru

The Pajonal Asheninka people have suffered from enslavement and devastating epidemics during the 20th century and from terrorist groups in the early 1990s. The good news is that there are now four or five indigenous evangelical churches in the early stages of development, but animism still has a strong grip on their lives.

Matthew
4:4

But he answered, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

- Pray for today's people group to learn and understand that the Bible comes from the mouth and mind of the one, true God.
- Pray for the Lord to improve their lives physically, economically and spiritually. Pray for the Lord to protect them from the spirit world and for them to understand the power of the Lord.

■ 3 South Ucayali Asheninka in Peru

The South Ucayali Asheninka in Peru have suffered greatly at the hands of outsiders and terrorist groups. They are subsistence farmers and work mostly in the morning and rest during the heat of the afternoon. Often the men go hunting and fishing in the evenings. They have an animistic worldview, and they use shamans to look for the causes of life problems and appease wicked spirits.

Matthew
4:16

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.

- Pray for this people group to see the light of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for those trying to improve the lifestyle of the Asheninka group to make great strides in the 2020s. Pray for spiritual receptivity coming from many visitations of the Holy Spirit. Pray for a movement to Christ.

■ 4 Urdu in Guyana

Would you ever expect to find Urdu-speaking Muslims in Guyana? The Urdu are not just one ethnic group, but a collection of groups linked by the Urdu language. They have emigrated to Guyana and other countries in search of economic opportunities. Urdu speakers are found in every level of society.

Matthew
5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- Pray for this people group to recognize their own spiritual bankruptcy and come to Christ for the riches of His forgiveness.
- Pray for loving ambassadors of Christ to go to the Urdu speakers in Guyana. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among their leaders and open the door for the King of kings.



■ 5 Saramaccan in Suriname

The Saramaccan in Suriname were sold as African slaves but escaped in the 17th and 18th centuries. They speak Saramaccan, which includes a mix of West African languages, English and Portuguese. Many Saramaccan live along rivers, and much of Saramaccan culture is influenced by ancestors, forest spirits and snake gods. These gods and spirits influence decisions regarding practical things, which can be a blockade from believing in and serving Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:14 | *You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

- Pray for this people group to become a light to the world reflecting the goodness and grace of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would soften their hearts to Christ, especially among their elders. Pray for Saramaccan believers to have a movement to Christ started among their people.

■ 6 Spanish-speaking Jews in Uruguay

Over 10,000 Uruguayan Jews have immigrated to Israel since 1973. This, combined with an aging population and intermarriage, has decreased the Jewish population. The Jewish cultural connection that once tied the community together has basically been replaced with secularism and nominal adherence to Torah Judaism. Christian leaders meeting with Uruguayan rabbis could open new sources of discussing the Old Testament prophecies.

Matthew 7:15–16 | *Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?*

- Pray that the Lord would give this people group the discernment to recognize false prophets and the grace to know the true Prophet, Priest and King, Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Uruguayan Jewish believers would be open to hearing, accepting, and knowing that they can have a life in Jesus, which will give them eternal peace. Pray for a movement to Christ among Uruguayan Jewish people this decade.

■ 7 Portuguese-speaking Jews in Brazil

During the 14th and 15th century, Sephardi Jews in Portugal were forced to convert to Catholicism, and a small number of them immigrated to Brazil as "Christians." Most abandoned their Jewish traditions over the centuries, and others rejected all forms of religious practice. Some have returned to the Jewish roots in Brazil.

Matthew 10:28 | *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

- Pray for believers in today's people group to be courageous in their witness for Christ and fear God, not men.
- Pray that as these Portuguese Jewish people come to know the truth of their Jewish identity, they would turn to God's Word, accept Jesus as their Messiah, and rejoice in their salvation. Pray for them to share Christ and extend His grace into a movement that will affect Jewish people all over Latin America.

■ 8 Israeli Jews in Israel

The prophet Ezekiel predicted that God would re-gather the Jewish people and give them their "promised land." God kept his promise, and in 1948, the nation of Israel was reborn. In 1948, there were an estimated 23 Jewish Messianic believers and no congregations. Currently there are over 150 congregations and a conservative estimate of 30,000 believers in the Messiah. Almost 50 percent of Israeli Jews are very secular with no acceptance of God's Word.

Matthew 11:25 | *At that time Jesus declared, I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children.*

- Pray for this people group to humble themselves and come to trust in Christ as little children.
- Pray for a movement among the Orthodox and Hasidic Jewish populations, both of whom rarely give Jesus a chance to offer them a full life.



■ 9 Cochin Jews in Israel

Did you know there are Jewish people in Israel who speak Malayalam, a south Indian language? Today the Cochin Jews have been incorporated into the Israeli population, and many retain their Malayalam language and spicy cuisine. Their lifestyles are no different from other Jewish people in Israel.

