

Unreached of the Day MAY–JUNE 2022

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■ 1 Batgama in Sri Lanka

Although Buddhism began in northern India, it eventually spread south to the island of Ceylon, the nation of Sri Lanka. Today we pray for the Batgama Buddhist people who live there. Buddhists have shown some interest in the books of Job and Proverbs, so those books might act to open Buddhists to more Scripture and to Jesus, especially through friendship evangelism.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
—Psalm 90:1

- Pray that today's people group will make the Lord their "home" forever.
- Pray that a movement to Christ would begin among them this decade, one that will transform their communities and families and bring God's blessings.

■ 2 Odienne Jula in Côte d'Ivoire

The Jula (or Dyula) people are skilled craftsmen and merchants. The Jula are in subgroups, one of which is the Odienne, the name of a town in northwestern Cote d'Ivoire with its own airport. This has long been a trading center. The Odienne Julas have put their faith in the spirit world and the mercy of Allah instead of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. They need someone to show them the way to the cross. Any movement to Christ will need to be done on a clan-by-clan basis.

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. —Psalm 90:12

- Pray that this knowledge will lead many from today's people group to seek the Savior.
- Pray for believers to go as Christ's ambassadors to the Odienne Jula people of Cote d'Ivoire.
- Pray for the Lord to give the gift of faith to many within this people group.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to emerge in their homes, villages and even in their mosques.

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■ 3 Worodougou in Côte d'Ivoire

Many Worodougou are subsistence farmers in small villages, raising rice, corn, yams, cashews and cotton. Some of the younger generation has moved to larger cities. Their grandfathers were the first to become Muslims, but in most of the small villages they are Muslim in name only. Most don't go to the mosque. It is their spirit/ancestor worship that really holds their attention.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. —Psalm 91:1

- Pray for many from today's people group to find rest in their relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for rising literacy levels among this tribe, and for employment opportunities.
- Pray that these people would be delivered from fear through trust in Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Christ this decade.

■ 4 Croatian-speaking Jew in Croatia

Three-quarters of Croatia's Jewish community lives in the capital of Zagreb, while others live in three smaller towns spread throughout the country. Although intermarriage with non-Jewish people has been widespread, most of them have a strong Jewish identity. The community building in Zagreb contains a synagogue, an art gallery, a Jewish library and a Holocaust research center.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! —Psalm 95:1-2

- Pray that many from today's people group will sing joyfully to the Lord, the rock of their salvation!
- Pray for God's protection for Croatia's Jewish population.
- Pray that believers in Croatia would be filled with God's wisdom, understanding, tact, love and compassion so they can reach out to the Croatian Jewish people with His saving grace and love.

■ 5 Dawei in Myanmar

For centuries the Dawei people have been a peace-loving and gentle people. Their language is viewed as a “nonstandard Burmese with profound pronunciation and vocabulary differences from Burmese,” by the Ethnologue.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. —Psalm 96:1-2

- Let many from today's people group sing a new song of praise to the Lord.
- Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Dawei people would be joyful always, praying continually, giving thanks in all circumstances, and willing to give a reason for their faith.
- Pray for peaceful relations between the Dawei people and Burmese authorities.
- Pray that those refugees in Thailand would be less resistant to the gospel.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among these Buddhists.

■ 6 Turkish Cypriot in Cyprus

As the descendants of Turkish Ottoman invaders who conquered Cyprus in the sixteenth century, the Turkish Cypriots proudly maintain Turkish language, customs and traditions. Today they are known to be gentle, courteous and hospitable to strangers. They are Muslim, but they also adhere to folk beliefs.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. —Psalm 97:6

- Pray that this will be the year when today's nation sees His righteousness and glory.
- There is a large Christian presence in the Greek portion of Cyprus. Pray that born again believers would befriend the Turkish Cypriots and be His ambassadors.
- Pray for peace and friendship between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots.
- Pray for the Turkish Cypriots to find their way to the empty grave and embrace the Risen Christ.



■ 7 Czech Jew in Czechia

During the last few centuries, Eastern Europe had a large Jewish population, and that includes the Czech Republic. Jewish communities in Europe vary greatly in religious beliefs and practices. Believers with a love for the Jewish people can join them in their cultural activities and win the right to introduce them to their true Messiah.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! —Psalm 100:4

- Pray for this people group to enter His courts with joyful praise!
- Pray that strong local churches would be nurtured in each Jewish community.
- Ask Jesus to soften Jewish hearts towards Christ followers so that they might hear and receive the message of salvation.

