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MARCH

■ 1 Namassej Chandel in Bangladesh

Namassej Chandel live under distressed economic conditions. Higher education is rare for them, and while the people are engaged in a variety of professions, those living in villages are usually engaged in agriculture. A very small number are employed either by the government or the private sector.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! —Psalm 29:11

- Pray for new believers among this people group to be blessed with strength and peace.
- Pray for the Namassej Chandel to understand and embrace that Jesus wants to bless their families and neighborhoods.
- Pray for the few believers to change their society from within.
- Pray for a movement in which the Holy Spirit leads and empowers the few disciples to make more disciples.

■ 2 Bihari in Bangladesh

The so-called Biharis are Muslims who originated from different people groups in Bihar and neighboring states of what was once British India. Following communal riots during and after the partition of the Indian subcontinent, hundreds of thousands of Urdu-speaking Muslims migrated from Bihar and other Indian states to East Pakistan, now known as Bangladesh. Later, the Biharis sided with Pakistan and shared in war crimes against millions of Bengali civilians. After the war, they became victims of revenge and were gathered by the Red Cross into 66 relief camps to await repatriation to Pakistan, which has never occurred for many.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. —Psalm 31:10

- Pray that this people group will understand that sin drains and destroys, but the Lord offers forgiveness and spiritual refreshment.
- Bihari hearts to be softened and open to God's truth.

■ 3 Jogi in Bangladesh

The Hindu Jogi people of Bangladesh are followers of yoga. They are made up of religious mendicants (beggars) of the various Jogi orders and people who live by fortune telling, who practice exorcisms and divination. Many Muslims in Bangladesh feel that the Jogi people are a threat to Islam.

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. —Psalm 31:21

- Pray that this people group will be drawn to the un-failing love of the Lord, our eternal Heavenly Father.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of the Jogi people in Bangladesh in such a way that they would understand that they must accept and submit to the risen Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up a church planting movement among this people in this decade.

■ 4 Western Baloch in Iran

The Baloch in Iran have been isolated for many years due to the region's harsh climate and by their former reputation as bandits. Balochmayar is the honor code by which the Baloch live. These principles include extending hospitality and mercy, dealing with each other honestly, and offering refuge to strangers.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. —Psalm 32:8

- Pray for this people group to accept the Lord's guidance and salvation.
- Pray for the Baloch people to be delivered from their fear of Christianity and to embrace God's blessing through his Word for their families and communities.
- Pray for good schools for the children of the Baloch.
- Pray for employment opportunities for their men.



■ 5 Rahanweyn in Somalia

The Rahanweyn are composed of two major sub-clans: the Digil and the Mirifle (or Rahawiin). The Somalis are not a unitary people group, but a group of broad clan federations divided by language and by clan conflicts. The Digil-Rahawiin clans speak various dialects of what are known as the Maay language. These clans retain much of their nomadic, pastoral culture.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. —Psalm 32:10

- Pray for many from this people group to notice this stark difference and turn to the Lord.
- Pray for the Rahanweyn people living in the harsh environment of Somalia to be able to care adequately for their families.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a Disciple Making Movement among them in this decade.

■ 6 French Jew in Belgium

The majority of Belgium's Jews live in Brussels and Antwerp. Brussels has more than a dozen synagogues, including the largest synagogue in Europe. These places of worship vary from Reform to Orthodox. It also is where the leading Jewish newspaper, *The Regards* is published and Radio Judaica, the first European Jewish radio station, is located. The city has three Jewish schools, and the European Union for Jewish Students is in Brussels. The majority of Jews in Belgium have a strong Jewish identity and are not receptive to accept Jesus as their Messiah.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. —Psalm 33:5

- May this people group seek and find the Lord's unending love!
- Pray that believers would patiently befriend Belgium's Jews and share with them the peace only found in knowing their true Messiah, Jesus.



■ 7 Kabyle Berber in Belgium

During the third century, the Romans named the people of North Africa "Berber," which means "barbarian." Some Kabyle Berbers arrived in Belgium after World War II when there was a labor shortage. Others went as merchants since Belgium was an important trading partner with North African countries.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! Psalm 33:12

- May this nation choose the Lord, and no other!
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Kabyle Berbers in Belgium, especially among their leaders.
- Pray for people who love Jesus to go to them with the gospel.
- Pray that Belgium would be a place where Kabyle Berbers experience a movement to Christ.

■ 8 Sindhi in Belize

The Sindhis, named for the Sindhu River, are said to be one of the oldest people groups in South Asia. The Sindhis are native to the Sindh Province, which is now in Pakistan. Their culture has been heavily influenced by Muslim beliefs, and their customs reflect that. Though most Sindhi still live in India and Pakistan, others are scattered all over the world in places like Belize.