Matthew 13:8 | *Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

- Pray that today's people group would become fertile soil and produces much fruit for God and His kingdom.
- Pray for the spiritual lives of the Cochin people to become fruitful as they follow Christ. Pray that the spiritual eyes of the Cochin Jews would be opened to see their Messiah.

■ 10 Romanian Jews in Israel

Following WWII, thousands of Romanian Jewish families emigrated to Israel. Though there are some elderly Romanian Jewish people still in Romania, most emigrated to Israel where they are now making a positive difference in the educational, business and cultural spheres.

Matthew 22:9-10 | *Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

- Pray for many in today's people group to accept the Lord's invitation to become part of His kingdom and join His great feast at the end of the age.
- Pray that God would open the eyes and hearts of Romanian Jewish people in Israel, so they will have a full revelation of His saving glory in Jesus. Pray that this revelation would result in them forming their own Disciple Making Movement.

■ 11 French Jews in France

Because of anti-Semitism in France, some have discretely decided to leave Paris and move into the suburbs; many have chosen to hide their Jewishness. Over 85% of Jewish people have experienced anti-Semitic incidents, which mainly have occurred through verbal abuse, physical attacks, and shootings. Synagogues have been vandalized and Jewish cemeteries defaced.

Matthew 25:21

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

- Pray that many in this people group become good and faithful servants of the Master and celebrate with Him in the coming kingdom.
- Pray for the Lord to be the protector of the Jewish people in France.
- Pray that God would open the minds, hearts and souls of the Jewish non-believers to accept Jesus as their Messiah, who desires them to know His grace and give them eternal peace.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among French Jews this decade.

■ 12 Polish Jews in Israel

Two thousand years ago, Jews arrived in Europe and spread throughout the continent. Through time, they have generally split into various groups based on whether they held to Jewish traditions and values. The traditional Hasidic movement was born in Poland. Many of these Polish Hasidic Jewish people are now in Israel.

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

- Pray for this people group to get the opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the good news. Pray for God's Spirit to move them to repent and believe in Christ.
- Pray that the few Jewish believers in Israel would be so filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit that they will help start movements to Christ among the Hasidic Jews. Ask the Holy Spirit to send workers in the harvest field and grant believers courage to evangelize.

■ 13 Yahudic Jews in Israel

The Yahudic Jews of Israel were originally part of the Jewish Diaspora (the destruction of the Jewish homeland by the Babylonians in what is now Iraq). These Jews had to perfect and rely on their oral traditions. Almost all have returned to Israel, though a few remain in Iraq.

Mark
1:40–41

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, If you will, you can make me clean. Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, I will; be clean.

- Pray for this people group to feel the healing touch of Christ and be cleansed from their sins.
- Pray that God would heal the broken Yahudic families and tie them together again. Pray that through this, God would show his grace ever more, leading Yahudic Jewish people into a movement to Himself. Pray that God would stir the hearts of Christ followers to share the good news of the perfect Jew.

■ 14 English-speaking Jews in the US

New York City is known for having the highest Jewish population in North America, many of whom are doctors, lawyers and businessmen. Although influenced by surrounding culture, the religiously committed Jews have not lost their beloved traditions. Religious Jews believe in the supreme being of the Old Testament, creator of the universe, and ultimate judge. Reformed Jews, on the other hand, do not abide by any traditions, so they can easily be secularized.

Mark
4:39

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Peace! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

- Pray that the Lord would bring His peace that passes all understanding into the hearts of this people group.
- Pray that God would give wisdom to mission agencies to take Christ to America's Jewish population. Pray for a strong movement to Christ among every Orthodox Jewish community in the U.S.

■ 15 Eastern Yiddish-speaking Jews in Israel

Yiddish, derived from Medieval High German, is a common language among northern European Jews as well as Jewish people in Israel. Within Israel, Jews may speak fluent Yiddish, Russian, Ladino, or any number of other languages learned in their countries of origin or from their immigrant parents. Those who speak Eastern Yiddish in Israel usually live in cities like the other Israelis and also speak Hebrew, the primary language.

Mark
5:19

And he did not permit him but said to him, Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.

- Pray for those who have been blessed among today's people group to boldly and lovingly tell others of God's abundant mercy.
- Pray that God would prepare the Yiddish-speaking Jews to be open to a gospel witness and that there will be a massive movement to their loving Messiah in the 2020s.

■ 16 Spanish-speaking Jews in Puerto Rico

The Sephardim, Ladino-speaking Jews, arrived in what was then colonial Spanish New Mexico as early as the 15th century. Some settled in Puerto Rico. Many were conversos: Iberian Jews, who were forced to convert to Catholicism. Ladino, based on Spanish with strong influences from other languages, was their trade language. Through the generations, they have switched to Spanish, the language of Puerto Rico where they have developed their own arts and synagogues.