■ 8 Danish Jew in Denmark

In Denmark, Jewish people often find their employment in medicine, law, higher education, science and finance. Jewish scientists win the Nobel Prize many times above the percentage of the general Danish population. Socially they blend in well with Christian Danes. There are theological differences within the Danish Jewish community since they adhere to various forms of Judaism. For most of them, Jewish practices are merely cultural practice, not one that involves reaching out to the living God. Others have a sincere faith in the God of Abraham.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! —Psalm 103:1

- Pray that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who will worship Him with their whole hearts.
- Ask Jesus to soften Jewish hearts towards Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Jews in Denmark this decade.

■ 9 Afar in Djibouti

The Afar (or Danakil) claim to be descendants of Noah's son Ham. They live in the East African countries of Djibouti, Ethiopia and Eritrea. Djibouti is sometimes called "a valley of hell" because it has one of the hottest, driest climates in the world, and suffers from constant drought. Most Afar are Muslim nomads who herd sheep, goats, cattle and camels. Some are fishermen.

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, —Psalm 103:3

- Pray that this people group will flee to the Lord who alone can forgive sin.
- Pray that God would show His mercy and power by sending the Afar people abundant rain.
- Pray for the Lord to bring forth a movement to Christ among the Afar people this decade.

■ 10 Ilavan in Sri Lanka

The Ilavan people work as toddy-tappers. This means they extract sap from palm trees to make an alcoholic beverage. Most Ilavan people in Sri Lanka are now farmers. Others are builders, chauffeurs, handymen, truck drivers and taxi drivers. For centuries, they have believed that the Hindu gods are the only ones who can provide for their needs. There is also a lot of social pressure to remain in the Hindu fold.

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. —Psalm 103:12

- Pray for this people group to find forgiveness and relationship with the Lord Almighty.
- Pray for spiritual hunger.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Ilavan people.
- Pray for their elders to have a desire for the true spiritual nourishment that can only come from Christ.

■ 11 Mon in Myanmar

The Mon people were the first to receive Buddhism, and they were among those who spread this religion throughout Southeast Asia. They have been a major source of influence on the culture of Myanmar, yet they have a history of struggle with the Burmese. Most of the Mon are family farmers, although a few are merchants and craftsmen.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, —Psalm 103:17

- Pray that this people group will understand that they can enjoy the eternal love of the Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would give the Buddhist Mon people a strong awareness of their own sin, and the need for forgiveness.
- Pray that at the proper time Jesus would be revealed to them as their savior, the one who offers both forgiveness and hope in this life.

■ 12 Fedicca-Mohas Nubian in Egypt



Consisting of several non-Arab Muslim tribes which originated in the Nubia region, the Nubians are now mostly located around northern Africa. They grow a variety of foods including watermelons, beans, peas and wheat. Many of their religious ceremonies include singing, dancing and beating drums. One of the Nubian subgroups is the Fedicca-Mohas.

From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth —Psalm 104:13-14

- Pray for this people group to be amazed at His abundant blessings!
- Pray for the Lord to provide them an abundant wheat harvest as a testimony of His goodness and power.

■ 13 Eastern Bedawi Bedouin in Egypt

The Bedouin live a mainly nomadic lifestyle relying on the transportation of camels and the shelter of woven tents. They lead a harsh existence with few amenities. These tribes typically occupy various oases in the desert regions. Several Bedouin tribes reside in Egypt, including the Eastern Bedawi. The Bedouin tend to be insular, separated from the communities around them.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. —Psalm 104:24

- Pray for God to speak to the hearts of members of this people group through the many wonders of nature.
- Pray that the Eastern Bedawi would learn of the forgiveness and fulfillment found only through Christ.
- Pray that they would find safety in the dangerous conditions in which they live.
- Pray for a movement to Christ that will bless the Eastern Bedawi abundantly.

■ 14 Kinnara in Sri Lanka

The Kinnara are a small group who migrated from India to Sri Lanka hundreds of years ago. Today you will find them only within the borders of that island nation. As Buddhists, the Kinnara believe that spiritual forces determine the events in their lives.

Pray for mission organizations to send workers to the Kinnara.

Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? —Psalm 106:2

- May many from this people group not be able to praise Him enough!
- Pray for the Kinnara to encounter God's Word in the Sinhala language.
- Pray for the Church to grow and take root among this people group, leading to a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 15 Tai Nua in China

The Tai Nua are historically part of the great Tai cluster of peoples, which dispersed during the past millennia and now inhabit parts of China, Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar, India and Thailand. Although they are nominally Buddhists, the Tai Nua have many aspects of animism and polytheism mixed into their beliefs. Buddhists typically have little awareness of their own sin and their need for forgiveness. The Tai Nua do not realize their need for a savior.

Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. —Psalm 106:6

- Pray that many family leaders from this people group will understand that their people are sinful just like the Israelis, and that they need to seek the Lord for forgiveness.
- Pray for Han Chinese followers of Christ to tell the Tai Nua about Jesus Christ.

■ 16 Eritrean Tigre in Eritrea

The population of Eritrea is equally divided between Christian (Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Lutheran Protestants) and Muslim religions. The largest Muslim group is the Tigre, the only Eritrean or Ethiopian Semitic people which is not Orthodox. They are related to the Christian Tigrinya but are culturally distant from them.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble —Psalm 107:2

- Pray for this people group to call out to the Lord to redeem them from sin, their main enemy.
- Pray for Tigre believers to become effective and fruitful in sowing God's Word among their own families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessings spreading from household to household.
- Pray the Tigre people would have sufficient food in an area that often experiences famine.
- Pray for rain and for improved living conditions.

■ 17 Hedareb Beja in Eritrea



What is the largest non-Arabic ethnic group between the Nile River and the Red Sea? The Bejas! One of their subgroups, the Hedarab, are nomadic shepherds who live in the desert regions of Sudan, Egypt and Eritrea. Many believe the Beja are descendants of Noah's grandson, Cush. They have occupied their current homeland for more than 4,000 years. During this time, they have adopted Islam and mixed it with folk religion.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. —Psalm 108:3

- Pray that God will raise up thankful people from among this people.
- Ask God to reveal Himself to the Beja and set them free from the belief that they can please God through words without a savior.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Beja peoples this decade.

■ 18 Eastern Yiddish-speaking Jew in Estonia



Because of the uniqueness of their history and culture, Yiddish-speaking Jews have a strong sense of identity. Persecution of and discrimination against the Jews have been the historical reasons for their migrations and settlements in other parts of the world.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. —Psalm 111:3

- Pray for many from this people group to find this God whose righteousness never fails.
- Pray for the hearts of the Yiddish-speaking Jews of Estonia to be open to the gospel and to Jesus as Messiah.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Eastern Yiddish-speaking Jews this decade.

■ 19 Silt'e in Ethiopia

A considerable number of Silt'e live in Addis Ababa, Adama and other cities and smaller urban centers of southern Ethiopia where they make a living as merchants or shopkeepers. In the countryside, the Silt'e practice mixed farming and cultivate ensete, a native flowering plant found in Africa and Asia. Almost all Silt'e are Muslim.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! —Psalm 111:10

- Pray for fear of the Lord and wisdom to come to this people group.
- Pray for Silt'e people to have spiritual discernment and a hunger for true righteousness.
- Pray for workers who are filled with the power and the fruit of the Holy Spirit to work among the Silt'e people until they have their own movement to Christ.

■ 20 Jima Oromo in Ethiopia

The various Oromo people groups are the largest, most widely dispersed groups in Ethiopia. They are composed of approximately a dozen tribal clusters including the Jima. One basic value of the Oromo is "tokuma", meaning group identity. Due to this tokuma, missionaries can find it hard to convince them to give Christ a chance, as most of them are not willing to run the risk of being ostracized.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! —Psalm 113:3-4

- Pray for peoples from all over the world to discover His glory and mercy.
- Pray the Oromo tribes of Ethiopia would be able to provide improved education for their children, and for a rising standard of living.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Jima Oromo people.

■ 21 Pa-O in Myanmar

The British colonialists called Pa-O people Black Karen because most of their women wear black or dark blue dresses. For centuries, Buddhism has dominated every area of the lives of the Pa-O. The people, however, still hold onto some animistic beliefs, and spirit shrines and magnificent wooden temples dot the outskirts of their villages. Pa-O Buddhists have steadfastly rejected all efforts to evangelize them.

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! —Psalm 117:1

- Pray that some from this people group will praise Him this year.
- Pray for Christian workers to be sent to the Pa-O people in sufficient numbers to make a difference.
- Pray also for workers to rise up from among the Pa-O, since they will know the language and the culture.

■ 22 Burakumin in Japan

The Burakumin, "hamlet people," descended as outcasts from Japan's feudal system. During the feudal days the Burakumin were placed into two groups: the eta, "defiled ones/filthy commoners" or the hinin, "non-humans." The eta held jobs revolving around death. The hinin group included ex-convicts, prostitutes, beggars and low-level entertainers. This social group was the lowest of the low.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24

- Praise the Lord that you have the privilege of praying for others to rejoice in Him.
- Pray that the Burakumin would find their identity in Christ.
- Pray for a church planting movement to bless their communities.