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

—Psalm 33:20–21

- May this people group rejoice in the Lord always.
- Pray for their physical and spiritual needs of the Sindhis of Belize to be met and for the Lord to give them strong, loving families.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Sindhis in Belize.

■ 9 Dendi in Benin

The Dendi people of Benin are almost entirely Muslim. Even though Islam introduced new elements into the Dendi culture, it left the underlying framework of custom and tradition virtually untouched. Spirit possession, magic, sorcery, ancestor worship and witchcraft remain vital components of the Dendi belief system. There is a need for Christian medical teams and humanitarian aid workers to minister to the physical needs of the Dendi people.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:22

- Pray for this people group to give their love and devotion to the Lord and be rewarded with hope and joy forever.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out medical missionaries for the Dendi people.
- Pray for adequate rainfall to produce good crops, and for improved health care.
- Pray for entire Dendi families to embrace Christ.

■ 10 Kheng in Bhutan

The Kheng are Tibetan Buddhists, but the shamanistic Bon religion greatly influences their outlook as well. A few distinct traits set the Kheng apart; for instance, their practice of serving raw meat with their drinks on special occasions, a practice at odds with the typical norms of Tibetan Buddhism, which frowns on the killing of animals for food.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

- May many from this people group praise Him at all times!
- Pray the Kheng would be given the opportunity to hear the message of Christ's person and work in their mother tongue and in a way they can fully understand, leading to a movement to Christ.

■ 11 Ryukyuan in Bolivia

The Ryukyuan are the indigenous peoples of the Ryukyu Islands of Japan. They have a very tightly knit family life and enjoy close personal friendships. They see themselves as bound together by their home island and especially among older people, will always consider themselves Ryukyuan first and Japanese second. A small number are now in Bolivia.

Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Psalm 34:5

- May there be many from this people group who look only to the Lord for help, and may they be filled with joy and peace.
- Pray the few Christians among them would be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.
- Pray for the Ryukyuan people in Bolivia to become aware of their need for forgiveness of sin and that forgiveness has been provided through faith in the work of Christ on the cross.



■ 12 Gawamaa in Sudan

The Gawamaa people of Sudan are part of the Baggara people group. They are primarily nomadic cattle herders. Men and women do not eat together unless they are married. Because the Baggara as a whole are not an educated people, few are involved in political life. Nearly all Gawamaa Baggara are Muslim. Those with skills in water purification and treatment could provide help and better health for this people group living in the dry climates of Sudan.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:5-7

- Pray for this people group to understand the vastness of the Lord's faithfulness and righteousness. May they be drawn to Him.
- Pray for peace throughout Sudan.
- Pray for God to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the Gawamaa Baggara people.

■ 13 Bosniak in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Bosniaks are typically characterized by their tie to the Bosnian historical region, traditional adherence to Islam, and common culture and language. Once spread throughout the regions they inhabited, various instances of ethnic cleansing and genocide have spread them to other places. Partially due to this, there is a notable Bosniak diaspora in a number of countries. The Bosniaks have experienced much harm over many years from those who have called themselves Christians. This isn't easy to overcome. Christ followers need to build friendships with the Bosniaks.

For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Psalm 38:17-18

- Pray that this people group finds peace and salvation when they confess their sins to the Lord.
- Pray that the Bosniaks would hunger to find out more about Jesus and embrace his lordship.



■ 14 Sikh Tarkhan in India

Tarkhans have traditionally been carpenters and are now one of the wealthier and best educated communities in India. They are described as a proud and very independent people and have a history of brave service in the Indian military. There are Hindu, Muslim, and Sikh Tarkhan communities.

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. —Psalm 42:1

- Pray for this kind of longing for the Lord among today's people group!
- Pray this people group would not be blinded to their spiritual need by pride.
- Pray for believers in India to take the gospel to the Tarkhan people and that this would be a decade of spiritual harvest.

■ 15 Miranha in Brazil

The Miranha and the Bora tribes both live in the Amazon region of Brazil, and because of their similarities, they are often referred to as the Miranha Bora. They speak similar languages. The Miranha move about to different regions because of their work of selling fish and fruit. One new advantage that they have is that they speak Portuguese. The government of Brazil is trying to protect the small tribes from contact with outsiders.

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8

- Pray for many from this people group to find the Lord's unfailing love and respond with praise and worship.
- Pray that South American Christians would accept the challenge of reaching their own isolated indigenous people.
- Pray for the Lord to make a safe way for the Miranha people to receive the gospel.