Mark
7:37

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

- Pray that this people group would come to understand that the wisdom, power and goodness of God are found only in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Church would find ways to develop culturally meaningful ways of reaching them. Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among the Spanish speaking Jews in Puerto Rico.

■ 17 Kaman in Myanmar

Muslim Kaman people are between a rock and a hard place in their Buddhist Myanmar homeland. As a Muslim people group in a hostile Buddhist land, they are persecuted to the point where many live in internally displaced persons camps (IDPC). Because Kaman are Muslim, some in Myanmar's parliament are calling for their destruction.

Mark
8:29

And he asked them, But who do you say that I am? Peter answered him, You are the Christ.

- Pray that this people would believe and proclaim, like Peter, that Jesus Christ is their Savior and Lord.
- Pray for the Lord to bring peace and justice to this situation. Pray that the stress of living in IDP camps would cause the Kaman to seek and find answers in Christ. Pray that God's Spirit would use these situations to bring about a people movement to Christ.

■ 18 Gujarati in Myanmar

There were many Gujarati Hindus in Myanmar starting in 1865 until they were ousted by nationalistic Burmese in 1962. They were called “British colonialists” by irrational Burmese, who harmed their own fragile economy by driving out the business savvy Gujaratis. Today some Gujaratis remain. There is a potential mission force of believers from minority ethnic groups in Myanmar and northeastern India. Pray that the church in Myanmar would overcome its own nationalism to reach out to the Gujaratis within their communities.

Mark 8:36–37 *For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?*

- Pray for today’s people group to come to realize that all the spiritual riches of life and true wisdom are found in Jesus Christ alone.
- Pray the Holy Spirit would prepare Gujaratis to be open to that witness and to be open to acknowledging their sinfulness before God.

■ 19 Manyuki in Myanmar

What might it be like to live in constant fear of evil spirits and to make regular sacrifices to hopefully appease the fickle and treacherous demons of the unseen realm? This is life for the Manyuki people of Myanmar.

Mark 9:31 *For he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.*

- Pray that today’s people group would comprehend that Jesus died for their sins and rose again demonstrating His power over sin and death.
- Pray that Manyuki families, villages and communities would know the freedom of following the King of kings, the one who holds all authority in heaven and on earth. Pray that they would meet Jesus in dreams and visions and that they would pursue him eagerly. Pray that they would experience a Disciple Making Movement.



■ 20 Taungyo in Myanmar

One way to pick out the Taungyo is by the distinctive apparel of the women—lots of silver on their jewelry and heavy brass rings on their necks that are used to signify their marital status. The Taungyo are fishermen and agriculturalists. They are almost entirely Buddhist.

Mark 10:14–15 *But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.*

- Pray that this people group would humble themselves and come to God with child-like trust and thereby enter into His kingdom.
- Pray for a mass awakening among the Taungyo and deep movements of discipleship as they pursue God’s true righteousness and holiness. Pray for dreams and visions that will allow Jesus to make Himself known.

■ 21 Afar in Eritrea

The Afar who live in the desert inhabit one of the most rugged regions in the world. Most are nomads who herd livestock. To follow Jesus among the Afar is to risk losing status in the community as well as possibly losing family and friends, which are serious losses.

Mark 10:51 *And Jesus said to him, What do you want me to do for you? And the blind man said to him, Rabbi, let me recover my sight.*

- Pray for the Lord to heal the spiritual blindness of today’s people group. Pray that these people would see and recognize Jesus for who He truly is, the Light and Savior of the world.
- Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Afar would find each other, faithfully fellowship together, and begin a movement to Christ. Pray they would be excellent witnesses for the Lord’s goodness. Pray that the Afar community would be able to prepare their children for the rapidly changing conditions of the 21st century.

■ 22 Southern Pashtun in Afghanistan

The Southern Pashtun people are said to love and hate with equal intensity, displaying fierce loyalty to friends, yet defending the right of badal -- revenge or blood feuds -- where enemies are concerned. Tribal traditions, state and social opposition, conservative Islam, and the hostility of family all combine to stunt any growth of the Christian faith among the Pashtun people.

Mark
12:24

Jesus said to them, Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?

- Pray that this people group would hunger for and would learn the Scriptures. Pray that these people begin to experience the miraculous power of God.
- Pray for spiritual and physical peace in Afghanistan. Though there are believers scattered among them, pray for a powerful Disciple Making Movement to take root and spread.