■ 23 Finnish Jew in Finland

Jews came to Finland as Russian soldiers in the 19th century and remained after their military service ended. Many Finnish Jews moved to Israel after the establishment of the nation. Their numbers in Finland were replenished by Soviet Jews who came following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Younger Jews are either non-observant for Jewish rituals or assimilated into the prevailing culture, but they are trying to maintain their Jewish traditions.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. —Psalm 119:105

- Pray that many from this people group will discover this to be true for their own communities.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom to mission agencies that are focusing on European Jews.
- Pray that the Jewish people would understand that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah and embrace Him.

■ 24 Comorian in France



Thousands of Comorians have risked their lives (an estimated 10,000 have died) by crossing the Mozambique Channel in boats to reach the French owned island of Mayotte, where poverty is less prevalent. Some who reach Mayotte migrate to cities in France such as Paris, Marseille and Lyon. Comorians in France are either Muslim or atheist.

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. —Psalm 127:1

- Pray that this people group understands that all their efforts are worthless unless they subject them to the Lord.
- Pray that Comorians would experience freedom from physical and spiritual suffering through Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would equip Christ followers in France to share the gospel with the Comorian immigrants among them leading to a movement to Christ.

■ 25 Saharawi in France

Originally, the Saharawi were desert nomads who traveled from place to place with their camels. A sub-group of the Moors, the Saharawi are a mix of Berber Arab, and Black African descent.

All speak an Arabic dialect called Hassaniya. In addition, their religion, way of life and dress are Arabic in style. The Saharawi people are Muslims who believe our spiritual needs are found in Islam. Muslims are seldom open to hearing about the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! Psalm 128:1

- Pray that many from this people group will have the joy that comes from fearing and following the Lord.
- Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the Saharawi towards the gospel message.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Saharawi people.

■ 26 Gtsang Tibetan in China

The Gtsang Tibetans are part of the Tibetan nationality, but their mother tongue, Gtsang, is only partly intelligible with other Tibetan varieties. The Gtsang region hosts many sects of Buddhism. The Gtsang celebrate their New Year Festival with horse racing and an archery show. The Tibetan region is geographically difficult to enter, and Tibetan Buddhists have a long history of having no interest in the gospel. Chinese believers can be Christ's ambassadors.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; —Psalm 130:5

- Pray that they will put all their trust in Him alone!
- Pray the Gtsang Tibetans would increasingly desire to find forgiveness for sin, and for messengers to tell them that provision has been made for forgiveness.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Gtsang.



■ 27 Bandoumu in Gabon

You can find the Bandoumu people throughout regions of southern Republic of the Congo and southern Gabon. Like most of their neighbors, the Bandoumu are either farmers or livestock herders. They maintain an ethnic religion that is deeply rooted in their cultural identity. To change from this religion to another is tantamount to a betrayal of one's people. The Bandoumu do not have decent roads leading to their communities, which makes access to them more difficult.

For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. —Psalm 135:5

- Pray that they will understand that there is no god as great as God, the one who gives us all we need.
- Pray for the economic and infrastructural needs of the Bandoumu, especially easy access to potable water.
- Pray for indigenous missionaries to have a burden for their Bandoumu neighbors.

■ 28 Mandinka in the Gambia

The majority of Mandinka are farmers. Mandinka villages are made up of clans, each sharing a family name. The religion practiced among the Mandinka is Islam, though it has been blended with their traditional beliefs, and few know what their rituals mean. Someone might pray in the mosque then sacrifice a chicken to the village spirit.

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. —Psalm 138:2

- Pray that many from this people group will delight in His promises, and seek His unfailing love.
- Pray for a strong church community to be established among the Mandinka in the Gambia.
- Pray for spiritual wisdom and favor for missionaries focusing on the Mandinka.
- Pray for Mandinka believers to have boldness and love to share the gospel with their families and neighbors.

■ 29 Lezgin in Georgia

Lezgin was originally a Turkish term meaning "highland resident." By the 7th century, Islamic power had swept into the region of the Lezgin people, and their society has been solidly Muslim for hundreds of years. It is very difficult for those outside their communities to be accepted or trusted.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. —Psalm 139:5-6

- Pray that many from this people group will be in awe of the blessings of the Lord.
- Pray for men and women of peace (Luke 10:6) in each one of the over 142 Lezgin towns and villages.
- Pray for Lezgin people to be open to the love of God, the grace of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit in each of their communities in the years ahead.
- Give thanks for the Bible translation work which is underway.
- Pray for widespread reading.

■ 30 German Jew in Germany

You may be surprised to learn that Jews live in Germany today. Although most Jews living in Germany during WWII were murdered during the Holocaust, some were able to escape to other countries. Some of those Jews and others have come to Germany to take part in the thriving German economy. These German Jews often hold high positions in education, business, medicine and science.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. —Psalm 139:13-14

- Pray that this people group will understand and embrace that they are created by God, and that His ways are marvelous!
- Pray that German Jews would be led to read the New Testament and become interested in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the eyes of their hearts to be open to Jesus.