■ 16 Shanenawa in Brazil

Shane means "bird" and Nawa means "foreign people." The Shanenawa people speak Portuguese, but the older people and the young children mostly speak in their own language of Shanenawa. Some are farmers and shepherds while others are fishermen, so they have diverse lifestyles. The Amazon rain forest is the largest obstacle to reaching the Shanenawa as well as other unreached tribes in the region.

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

- Pray that this people group will respond to the Lord's light and truth.
- Pray for Shanenawa followers of Christ to lead the others into a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 17 Pipipa in Brazil

How do you reach a people if they feel threatened by religious change? That is the situation for the Pipipa people of Brazil. They speak Portuguese, but their identity is deeply rooted in their ethnic religion. Leaving their traditional religion is viewed by their community as one more part of their culture being robbed from them.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted! —Psalm 47:9

- Pray that the Lord will find honor and worship from today's people group. May they understand that they belong to Him.
- Pray for Christ to reveal himself to Pipipa elders, leading them to open their community to the King of kings.
- Pray for physical and spiritual protection for the Pipipa, that this would be the decade when there is a movement to Christ among them and other indigenous peoples in Brazil.

■ 18 Asheninka, Ucayali-Yurua in Brazil

The few people who speak Ucayali-Yurua Asheninka are vulnerable, having had their lives destroyed by the outside world. They have been able to survive for many generations by hunting wild game and finding edible plants, but if they are forced to live in towns or cities, they will probably be like fish trying to live on land. The Brazilian government is trying to protect indigenous people by keeping outsiders away. This keeps missionaries away; but unfortunately, loggers and miners arrive anyway.

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. —Psalm 50:1

- Pray that today's people group will respond to God's summons to come to Him!
- Pray for the Lord to be a way maker for this tribe to find their way to Jesus Christ.

■ 19 Kadazan Dusun in Brunei

Kadazan Dusun people groups are primarily agriculturalists growing rice and vegetables and raising animals. Many are employed in the timber industry. The lifestyle of the Kadazan Dusun in the urban and developed areas is quite different from those in the remote rural areas.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. —Psalm 51:2-3

- Pray for true heart-felt repentance to come to leaders of this people group. Pray that believers from Malaysia would have the compassion and mercy of Christ to go to the Kadazan Dusun people in Brunei.
- Pray for Jesus movements to bless extended families, so the gospel would spread rapidly.
- Pray for the lives and culture of the Kadazan Dusun people to evidence the rule and reign of the Kingdom of God as they open to the gospel, and for the beauty of Jesus to be seen in them.

■ 20 Bulgarian Jew in Bulgaria

Jews have been in Europe for at least 2,000 years, and they have been a significant influence in the history and culture of Europe. Much of what is considered "Jewish" today is rooted in European Jews. Today, many Jews in Bulgaria are either non-observant or have assimilated into the prevailing secular Bulgarian culture. As older Jews die, the Jewish community dwindles.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. —Psalm 51:4

- Pray that leaders among this people group will understand the depth of their sin just as King David did.
- Pray that as the gospel is shared, the Jews in Bulgaria would understand it as the fulfillment of God's promised Messiah through Abraham.
- Pray that strong churches would be planted, and disciples would train more disciples in Jewish communities.



■ 21 Bobo Madare in Burkina Faso

The Bobo Madare people are an inherently decentralized group of people. The concept of placing political power in the hands of an individual is foreign to the Bobo. Each clan has a totem, which is an emblem and the representation of a spirit being. Animistic spiritual forces dominate their lives.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. —Psalm 51:7

- May members of this people group be broken, and willing to repent and follow the Lord.
- Pray for believers in Burkina Faso to reach out to the Bobo Madare people and help them establish an unstoppable movement to Christ.
- Pray the Bobo Madare people would have ample supplies of clean water. Pray for good yields of their crops.

■ 22 Lobi in Burkina Faso

The name Lobi comes from two words, lou ("forest") and bi ("children"), meaning children of the forest. They are known as warriors and have been victims of slave raids. They are traditionally farmers and hunters. They are strongly animistic in their religious beliefs and worship ancestors. Thagba is the name of their creator god. They have no direct contact with Thagba but are dependent on nature spirits.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. —Psalm 51:10

- Pray for leaders among this people group to have hearts that seek to be clean before the Lord, and that they will teach others His ways.
- Pray the Lord would set the Lobi tribe free from the worship of false gods, gods that cannot see, hear nor help them in any way.
- Pray for this to be the decade of harvest among the Lobi people.