■ 23 Northern Pashtun in Afghanistan

The Pashtuns are dedicated to Sunni Islam, and they strongly reject Western values, especially anything they view as anti-Islamic. Pashtun families believe that any member of their family who embraces the Savior brings them dishonor, and there are almost always severe repercussions.

Luke
10:2

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

- Pray for an abundance of Holy Spirit-led workers to disciple this people group.
- Pray they would have open hearts to tools like the internet, radio, JESUS Films, etc. This needs to be undergirded with worldwide prayer. Pray that this would be the decade when an unstoppable movement to Christ would begin among the Northern Pashtuns.



■ 24 Maliar Pashtun in Pakistan

Life has become increasingly difficult for the Maliar Pashtuns of Pakistan. Deforestation, overgrazing and extensive agriculture have made soil resources more vulnerable to floods, which make the soil less fertile. A number have moved into Pakistani cities. The need for assistance in the area of soil conservation could be an opening for trained Christ followers to enter the Maliar rural regions as God's messengers.

Luke
24:45

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

- Pray that the minds of this people group would be opened to understand God's word by the Spirit Himself.
- Pray that God would uphold faithful and committed long term Christ followers in the areas of development, to work among the Maliar to help them thrive economically and spiritually. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Maliar people this decade.

■ 25 Northern Pashtun in the United States

The Pashtun have been called the largest Muslim tribal society in the world. They are found in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and now many are living in the United States. There is a large Afghan diaspora in Fremont, CA, where they are very famous for their restaurants and exotic markets. Other US states where they have settled include Virginia, New York and some of the northeastern states.

John
15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

- Pray for the Lord to help today's people group to understand that apart from Him they can do nothing of spiritual and eternal value.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among the Pashtuns in America.
- Pray for a people movement among the Pashtun diaspora that will spread far and wide. Pray for the American church to reach the Muslim Pashtun for the Lord.

■ 26 Ir in Laos

The Ir people group live in the highlands of Laos. They are usually included in other people groups, but they are distinct, and our heavenly Father wants them to be His children. During the Vietnam War, U.S. warplanes dropped cluster bomblets over this region. Many of these bomblets remain and can explode when touched by farmers or children.

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

- Pray that today's people group would look to the Lamb of God, Jesus, to have their sins taken away.
- Pray for the Lord to call forth medical missionary teams to work with the Ir people and for protection from the bomblets. Pray for spiritual understanding that will turn their hearts to the Light of the World.

■ 27 Jeng in Laos

In 1936, the Jeng fled Vietnam for Laos, where they lost some of their cultural uniqueness. Today they live in six villages where they engage in rice farming along main highways. One thing they did not lose is their traditional animism. Indeed, they resisted Buddhist efforts to convert them.

John 3:3 | *Jesus answered him, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

- Pray that many in this people group would be born again and enter into the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that the small Brau and Oy churches would take advantage of the communication routes to evangelize the Jeng through word, deed and power encounters.
- Pray that God would lead the Jeng people to embrace the ways of Jesus Christ for all of their families and villages.

■ 28 Bisaya in Malaysia

The Bisaya of Western Sabah and Brunei Bay, Malaysia live along the "middle" stretches of the Limbang River, hence known as "people of the middle" or "people of the river." They live in stilt long houses on the river front where they fish. This indigenous people group is overwhelmingly Muslim, but they mix orthodox Islamic beliefs with animistic and shamanistic practices.

John 4:23 | *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

- Pray that this people group would begin to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.
- Pray that Christian doctors and clinics would take root among the Bisaya of Malaysia. Pray that the Middle People would become open to the gospel and Christian witness. Pray for a mighty movement to Christ among them this decade.

■ 29 Bawean in Malaysia

The Bawean people are majority Sunni Muslims with some influence from traditional local beliefs. Many grow rice, maize and coconuts for a living. Many Bawean people live in Singapore, where there is freedom of religion. Perhaps Christ followers can reach out to the Bawean in Singapore first, and new Bawean believers can take Christ to their people in Malaysia and Indonesia.

John 5:24 | *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

- Pray that today's people group would listen to the God's message and believe in the good news of their salvation.
- Pray for believers in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore to shine Christ's light to those around them. Pray that there would be a movement to Christ among the Bawean.

■ 30 Hanunoo in the Philippines

How can the Hanunoo people, living in poverty and worshipping nature spirits, be reached with Jesus' love? They reside in the far south of Mindoro, one of the Philippine islands. Their villages are autonomous, with no chiefs. They are isolated from medicine and education, along with other aspects of modern life.

John 6:35 | *Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.*

- Pray that this people group would hunger for God and begin to feed spiritually on the bread of life, Jesus Christ.
- Pray the Lord would send prepared witnesses to Hanunoo families and villages. Ask for Disciple Making Movements that spread to the many Hanunoo communities, bringing great blessings to these precious people.