■ 31 Zaza-Alevi in Germany

Do you know what it's like to not fit in? The Zaza-Alevi people living in Germany do. They consider themselves Muslims but have retained some ancient beliefs, giving them the label "heretic" by orthodox Sunni Muslims. They consider themselves to be Kurdish, but their language is unintelligible to Kurds.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! —Psalm 139:23-24

- Pray that many from this people group will have the kind of intimacy with the Lord that it takes to purge their lives of anything that offends Him.
- Pray that the Lord would convict the hearts of the Zaza of their need for Jesus Christ and His forgiveness.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Zaza-Alevi of Germany in this decade.



■ 1 Laz in Germany

The Laz or Mingrelian people are in danger of being absorbed into the much larger Turkish people. The Laz homeland is northeastern Turkey and Georgia. A small group of Laz have migrated to Germany. Young Laz people are learning German and Turkish but often not the language of their grandparents. Respecting the Laz culture and language would provide an opening to share the gospel.

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! Psalm 141:2

- Thank Him for making your prayers as precious as an incense offering.
- Thank Him that in praise, there is His presence.
- Pray the Lord would raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Laz of Germany in this decade.
- Pray the Lord would create a hunger for truth and the Word of God among the leaders of the Laz community.

■ 2 Wala in Ghana

When is a Wala not a Wala? Some experts see the Wala people as being the same group as the Lobi people. Other experts view the Wala as a separate people group. The Wala practice Islam heavily influenced by folk religion. The majority of Wala people are farmers. Interviews with key Wala leaders show that there is a spiritual openness that seems to be developing.

I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah —Psalm 143:6

- Pray that many from today's people group will thirst for the Lord's presence.
- Pray for Ghanaian believers to share the good news with the Wala people.
- Pray for workers to go to the Wala and pursue conversations about Jesus.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Wala in this decade.

■ 3 Mamprusi in Ghana

Can you imagine not being able to read and write? Unfortunately, only 15% of the Mamprusi people of West African are literate. The majority of the Mamprusi live in northern Ghana while a smaller population lives in Togo. The Mamprusi practice Islam heavily influenced by animism and folk religion. Mamprusi children are given both Mamprusi and Muslim names.

O LORD, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? —Psalm 144:3

- Thank Him that He not only notices us but loves us as a father loves his children.
- Pray that the Lord would send literacy teams to the Mamprusi and would help them to gain access to the Mamprusi New Testament.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Mamprusi in this decade.

■ 4 Greek Jew in Greece

The descendants of Jews killed by the Nazis 80 years ago make up the small group of Jews who live in Greece today. Jews are concentrated in Greek cities such as Thessaloniki and Athens. Most Jews speak Greek in their homes and families. There are few if any Messianic Jews among the Greek Jews.

May our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; —Psalm 144:13a

- Pray that physical prosperity will lead these people to thankfulness to the Lord rather than spiritual apathy.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a Messianic Movement to Christ among the Jews of Greece.
- Pray that the Lord would open the spiritual eyes of the Greek Jews as they read and study the Bible.

■ 5 Yakan in the Philippines



Yakan people are probably the original inhabitants of Basilan, an island just off the southwestern point of Mindanao Island. Sadly, few are able to grow enough rice to last from season to season. Divorce is common among the Yakan, initiated by either the man or the woman. Yakan people have incorporated many of their traditional animistic beliefs (belief that non-living objects have spirits) into their Islamic rituals.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. —Psalm 145:2

- Pray for many from this people group to regularly praise the Lord and worship Him.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth vigorous Yakan churches that will plant others for the glory of His name.
- Pray for the Lord to give the Yakan people a huge harvest as a testimony of His goodness and power.

■ 6 Yakthumba, Limbu in Nepal

Yakthumba people compose one of the largest tribal groups in eastern Nepal. Although the abundance of land has made cultivation of new acreage possible, productivity is greatly limited by insufficient technology. Many of the men are in military service and leave their families for long periods. Consequently, women have much responsibility and influence within their families.

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. —Psalm 145:4

- Pray that many from this people group will train their children in the ways of the Lord, who in turn will teach their children as well.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth vigorous Limbu churches that will plant others leading to a church planting movement among the Yakthumba people.