■ 23 Arab in Burundi

What is a “stateless” person? The Arabs in Burundi are considered stateless as they are not given Burundi citizenship, and their original homeland of Oman does not claim responsibility for them either. The Arab population in Burundi speak Arabic as their primary language, and those who received education may speak French or English.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. —Psalm 51:12

- Pray that when some from this people group accept the ways of God that they will be refreshed with joy and share it with others.
- Pray for Christian Arabs from outside Burundi to have the love and courage to share the gospel with them.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Arabs living in Burundi.

■ 24 Khmer Krom in Cambodia

The Khmer Krom have migrated from Vietnam and now live within the borders of Cambodia. Because of linguistic, political and social factors, they are distinct in many ways from the wider Khmer population in Cambodia. As Buddhists, the Khmer Krom may not understand the reality of sin and their need for Jesus as their Savior. Altering one's world view is painful and difficult.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. —Psalm 51:17

- Pray for the Lord to break the spirits of members of this people group and bless them with joy of salvation and mercy.
- Pray for this people group to have the opportunity to hear of Christ in their mother tongue and in a manner they will both understand and accept.

■ 25 Western Cham in Cambodia

Western Cham villagers are extremely poor, and their settlements convey a sense of impermanence. They are now largely integrated into the Cambodian lifestyle, and many now speak Khmer (Cambodian). This Muslim community living in Buddhist Cambodia may have become especially protective of their culture and religion.

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? —Psalm 56:8

- Pray for members of this people group to turn to the Lord with their sorrows and trust Him to wipe away their tears and replace it with eternal joy.

- Pray for improved living conditions for the Cham, for employment opportunities, and for good schools to be available for the children.
- Pray for Cambodian believers to take Christ to the Western Cham.

■ 26 Wandala in Cameroon

The Wandala live in compact villages that are grouped in rectangular compounds. Each compound, which contains several small huts, is surrounded by a dirt wall. They are almost entirely Muslim. Nominal Christianity is a huge problem in Cameroon, so Muslims rarely see living Christianity in action.

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. —Psalm 62:1–2

- Pray that many from this people group will make Christ the rock of their salvation this decade. Pray for workers who will be able to communicate to this tribe in their own language.
- Pray the Wandala would be drawn to the man Isa (Jesus), leading to a powerful movement to Christ.

■ 27 South Giziga in Cameroon

Kirdi (meaning "pagan") is a broad, collective name for a number of people groups living in northern Cameroon, southeastern Nigeria, and southwestern Chad. One of these groups is the South Giziga tribe. Most are farmers who raise crops on hillside terraces. At this point, the South Giziga are becoming Islamized, which adds a thick barrier to the gospel of grace.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah —Psalm 62:8

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw many from this people group to trust the Lord at all times and share their hearts with Him.
- Pray that the Lord would increase their hunger for the Word of God and open their eyes to the Truth.
- Pray for South Giziga believers to lead their people into a movement to Christ.





■ 28 Punjabi in Canada

The Punjabi people are from the Punjab, straddling the border between India and Pakistan. This region has been host to some of the oldest civilizations in the world. There are a number of Punjabi emigrant communities in Canada; they are traditionally Hindu, Muslim or Sikh. Most of those in Canada are Sikh, and they are well established in that country. There are believers among the Punjabi of Canada.

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. —Psalm 63:1

- Pray that hundreds from this people group will earnestly seek God and find Him.
- Pray they would live lives that honor the Lord, being united in love around truth.
- Pray that they would be salt and light to other Punjabis.
- Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Punjabi families and communities.

■ 29 North African in Canada

Geographically, Canada is a far cry from North Africa with the Sahara Desert and Mediterranean climate. Yet North Africans have immigrated to Canada since the 1960s, settling mostly in Montreal, but also Toronto and Vancouver. They are from Morocco, Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Tunisia, and they have their own community organizations. They are Christian (Egyptian Copts), Sunni Muslims and Jews.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. —Psalm 63:3

- May many from this people group understand this and act upon it.
- Pray for revival among Coptic Christians and for Jews for Jesus outreach to North African Jews.
- Pray that North African believers would deliberately evangelize North Africans in Canada.
- Pray that North Africans in Canada would tune in to SAT-7 Arabic programs.

■ 30 Kawahia in Sudan

The Kawahia are one of the Sudanese Arab ethnic groups. Kawahia are African in many respects; however, they still retain aspects of their Arab culture such as loyalty, hospitality, and strict codes of honor. Sudanese Arabs also retain characteristics of Arab family and societal life such as the distinct roles of males and females. However, in Sudanese Arab culture, women enjoy more freedom and liberty than women in many Arab societies around the world.

So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, —Psalm 63:4-5

- Pray that much praise reaches the heavens from this people group.
- Pray for the message of Jesus to come to the Kawahia in a way that connects with their cultural values of loyalty and honor.