OCTOBER

■ 1 Muslim Baghban in Pakistan

When those from the Indian subcontinent hear the word “Baghban,” most think of the Bollywood film with that title. But when a farmer from the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province of Pakistan hears that word, he thinks of himself, his family, and community. The Baghban people are a community of gardeners, and *Baghban* is the literal definition of their trade: gardening. Others engage in selling fruits.

John
7:37–38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

- Pray for this people group to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the overflowing, gracious love of God.
- Pray that God would open Baghban hearts to the gospel and would raise up His ambassadors to tell them of Jesus. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Baghban people in Pakistan and India this decade.

■ 2 Muslim Rahmani in India

The Rahmani work mainly as farmers. Many do not read, so the gospel will need to be given in oral forms. They are Muslims, and there is much social stigma about becoming a Christian in their families and communities. They need to find a way to embrace Christ without alienating the people they hold dear.

John
8:29

And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.

- Pray for today's people group to begin to please God by trusting in and obeying His Son.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will draw the Rahmani people to the only one who can save them from sin and death. Pray for workers to go to them. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to Christ among the Rahmani people in this decade.

■ 3 Afshari in Afghanistan

Most Afghan Afshari believe that Ali, Muhammad's cousin, was ordained by Allah to follow Mohammad, and after him came 11 more imams selected by Allah. The 12th one, Hujjat-Allah, is recognized as the promised Mahdi, their messiah, whom they say has been living in seclusion since 874. They believe that in God's time, he will return with Jesus to establish Islam in the world. This is called the Twelver Shia doctrine of Islam. Afsharis mainly live through farming, herding and carpet weaving.

John
8:58

Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.

- Pray for this people group to understand that Jesus is not just another human prophet but is the eternal God.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Afshari people this decade.

■ 4 Darwazi in Afghanistan

How would you like to visit a land of snowcapped mountains and rushing streams of water? This is the beautiful geography that both surrounds and isolates the small towns of the Darwazi people of northeastern Afghanistan. Although a few radios have connected them to the outside world, they are still mostly isolated, so medical assistance and medicine are a major need. They have a high mortality rate among their women and children due to difficulties in childbirth.

John
9:25

He answered, Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

- Pray that the Lord would remove the spiritual blindness of today's people group and they would begin to see God's truth revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would thrust out Afghan believers in reaching these people with much needed medical supplies and anointed prayer for the sick.



■ 5 Mussali in Afghanistan

Indigenous Hindus were forcibly converted to Islam and given the derisive name "Mussali." Today, they have low status wherever they live in South Asia, including Afghanistan.

Acts 1:8 | *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

- Pray that today's people group would receive God's Spirit and become empowered to tell others about the grace of God in Jesus Christ.
- There are no followers of Christ among the Mussali people, so pray for this to soon change. Pray that the Mussali people would have the blessings of spiritual hunger that will lead them to Jesus Christ. Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers to this untended field. Pray for the Lord to raise up the Mussali communities with both physical and spiritual blessings that will show other communities what He can do for any people who submit to His ways.

■ 6 Ormuri in Afghanistan

The Nuristani people groups are unique amid others living in Afghanistan - so unique they cannot be viewed through a single lens. As early inhabitants of the Nuristani region in northeast Afghanistan, most still reside there in two groups, the Malakhel and Ormuri.

Acts 2:4 | *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

- Pray for this people group to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to proclaim the greatness of God.
- Pray the Lord would even now be stirring the hearts of many in this tribe to seek forgiveness for their sin, forgiveness that comes only by placing faith in Christ. Pray for peace throughout Afghanistan and for a national government that is competent and just. Pray for a major movement to Christ among each Nuristani people group.

■ 7 Parachi in Afghanistan

The Parachi people live in five villages of Afghanistan. With no Christ followers in their Muslim villages it is seemingly impossible for any movement to spread. These communities are tightly knit and any change in spiritual beliefs is rare because it is viewed as a threat to all of them.

Acts 2:28 | *You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'*

- Pray the Lord would make known to today's people group the true path of life. Pray they would learn to rejoice in God's presence.
- Pray for the protection and spiritual growth of any followers of Christ living among the Parachi. Pray for them to be strong and share what the Holy Spirit is teaching them. Pray that the Parachi's physical and spiritual needs would be met. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to Christ in the Parachi community.

■ 8 Qizilbash in Afghanistan

The word *Qizilbash* is an Ottoman Turkish word referring to red headgear, which was associated with the "twelver" Shi'ite Muslims. The Qizilbash were a coalition of many different tribes of predominantly Turkic-speaking Azerbaijani peoples united in their adherence to Shia Islam and can be traced back to the 15th century. They have a reputation for being skilled warriors and have long been associated with sources of power.