■ 7 Yakha in Nepal

Yakha are a tribal group of Mongolian descent living in nearly 600 villages throughout the mountains of eastern Nepal. Yakha subsist primarily as mountain farmers, but the men do have a tradition of migrating to the cities for work. Yakha economy is weak due to their poor agricultural system. The abundance of available land has made cultivation of new lands possible, but inadequate technology limits the productivity of Yakha farms. Yakha people identify themselves as Buddhists.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. —Psalm 145:5

- Meditate on His goodness and splendor! Pray that many from today's people group will do so as well.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to work among the Yakha and help them begin their own movement to Christ.

■ 8 Kulung in Nepal

The Kulung of eastern Nepal have their own language and culture. They lack food due to poor land growing conditions. They lack electricity, clean drinking water and a lack of health services. The Kulung people are difficult to reach due to a lack of suitable roads.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. —Psalm 145:6

- Thank Him for His awe-inspiring deeds!
- Pray for disciples who are knowledgeable in farming and related technology to help the Kulung people achieve a greater harvest for the glory of Christ.
- Ask Almighty God to cause a movement to Christ among the Kulung people.

■ 9 Fula Jalon in Guinea

The Fula Jalon are a large people group located in western Africa. Their livelihood is primarily based on farming and shepherding. Although Fula Jalon villages are scattered, each village has a central court and a mosque. Islamic schools are set up for the children in some of the villages.

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. —Psalm 145:9

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that He is good to everyone, and His compassion has no end.
- Pray the Fula Jalon people would increasingly be drawn to Jesus, and understand He is the only way to salvation and God's grace.
- Pray they would have a desire to learn more about Him, and that he would reveal Himself to them.

■ 10 Kuranko in Guinea

The region where the Kuranko live lacks adequate road systems and is not easily accessible, leaving them socially isolated. Some Kuranko believe that in the forests, rivers and mountains live quasi-human beings known as Nyenne. It is believed that the Nyenne can make women barren, cause insanity, and cause farming accidents. The full Bible is now available in the Kuranko language, and there are a number of good resources in their language. However, workers need to carry these to the Kuranko people, answer their questions, and assist in the planting of additional churches.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. —Psalm 145:17

- Pray that many will soon thank the Lord for His righteousness and kindness.
- Pray for the Kuranko to be completely set free from belief systems that deny them new life in Christ.

■ 11 Mandyak in Guinea-Bissau

The Mandyak people hold to traditional religion that centers around the spirits of their ancestors. They believe these ancestral spirits are selfish and vindictive, yet they have power to bring good or bad fortune. They believe that proper funerals are essential to ensure that these spirits treat them well.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. —Psalm 145:21

- Make this your prayer today!
- Pray for a team of people to show the JESUS Film in Mandyak villages.
- Pray for the Mandyak people to put their faith in Christ rather than fallen, wicked spirits.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Mandyak people.

■ 12 Jain Bhabra in India

Traditionally the Bhabra people have been merchants and businessmen. The Bhabra live in India's northwestern states of Punjab and Rajasthan. A small number live the life of a Jain ascetic, forgoing all worldly pleasures. Jains are usually held in high honor by the Hindu majority. It will probably take Holy Spirit-anointed believers from either business or academic backgrounds to befriend the Bhabra people and take Christ to them.

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. —Psalm 146:2



- Pray for the Lord to raise up people from this people group with this kind of dedication to the Lord.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give Jain Bhabra people teachable and understanding hearts.
- Pray that a strong movement of the Holy Spirit would bring entire Bhabra families into a rich experience of God's blessing.

■ 13 Makua, Makuwa-Meetto in Mozambique

The Makua are a people of Mozambique, Tanzania, and coastal Tanzania who once were major suppliers of iron ore and tools. Those who live on the coast are generally Muslim and those in inland areas adhere to their own African Traditional Religion. Today there is a sizeable Makua diaspora. Some live as far away as South Africa.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; —Psalm 146:6

- Pray that God's wondrous works of creation will draw many from this people group to the Throne of Grace.
- Pray they would be challenged to see Jesus as the Creator who came to bring mankind to Himself.
- Pray for spiritual discernment and a hunger for Jesus Christ.

■ 14 Maouri Hausa in Niger

An industrious people, the Maouri Hausa people of the Maouri Valley, Niger are farmers and traders who have long resisted Islam in favor of traditional African religion; but some have become believers in Jesus. This is very unusual for any Hausa subgroup.

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. —Psalm 148:5

- Pray that the gift of live will draw many from this people group to worshipping God only.
- Pray that the few believers would grow in grace and witness.
- Pray that African churches would adopt the Maouri Hausa for evangelization and church planting.
- Pray for the Maouri Hausa to be drawn to the person of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the presentation of Jesus would draw the Maouri Hausa to believe in Him and spontaneously form their own discipleship groups.