■ 31 Runga in Central African Republic

The Runga are an agrarian Central African Republic people group. They are a polygamous people, with up to four wives to a household. However, the primary wife lives with the husband while secondary wives live in their own separate dwellings. Many practice folk Islam, i.e., animism with a veneer of Sunni Islam. The remainder are Sunni Muslims. They also engage in Sufiism, a mystic form of Islam.

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! —Psalm 65:4

- Pray for many from this people group to find joy in the Lord.
- Pray for the development of engaging Christian radio broadcasts and the publication of Christian literature, including the Bible.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare the way for a Disciple Making Movement.





APRIL

■ 1 Fertit Baggara, Central African Republic

"Baggara" (also Shuwa Arabs) is derived from the Arabic word bagar, meaning "cow," and refers to the Arab tribes in West Africa who are cattle herders. They are spread from the Lake Chad region eastward to the Nile River. Most Baggara tribes are nomadic and depend entirely on their animals for survival. Each year, they move the herds to where there is water, and they usually plant crops in their fields to harvest upon their return.

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; —Psalm 65:5

- Thank the Lord that He is the hope of all the earth and the hope of all nations!
- Pray that God would raise up long term workers to join those who have already responded.
- Ask for a Baggara movement to Christ.

■ 2 Kanembu in Chad

Up until the 1200s, the Kanembu were the most powerful people group south of the Sahara Desert. Their empire rapidly declined during the 1500s. Today, rich natron deposits are scattered across more than 30,000 acres of Chad. They are found in salt mines, most of which the Kanembu people own. While most of the Kanembu are farmers, many earn a living by mining the natron. The Kanembu live in the desert region of northwestern Chad. Since the area receives less than 12 inches of rain per year, farming is very difficult.

So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. —Psalm 65:8

- May many from this people group stand in awe of the Lord's deeds and joyfully follow Him.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften Kanembu hearts towards Christ— that they would be receptive to his teachings, igniting a movement to Christ.

■ 3 Maba in Chad

The Maba are one of the larger non-Arab peoples in Chad. Unlike cultures that assimilate the ways of their conquerors; historically, the Maba were not weakened by invasions, remaining a dominant people.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! —Psalm 66:1-2

- May there be many from this people group doing just this very soon!
- Pray for Maba elders and family leaders to have a spiritual hunger that will open them to the ways of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to spread into every Maba village in Chad and into Sudan.
- Pray that such a movement would bless the Maba people in every way, causing African Muslims around them to consider the claims of Christ.

■ 4 Northern Pashtun in Chile

Since Chile is a peaceful, prosperous nation, the Pashtuns, who were used to constant war, are learning to enjoy peace and prosperity. Most Pashtuns in Chile, having been there for a long time, are less likely to be open to change than they were when they first arrived.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, —Psalm 66:8

- Pray that today's people group will loudly sing His praises to other nations.
- Pray for the strong evangelical movement in Chile to seek Pashtun Muslims that are looking for spiritual satisfaction.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to kindle a desire among Pashtuns for true spirituality that only comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ.





■ 5 Xiang Chinese in China

Did you know there is a people group in China that has a writing system only understood by their women? They call themselves the Xiang, one of the Han Chinese peoples. The Xiang worship the spirits of dead communist leaders that once ruled China.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. —Psalm 66:10

- Pray for the Lord to test and purify today's people group.
- Pray that a strong community of followers of Christ would be established among the Xiang. Ask God to show them that Jesus Christ is the sovereign, risen Savior—the only one who is truly worthy of worship.
- Pray for spiritual openness and a hunger for true righteousness, especially among their leaders.

■ 6 She in China

Music is important to the She. When a guest comes to a village, the She request songs. Most She spend their days tending to rice fields on their hilly land, which also yields cotton, tea, and grain. The main religious adherence among the She is Daoism, which they mix with ancestor worship. The She share the Yao belief in Pan Hu, the dog-king they believe was the forefather of their race. Although there are scattered Christian communities among the Chinese who live near them, the gospel has never taken root among the She.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. —Psalm 66:16

- Pray for bold testimonies of the Lord's deeds to come from today's people group.
- Pray this would be the decade of an enormous harvest among the She people.

■ 7 Tujia in China

Tujia, or "The People," are an unreached people group; however, they consider themselves, "the aboriginal people." Yet this "original people," has significantly assimilated with the surrounding peoples since the 16th century, so today only three percent actually speak Tujia.

That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. —Psalm 67:2

- Pray that His ways will soon be known by today's people group.
- Pray that a strong community of believers would be established among the Tujia.

- Pray that they would be overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit and yield to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among them this decade.