Acts 3:9 | *And all the people saw him walking and praising God.*

- Pray for the Lord to do signs and wonders among today's people group. Pray they would trust in God and give Him the glory.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead the Qizilbash people to the cross. Pray for a clear presentation of the gospel message among the Qizilbash that will lead to a movement to Christ.

■ 9 Narisati Nuristanis in Afghanistan

Most Nuristani subsist as farmers and herders. However, in this remote and difficult-to-access region, steep, narrow paths challenge even mules, and transport is mostly on foot. Therefore, some of the men are employed by logging or illicit gem mining enterprises. There are several Nuristani peoples, one of which is the Narisati.

Acts 4:12 | *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

- Pray for today's people group to come to understand that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ and in no other religion.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal Himself to Narisati leaders through dreams and visions. Pray for a spiritual hunger that will not be satisfied by anything other than Jesus Christ. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Narisati Nuristanis.

■ 10 Sudanese Arabs in Saudi Arabia

Sudanese Arabs are Sunni Muslims whose faith focuses on pilgrimage to saints' tombs as well as the pilgrimage to Mecca. It is also tinged with mysticism, thanks to Sufism, a form of Islam that emphasizes mysticism and emotions. Their unique music is rooted in their pre-Islamic past. Urban Sudanese Arabs have migrated to Saudi Arabia to work in oil fields.

Acts 4:19–20 | *But Peter and John answered them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.*

- Pray for this people group to listen to and to obey God. Pray that they would hear God's message and tell others about His marvelous works.
- Pray for the Lord to reach these people through modern media such as Facebook, YouTube and the Internet, in addition to television and radio, as God prepares them through dreams and visions. Pray for a strong underground movement to Christ among Sudanese Arabs that will spread far and wide.

■ 11 Tihami Arabs in Saudi Arabia

The Tihami people are easily recognized by their colorful clothing, flowers in their hair, and their large families since they love children. Although most live in Yemen, some live in Saudi Arabia as nomads and some as farmers. The main obstacle to reaching them is that they are in Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Oman, where all are closed to mission efforts. Their other obstacle is nomadism, which makes it very difficult for outsiders to contact them. However, we must remember that someone took that effort to bring Islam to their communities.

Acts 4:29–30 | *And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.*

- Pray for boldness and love among the workers who go to today's people group.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Tihami people that cannot be stopped by man's best efforts.

■ 12 Javanese in Saudi Arabia

The Javanese are among the largest, most powerful, and most highly reached people group in Indonesia. However, the majority of them are Sunni Muslim, and they are able to migrate to Saudi Arabia to work.

Acts 5:41 | *With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

- Pray that believers in this people group would be willing to endure persecution for the name of Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to send Holy Spirit-driven workers to the Javanese in Saudi Arabia. Pray that while they are in Saudi Arabia, the Javanese would find the Islamic religious system wanting and seek to find true spiritual nourishment in Jesus Christ.

■ 13 Mahra in Saudi Arabia

The Mahra people are scattered in three countries, including southeastern Saudi Arabia. They speak their own dialect of Arabic, but they are not Arabs. They are semi-nomadic pastoralists who engage in some agriculture part of the year. The men have only one wife, and they are Sunni Muslims although they are probably not as devout as Saudi Arabs. As a society, they have social ranking and are led by a sheikh.

Acts 8:30 | *So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, Do you understand what you are reading?*

- Pray that the Lord would give today's people group a desire to hear and to understand God's words.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-driven dreams and visions of Jesus that will lead them into a movement to Christ.

■ 14 Shahari in Saudi Arabia

The story of wise men bearing gifts for the infant Jesus is a familiar story to all Christians. One of those gifts was the precious and costly frankincense. Where does it come from? It comes from Oman, specifically the region near the border of Yemen and Oman, where the Shahari live. Some Shaharis live in neighboring Saudi Arabia, and their lives are difficult in this extremely dry, hot part of the Arabian Peninsula.

Acts 13:12 | *Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.*

- Pray for this people group to be amazed at what Christ can do to bless their families and communities.
- Pray for mission groups to specifically reach out to Shahari people in cities and start Disciple Making Movements among them, with the hope that new believers will return to their nomadic communities and share Christ.



■ 15 Somali in Saudi Arabia

Somalis originated in the horn of Africa, so they are very close to the Arabian Peninsula. Today, many live in Saudi Arabia, and most of those in Saudi Arabia live in urban centers. The Somali men consider themselves “warriors,” often leaving the women in charge of the herds so that they can train to become more effective fighters since fights are common, especially between clans. They are Muslims, and they believe in evil spirits that bring sickness by possessing their victims.