■ 15 Russian Jew in Israel

Nineteenth-century Russia saw many pogroms against Jews. Pogroms involved persecution and the murder of Jewish people through mob rule, often engineered by Russian leaders. As a result, many Russian Jews moved to Israel to escape persecution. Today there are thousands of Russian Jews in Israel, and some have become believers in Jesus as Messiah.

Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. —Psalm 148:12-13

- Pray for all generations from this people group to worship and praise the Lord.
- Pray for spiritual hunger and discernment among Russian Jews in Israel.
- Pray for a people movement among Russian Jews in Israel.

■ 16 Sikh Saini in India

The Sikh Saini are farmers who usually own their own land and are somewhere in the middle in terms of caste status. Few of them have had the chance to hear what Jesus taught. There have been many Sikhs who have found Jesus as savior. Perhaps some of them will be willing to go to the Saini community.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! —Psalm 150:6

- May it be soon!
- Pray that churches and believers would bless the Saini people in such a way that God's love would change the Saini people like yeast changes dough.
- Pray for networks of believing families and fellowships that would throw the doors open for others to follow Jesus.



■ 17 Bukharic-speaking Jew in Hungary



There has been a Jewish presence in Hungary since Roman times. At its height, the Jewish population of historical Hungary numbered more than 900,000, but the Holocaust and emigration has greatly reduced that number. Believers will need to find a way to enter this socially isolated community and take Jesus with them. It will be difficult.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. —Proverbs 1:7

- Pray for many from this people group to find true knowledge by fearing the Lord of heaven.
- Pray for the Jews to have the veil removed from their eyes so that they can see their Messiah.
- Pray the Lord will open the hearts of Bukharic-speaking Jews in Hungary to desire God's blessings through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

■ 18 Isan Thai in Iceland

Isan Thai people who migrated to Iceland for work have not succeeded, but those who came to marry local men have integrated well, according to one doctoral dissertation. Iceland is a relatively homogeneous culture, and Isan Thai who migrate there are more likely to abandon their old culture than their counterparts in other European countries. Women who are filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit can go to Isan Thai women, befriend them and introduce them to our best friend, Jesus Christ.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. —Proverbs 3:5-6

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray for Isan Thai people in Iceland to put their worth in God, not in the world system.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Isan Thai people in Iceland.



■ 19 Hindu Chamar in India

Chamar means, "leather worker." They tanned cattle leather and made leather products to sell. Since cattle were worshiped, Chamars were considered untouchables and were disallowed education, medical help, and many other benefits. Today they benefit from India's "reservation" system for underprivileged communities.

By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. —Proverbs 8:15-16

- Pray that this truth will put the fear of God in the hearts of all who hold power.
- Pray that almighty God would lead believers to build friendships with Chamar people, leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray that families and communities would be delivered from fears that hinder them from embracing Christ's blessings.
- Pray that many Chamars would love the Lord Jesus with their whole being and would walk in his ways.

■ 20 Mahratta in India

The main hero of the Mahrattas is Shivaji. The main objective of a middle-class Mahratta family is a secure future for themselves and their children, so financial success is a dominant concern. Traditional church-planting efforts sought to win individual Mahratta away from their families into new church communities. This led their community leaders to believe that Christianity was something to be avoided because it destroys families.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. —Ecclesiastes 12:13

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that God is the one who gives our lives meaning and purpose.
- Pray for Mahratta families to be drawn to Jesus, and for the Lord to start a movement of Mahratta families experiencing God's blessing.
- May Mahratta families be blessed by the Lord and thank Him for eternity!

■ 21 Hindu Kurmi in India

Through excellent soil preparation practices, the Kurmi thrive in agriculture. No other agricultural caste in India is as large as this group. Their skill in agriculture has made them relatively prosperous.

The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand. —Isaiah 1:3

- Pray that many from this people group will know their master and heed His voice.
- Pray for persons of peace within the Kurmi community that will welcome God's messengers.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among the Kurmi people that will lead them to the cross and the empty grave.
- Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Kurmi households.

■ 22 Hindu Teli in India

Traditionally the Teli people extracted cooking oil, a product everyone needs in India. Since then, oil extraction has become more automated, so they have moved into owning and running small village grocery stores while others are now merchants. They have enjoyed upward socio-economic mobility.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. —Isaiah 1:16-17

- Pray for this people group to surrender unconditionally to the Lord of lords.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Teli that will lead them to the cross.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus would bring entire Teli families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

■ 23 Hindu Kunbi in India

The Kunbi are landowning farmers, but some are politicians and educated professionals, including engineers and doctors. Traditionally their girls did not attend school and the boys studied up to the primary level, but this has changed as their community has gained better education.