■ 8 Southern Hmu in China

The Southern Hmu annually observe the Worship of the Door Festival. At sunset, they close the door, sacrifice a young female pig, and pour her blood into a hole under the door jam. Then, the family observes a long period of silence. The father and oldest son stay up all night, and just before daybreak, they solemnly recite: "We worship thee, O door. Keep away sickness, keep away disease, keep away slander, and all that is injurious."

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah —Psalm 67:3-4

- Pray that this day will come soon!
- Pray for missionaries to show the few Southern Hmu Christian believers how to read and use the New Testament in their language.
- Pray this would lead to a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 9 Yang Zhuang in China

How do you get rid of a half a million convicts? You exile them! During the Qin Dynasty (221-207 BC), that is exactly what the Chinese Emperor did. He sent them to the Lingnan region in southern China, now called Guangxi and Guangdong. They intermingled with the various branches of the Bai Yue people group, and today they are called Zhuang. The Zhuang try very hard not to offend the spirits.

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! —Psalm 67:7

- Pray for fear and worship to rise up from all peoples in the 2020s.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to break the hold that spirits have over the Yang Zhuang and to open their hearts to respond to Jesus Christ who died to save them.

■ 10 Hua Miao in China

Yes, there will be some Hua Miao at the throne of Jesus in eternity! Reports show that there are 1,000 scattered Hua Miao Christians, yet there is a vast number that need to be reached for Christ. Their only chance of hearing the gospel comes if they happen to live near one of the few evangelized Miao groups.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! —Psalm 68:4

- May today's people group feel His holy presence when they worship Him.
- Pray for the tiny Christian Hua Miao community to trust in the Holy Spirit's leadership to grow in Christ and to reach out to their yet unsaved communities.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to send dreams and visions to unsaved Miao communities about someone bringing them good news.

■ 11 Bouyei in China

The Bouyei have inhabited Guizhou Province for 2,000 years. When a Bouyei woman is in the process of giving birth, a tree branch is placed across the door to prevent intruders from entering. They erect an altar to the spirits to ensure the delivery goes smoothly. After birth, they bury the placenta under the bed. Sometimes the Bouyei language dialects vary from village to village. Since the Bouyei believe in many gods, there are a lot of barriers to dismantle.

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. —Psalm 68:5

- May the widows and orphans among this people group become part of His family.
- Pray for a renewed church planting movement among the Bouyei that will introduce Jesus Christ to many unevangelized Bouyei communities.

■ 12 Hani in China

The Hani are a needy and poverty-stricken people. The central government ranked them lowest of China's official minorities in a quality-of-life index. There are few resources (Scripture, gospel films, etc.) available to help communicate the good news of Christ to the Hani people.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah Psalm —68:19

- May today's people group allow the Lord to carry them in His powerful arms.
- Pray for the Hani to be able to improve their living

conditions, for employment, and for schooling for the children.

- Pray that there would be a movement of the Hani towards Christ Jesus as Savior and King.

■ 13 Ha Li in China

The speakers of the Hlai language live on the western end of Hainan Island. Hainan was a hunter's paradise until recently, and even now one can find a large number of wild animals in the mountainous regions. Most of the Christians on Hainan Island are Ha Li. Their god, Pa-Thung, lives in an unknown place. But his agents, evil spirits, keep an eye on their villages from nearby places like caves and rivers.

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. —Psalm 68:32–33

- May all the nations praise Him!
- Pray the Ha Li people would be set free from fear of spiritual forces and put their trust in Christ.
- Pray for a Ha Li movement to Christ.

■ 14 Yongbei Zhuang in China

A newly married Yongbei Zhuang woman stays with her parents until after the birth of the first child. Only then does she go to live with her husband in his village. Their homes are usually built on stilts. Yongbei Zhuang people are careful not to offend spirits of water, forest, mountain and villages surrounding them. Strongholds of fear must be torn down.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God! —Psalm 68:34–35

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's power and goodness to others.
- Pray that the Lord Jesus would raise up entire Yongbei Zhuang families and communities until their culture is transformed to fully glorify God on earth.

■ 15 Northern Hmu in China

Chinese people have despised the Hmu people for centuries and called them "men-dogs." When a Hmu dies, a shaman "opens the road" by giving directions to enable the soul of the deceased to reach heaven after a long journey. In 1898, missionary W. S. Fleming and the first Hmu convert, Pan Xiushan, were murdered, and Christian inquirers were beheaded. Today, the main center for the Northern Hmu people is Kaili City.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. —Psalm 73:24

- Pray that today's people group will seek God's counsel and be led to His glorious destiny.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through those ministering to Hmu people.
- Pray they would be given spiritual understanding.