Acts
13:47

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

- Pray that the believers in today’s people group become God’s light to their own group and to the nations of the world.
- Pray that this would be the decade when there is a massive spiritual breakthrough among Somalis in Saudi Arabia.

■ 16 Kabardian in Saudi Arabia

The Kabardians have been nearly exterminated many times over. They believe that hospitality must be extended to strangers and that they must demonstrate honor to their family elders. On the other hand, blood revenge is a deeply ingrained cultural value.

Acts
16:9

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, Come over to Macedonia and help us.

- Pray that the Lord would send messengers to this people group to tell them the good news about Jesus.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to take place with the Kabardians during the next ten years and for church planting movements to spring up, giving depth and spiritual maturity to all Kabardian believers. Pray for their elders and decision makers to have dreams and visions of the victorious Christ that will turn their hearts to Him.

■ 17 Emirati Arabs in the UAE

Saudi Arabia is the home of the Gulf Arabs, who are nomads and villagers and live in the harsh desert environment. The Gulf Arabs are often associated with Saudi Arabia, though many live in the nearby United Arab Emirates. Muslims have a strong bias against the validity of Christianity, including those from the United Arab Emirates.

Acts
17:30–31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

- Pray for today’s people group to repent of their sins and to believe in the God of the Bible.
- Pray for Christ followers to adopt and pray for Emirati Arabs. Pray for a people movement to Christ during this decade among Emirati Arabs.

■ 18 Hazara in the United Arab Emirates

The Hazaras in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are originally from central Afghanistan, and their Asian facial features and Shi’ite form of Islam make them stand out in both countries. Persecution has shaped and defined the Hazaras in Afghanistan. Under these circumstances, many have fled to places like the UAE. Most of the people of the UAE are non-citizens, including the Hazaras, and Hazaras in the UAE are from many walks of life.

Acts
19:20

So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

- Pray that the word of the Lord would spread and prevail in this people group.
- Pray for the Hazaras to find safe refuge and good jobs in the UAE. Pray for a church planting movement among the Hazaras in the UAE.



■ 19 Malay in the UAE

Though Malaysia hosts many non-Malay peoples, some Malay are hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as they work there. They tend to take high status positions in engineering, banking and education.

Acts
20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

- Pray that today's people group would experience God's wonderful grace and begin to tell others about Him.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will give the Malays in the UAE a willingness to question institutionalized Islam. Pray for workers to go to them. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Malay in the UAE that will spread back to Malaysia.

■ 20 Domari Romani in the UAE

The Domari Romani (Gypsies) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) often camp outside of urban locations where they attempt to earn a living through manual jobs, begging or selling trinkets. A few provide street entertainment through their music and dancing. They face discrimination and rarely manage to advance out of poverty.

Acts
26:18

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

- Pray for God to send spiritual light and truth to this people group.
- Pray for the Domari Romani to be blessed physically and spiritually in the UAE. Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among them that will spread far and wide.

■ 21 Hijazi Arabs in the UAE

The Arabic desert voices of the Saudi Hijazi tell much about their lives and culture as they roam the harsh deserts of the UAE with their livestock, their main source of livelihood. Sitting around open fires outside their tents, they often recite poems or sing songs accompanied by a lute (oud), flute, or drum while relating stories about their history or lives.

Acts
28:28

Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.

- Pray for this people group to hear and to accept the message of God's salvation.
- Pray for them to have a spiritual hunger that will lead them to the cross. Pray for serious, long term efforts by caring followers of Christ to reach the Hijazi, so they can have the opportunity to allow Christ to bless their families and communities.

■ 22 Socotran in the UAE

The inhabitants of Socotra Island off the coast of Yemen differ from mainland Arabs and are believed to be a mixture of Greek, Portuguese, African and Arab. Their language is a version of the ancient Himyarite language, which was spoken in pre-Islamic Arabia for many centuries. Most live on this island but a small number work in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

2 Cor
10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give new believers among today's people group victory their spiritual battles.
- Pray for workers to reach the Socotran people in the UAE this decade. Pray for a movement to Christ that will bless their community. Pray for their elders to become open to the claims of Christ and allow their people to listen.

■ 23 Iraqi Arabs in the UAE

What makes an Arab an Arab? They populate most of the Middle East and 22 countries. The two most common traits that all Arabs have are their language, Arabic, and their shared cultural values. Iraqi Arabs began to migrate to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) because of instability at home. Students make up a large portion of the immigration to the UAE in light of its reputable institutions across the Middle East.

Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly place.*

- Thank the Lord that He is giving His spiritual blessings to this people group.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would soften their hearts. Pray for a Christ-ward movement among Iraqi Arabs, not only in the UAE but also in Iraq.