And many peoples shall come, and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. —Isaiah 2:3

- Pray for a heart-felt seeking of the Lord among many from today's people group.
- Pray for the entire Kunbi community to be delivered from fear and to embrace God's blessing through His Word for their families and their communities.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Kunbi people.
- Pray for spiritually hungry "persons of peace" among the Kunbi that would welcome Christ's ambassadors into their communities.

■ 24 Bhil in India

The name "Bhil" was derived from the word billee, which means "bow" since they were famous as archers. Today the Bhil primarily work as low-level farmers, field laborers and village watchmen. Bhil women wear brightly colored clothes. They have low status in India. The Bhil have lost much of their traditional culture, and the gospel can easily be seen as a way to replace their religion, one of the things they have left.

Enter into the rock and hide in the dust from before the terror of the LORD, and from the splendor of his majesty. —Isaiah 2:10

- Pray for many from this people group to understand both God's judgment and His majestic glory.
- Pray for Bhil believers to have the boldness to take Christ's gospel to their families and communities.
- Pray for these believers to be filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit.

■ 25 Kapu in India

In Telugu, the word Kapu means "protector." Kapu subcastes have evolved based on occupation. Today many Kapu have diversified into industry, arts and academia. However, many Kapu are still farmers. Modern day Kapu have banded together to fight for their political rights in the caste system. They have also organized agricultural unions to protect their way of life.

They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD, or see the work of his hands. —Isaiah 5:12

- Pray that many from this people group will notice and respond to what God is doing.
- Ask Father God to pour out His blessing on Kapu families and communities, healing and strengthening broken families and lifting this people group out of poverty.
- Pray for a movement to Christ this decade.



■ 26 Hindu Nai in India

The Nai are a barber caste, but they do much more. In addition to cutting hair, they also provide other grooming services, extraction of teeth and setting of sprains. They are also involved with marriage celebrations and matchmaking. The Nai women are employed in jobs very conducive to marriage celebrations such as hairdressing and applying henna.

And one called to another and said: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! —Isaiah 6:3

- Pray that many from this people group will experience and respond to God's holiness.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus would bring whole Nai families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.
- Pray that there would soon be Nai believers telling their clients about the works of Jesus Christ.

■ 27 Hindu Mali in India

There are different Mali subgroups according to their occupation. For example, Mali farmers are known as Baghban, those who cut and sell grass are called Sasia Mali and those growing flowers are Phool Mali. Many Mali live in towns and keep vegetable or flower gardens. The Mali peoples live in most parts of India, but few are in the states where the church is strongest.

And I said: Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts! —Isaiah 6:5

- Pray that there will soon be a heart-felt understanding of personal sin and the need for God's redemption among this people group.
- Pray that great signs and wonders would be performed among the Mali to lead many to understand the goodness of the Lord.
- Pray for networks of believing families and fellowships that would throw the doors open for others to follow Jesus.

■ 28 Mahishya in India

The Mahishya are often landowners, engaged in agriculture. The landless among them earn a living by working as agricultural laborers. Some serve as soldiers, and many pursue white-collar jobs. The Mahishya have a relatively high literacy rate. Generally, both boys and girls study up to the secondary level. They are Hindu.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here I am! Send me. —Isaiah 6:8

- Pray that God will send His messengers to this people group soon!
- Pray the Lord would give the gift of understanding to the Mahishya, that they may see their need and opportunity to know and serve Jesus Christ.
- Pray this would be the decade of harvest among them, leading to a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 29 Buddhist Mahar in India



The Mahar people have a modest background as low caste members, but after fighting for their rights, ironically inspired by the British colonialists, they now have higher status. They still face discrimination, though it is more subtle than it was 100 years ago. Many struggle to obtain all the necessities of life.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. —Isaiah 9:2

- Pray for God’s light to shine brightly among this people.
- Pray for spiritual discernment and hunger to pursue a relationship with the King of kings.
- Pray for Mahar leaders to open the door to their people seeking and finding Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Hindu Mahar families.

■ 30 Hindu Lohar in India



The Lohar people are nomadic who travel from village to village to sell their goods. People assume the handmade goods produced by the Lohar are inferior to machine made ones. To make matters even worse, there are negative stereotypes about nomads, such as the idea that they are thieves. It would be very difficult for believers to have contact with nomads, especially those in a place like Rajasthan where only one in 1,000 is a believer. Are there believers who are willing to do what it takes to reach the Lohar?

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. —Isaiah 11:10

- Pray that today’s people group will soon allow Jesus Christ, the son of David, to be their banner of salvation.
- Pray for the Lohar people to be open to allowing the blessings of Jesus to penetrate their communities and families.