■ 16 Mishaba Laluo in China

The Mishaba Laluo celebrate the Festival of the Tree King, where the entire community gathers around a large tree that stands outside the village. They sacrifice a black piglet, and the pig is cooked and eaten by the people, who sing a song in praise of the power of the tree god. Such traditions keep them together as a people, and they believe it is a betrayal of their people to accept outside spiritual beliefs.

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. —Psalm 73:25-26

- Pray for many from today's people to know that they must have no other God but the Lord.
- Pray for the Lord to move among the Mushaba Laluo in such a way that they realize their need for a sin-free savior.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Mishaba Laluo people this decade.

■ 17 Liujiang Zhuang in China

China's Guangxi Province is made up mostly of people from the Zhuang people groups. They live similar lives, and each subgroup, including the Liujiang, is unreached with the gospel. Fear of retaliation by the spirit world might be one of the reasons why the Liujiang Zhuang remain unreached.

When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars. Selah —Psalm 75:3

- Pray that many from today's people group will allow Him to be their firm foundation in times of trouble.
- Pray for Han Chinese believers to take Christ to their Liujiang Zhuang neighbors.
- Pray for Christ to show himself powerful and righteous before the Liujiang Zhuang people.
- Pray for a movement to Christ that will bless all Zhuang peoples in China.

■ 18 Guibei Zhuang in China

There are physical obstacles in trying to reach the Guibei Zhuang in that anyone who wishes to share Christ with them would probably have to move to Guangxi Province in western China. There are also the usual obstacles of spiritual dullness and deceit that are common to all peoples.

But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. —Psalm 75:9

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God' wondrous deeds to their families.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal himself to the Guibei Zhuang, so they will know that he is the only God they should fear.
- Pray that this would be the decade where hundreds of Guibei Zhuang people embrace Jesus and take him to the lost in western China.

■ 19 Pingdi in China

In the ancient past, the Pingdi (a Yao subgroup) had a legend of a creator. The Yao claim, "Ages ago ... before we crossed the sea, we worshiped someone called Tin Zay, who lives in heaven and is a holy god." Christians sharing the gospel with the Pingdi people group could start with the story of Creator God.

Glorious are you, more majestic than the mountains full of prey. —Psalm 76:4

- Pray that this people group will realize the eternal majesty and glory of the Lord, and give Him praise.
- Pray that believers from other parts of China would bring them the Good News. The JESUS Film and some audio resources are available in Xiang, the language of the Pingdi.
- Pray for a "Book of Acts" type of movement to Christ among the Pingdi people.

■ 20 Hakka Chinese in China

While the Hakka have cultural differences from Han Chinese, they are still considered Chinese. The Hakka people are most numerous in Taiwan and southern China's Guangdong Province, but many also live in Malaysia and Hong Kong. They have their own cuisine, architecture and dress. Their spiritual beliefs are very similar to other Han Chinese groups. The Hakka people are not as open to the claims of Christ as most of their neighbors.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! —Psalm 79:9



- Pray that many from this people group will call out to the Lord as desperately as the psalmist did in this verse.
- Pray for Bibles, the JESUS Film, and other Christian materials to find their way into Hakka homes.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Hakka people.

■ 21 Cantonese in Macau, China

Did you know there is a tiny region in China with Portuguese as one of the two official languages? Yes, I am talking about Macau, “the Las Vegas” of the People’s Republic of China (PRC). Macau was a Portuguese colony until China took over this gambling hub in 1999. Cantonese people make up nearly 90% of the residents. The Cantonese language is mutually unintelligible with Mandarin, China’s official language.

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! —Psalm 81:8

- Pray for this people group to heed God’s warning and listen to Him!
- Pray that the people of Macau would see the emptiness of materialism and turn to the Lord.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Cantonese in Macau.

■ 22 Saaroa in Taiwan

What is a dying language? It is a language with few adult speakers and no speakers in the younger generation. The Saaroa language of Taiwan fits into the endangered language category. Fewer than a dozen older adults speak Saaroa, and no child or young person can speak the language. Young Saaroa people are learning Mandarin and Bunun. Bunun people have moved into the mountain valleys where the tiny group of Saaroa live.

But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. —Psalm 81:11-12

- Pray that this will be the year when this people group stops following their own stubborn desires and begins to follow the Lord.
- Pray that each Saaroa person would have the opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the gospel in a way he or she can understand.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.

■ 23 Laki in Iran

The Kurdish Laki people of Iran live in the western part of the country. They speak Laki, which most linguists believe is one of the Kurdish languages. The Laki are semi-nomadic animal herders and farmers. Today, many live in permanent houses and grow grain, fruits, nuts and vegetables. Up until 1979 and the Islamic Revolution, opium was their cash crop. Some Laki have moved to Iranian cities and are fully engaged in modern society.