■ 24 Bahraini Arabs in Oman

The Bahraini Arabs believe their ancestry goes back to Ishmael, the son of Abraham and Hagar, his wife's maid. They are the largest people group in Bahrain. Bahraini Arabs have seen the excesses of Western "Christian" culture, and they want to distance themselves from it.

Ephesians 1:17-18 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saint.*

- Pray for spiritual wisdom and light for the leaders of today's people group.
- Pray for the Bahraini Arabs to have open hearts to the teachings of Christ and easy access to the JESUS Film. Pray for them to live fulfilling lives and to have all physical and spiritual needs met. Pray that Oman would be an incubator for a Bahraini Arab movement to Christ.



■ 25 Dhofari Arabs in Oman

Residing in Salalah and nearby coastal regions of Oman, these Arabs speak their own variety of Arabic. Even though Oman is a modern country, western influences are quite restricted. A very important part of Omani culture is hospitality. If invited into an Omani house, a visitor is likely to be greeted with a bowl of dates, qahwa (coffee with cardamom), and fruit. Omanis practice a unique brand of Islam: Ibadhism.

Ephesians 3:16-17 *That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love.*

- Make this verse your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray for the Dhofari Arabs to be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih) and begin discovery Bible studies. Pray the Spirit of Jesus would open their minds to see Jesus as He is.

■ 26 Shihuh in Oman

The Shihuh are fishermen and herdsman and are probably descended from the original inhabitants of northern Oman, pushed into the mountains by successive Muslim and Portuguese invasions. The land in which they live is rocky and arid, with very little vegetation.

Ephesians 5:26-27 *That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*

- Pray for an emerging, spotless and pure church among this people group.
- Pray for sufficient rainfall to provide for livestock and to grow grain needed for food. Pray that God's provision would lead the Shihuh to seek and find the Savior.

■ 27 Arabized Harasi in Oman

Are they Arabs or Bedouins? The Harasis have a Bedouin background but like many other Bedouins, they tend to become more like the dominant Arabic speaking culture around them. They live in a culture where Islam, as a religious and political force, is seldom challenged.

Ephesians 6:11 | *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give His armor to the believers among today's people group.
- Pray for faithful intercessors for the Arabized Harasi people until there is a strong movement to Christ among them. Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead them into a Disciple Making Movement. Pray for their elders and community leaders to welcome those who come in the name of the Lord.

■ 28 Kumzari in Oman

The Kumzari are entirely Muslim, but they have their own type of folk Islam which combines Islam with their pre-Islamic practices. They believe in a she-devil who casts shadows and walks around in rags, carrying a basket. She is believed to cause miscarriages in pregnant women. They also are said to believe in monstrous creatures of various kinds.

Philippians 1:11 | *...filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

- Pray for righteous character for those who find the Lord among this people group.
- Pray the Lord would remember this small people group living in an isolated part of Muslim Oman. They need to hear of Jesus and respond with a movement to Him.

■ 29 Luwathiya in Oman

The Luwathiya people worship in their own Shia mosques and meet regularly to study and discuss elements of theology, history and law. An important function in their society is the selection of committees to take care of issues such as marriages, divorces, selection of imams, building mosques, charities, and other community affairs. The Luwathiya people are friendly but reserved among outsiders. One thing they will not discuss with outsiders is religion.

Colossians 1:11–12 | *Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.*

- May new believers among this people group walk in joy and love in the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for spiritual openness and an awareness of their spiritual needs. Pray for Christ's ambassadors to take His glory to the Luwathiya people of Oman. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Luwathiya people this decade.

■ 30 Persian in Oman

Iranians in Oman have a patrilineal society where men dominate the lives and decisions of their families. Marriages are still arranged but only after the negotiations and approval of both sets of parents. The Lord is growing His church in Iran; pray He would do the same in Oman.

Colossians 4:5–6 | *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

- Pray for new believers in this people group to have Holy Spirit-led words to say to their elders as they explain their new faith.
- Pray that God would raise up faithful intercessors for Persians in Oman and ask God to encourage former Persian Muslims who have come to Christ. Ask God to raise up a church planting movement among the Persians in Oman.

■ 31 Zanzibari Swahili in Oman

On the surface, Swahili-Arabs seem like regular Omanis. However, when one sits with them at a meal, the African roots come out. Much of the time Swahili is spoken instead of Arabic, which is considered the trade language, and the food is much more African. They are Muslim.

2 Thessalonians 1:12 | *So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- Make this verse your prayer for today's people group.
- There may be no followers of Jesus today among the Swahili of Oman so pray for those who will soon believe in Him. They will need mature believers to help them become well established in the faith. Pray that Jesus would be revealed to them with power at the proper time.