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. —Psalm 84:2

- Pray that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who have this kind of heart for being in the presence of the loving Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Laki in this decade.
- Pray that Bible would be translated into Laki and that these Bibles would make it to the Laki people.

■ 24 Embera-Baudo in Colombia

The Embera-Baudo are an indigenous people who live in northwest Colombia. They make their living by hunting, gathering, fishing and agriculture. Unfortunately, the Baudo live in a region that is frequently used by drug cartels and rebel armies. Young Baudo men have been kidnapped to serve as guides. As a result, some have moved to towns and cities in “safer” parts of Colombia, but they have not adjusted well.

O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! —Psalm 84:12

- Pray for many from this people group to find joy and hope in trusting the Lord Almighty.
- Pray that the Bible would be translated into Baudo.
- Pray that Embera believers would be moved by the Spirit to go to the Baudo and tell them about Jesus.

■ 25 Malayo in Colombia

The Malayo suffer from extreme poverty. Child malnutrition is a major problem. In addition, the Malayo are struggling to keep their land from encroachment of Spanish speaking settlers. Education among the Malayo is almost non-existent. A tiny fraction of the Malayo are believers.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. —Psalm 85:8

- Pray that those who follow the Lord among this people group will never return to their old ways.
- Pray that Malayo believers would grow in the faith and would be bold in sharing the good news.
- Pray that Malayo parents would be able to provide for their children.
- Pray that teams would go to the Malayo to help with both their physical and spiritual needs.
- Pray that God would raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Malayo in this decade.

■ 26 Ngazidja Comorian in the Comoros

Living on a group of islands in the Indian Ocean between Madagascar and Mozambique, the Ngazidja Comorians are a people full of farmers and fishermen! Though the young people living there often wear Western style clothing, traditional clothing is still common. Children are expected to help with the farming, fishing and caring for the livestock.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. —Psalm 85:9

- Pray for the land of this people group to soon be filled with His glory and mercy!
- Pray that the Comorians would have access to all the things they need to be physically and spiritually content.
- Pray that they may learn about Jesus and be saved.
- Pray that more people would go and share God's Word with them.

■ 27 Sere in the DRC

The Sere are a small people group. There is often a threat of roaming militias and violent criminals in the predominantly rural nation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Such a situation makes it very difficult for believers to move about and share the good news. There are no Christian materials in the Sere language, so someone will need to start at the beginning.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. —Psalm 86:5

- Pray for anointed workers who are skilled in writing to go to the Sere people so that they may write appropriate music and skits that can explain the life of Jesus.
- Thank the Lord that He is eager to offer love and forgiveness to peoples who turn to Him for help!
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among the Sere.

■ 28 Swahili in the DRC

The name Swahili literally means "coast" and is the name given to several people groups that share a common culture, language and religion. Many of the upper-class Swahili now manage small businesses, do clerical work and teach in schools. Islam is deeply ingrained in the worldview of the Swahili people. It will be difficult for them to accept other foundational answers to spiritual questions, such as salvation by Jesus Christ, not by human effort.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. —Psalm 86:9–10

- Pray for many from this people group to understand this.
- Pray for an openness to Christ as being the only way to abundant life and eternal salvation.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint believers to take them the gospel.

■ 29 Hausa in the DRC

Today members of the Hausa community are highly trained, educated and assimilated into the political and social life of many African countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Some of the Hausas have become very rich. They are deeply involved in the politics of their communities. Islam and high status as a community are huge obstacles for those who might otherwise come humbly to the Lord of lords.

A God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? —Psalm 89:7

- Pray that many from today's people group will understand that the only God is the Lord, and they must turn to Him.
- Pray they will be in awe of His might.
- Pray for the Hausa people in Congo to have their physical needs met, such as safe drinking water. Pray that the Hausa peoples would have a movement to Christ that would spread throughout Africa, blessing them in every way.



■ 30 Bederia in Sudan

The Bederia are one of the numerous Baggara tribes of northern Sudan. The Baggara, also known as Shuwa Arabs, are a nomadic Bedouin people inhabiting Africa between Lake Chad and the Nile. They are cattle-herding Arabs, although they are sometimes mixed with indigenous tribes. The Bederia tribe lives in an area difficult for outsiders to access. They also likely have a low literacy rate, so gospel materials need to be in audio form.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. —Psalm 89:14

- Pray that today's people group will seek and find His righteousness and justice.
- Pray that they will be thankful for His unfailing love.
- Pray for Bederia leaders to understand the worth of Jesus Christ and allow his servants to bless their community.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Bederia people this decade.



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