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JULY

■ 1 Mappila in India

Mappila Muslim communities resulted from the unions of Arab sailors and merchants with local women. Mappila people live in both India's southwestern Kerala state and the Laccadive Islands just to the west of that state, and they speak Malayalam, the language of Kerala. Kerala is about 20 percent Christian, and they have strong mission agencies. Believers who already speak Malayalam could be sent to the Mappila.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
—Isaiah 12:3

- May many from this people group drink deeply from the fountain of His salvation and mercy!
- Pray for networks of believing families and fellowships that will throw the doors open for others to follow Jesus.
- Pray for the Lord to bless families among the Mappila people with his presence and mercy.
- Pray for Bible believing fellowships and churches among the Mappila people.

■ 2 Hindu Kahar in India

It seems likely that the Kahar caste is a remnant of one of the ethnic groups who occupied the valley of the Ganges before Aryan invaders came from the north. They claim to be descended from one of Brahma's sons and from a warrior caste, which would give them a good social standing if other Hindu communities accepted this.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. —Isaiah 12:4

- May this people group praise Him and tell others of His mighty deeds.
- Pray the Kahar would understand that Jesus desires to bless their families and clans, not harm them.
- Pray for their ability to raise their standard of living and be ready for the challenges of the 21st century.

■ 3 Hindu Pasi in India

The legend about the origin of the Pasi community is that one day, a man was going to kill a number of cows. Parashuram was, at that time, practicing austerities in the jungle. Hearing the cries of the sacred animals, he rushed to their assistance, but the cow killer was aided by his friends. So Parashuram made five men out of kusha grass and brought them to life by letting drops of his perspiration fall on them. Hence arose the name Pasi, from the Hindi pasina (sweat).

For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?
—Isaiah 14:27

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that God is sovereign, and they must obey Him alone.
- Pray the Pasi community would increasingly be aware of their need to know and follow the creator God.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Pasis this decade.

■ 4 Hindu Madiga in India

In the past, many Madiga were engaged in leatherwork and making footwear. Presently, many work as agricultural laborers and in related occupations, while some are scavengers. They also pursue the vocations of construction work, carrying heavy loads, and other low paying jobs in urban areas, and they have inferior status. They are Hindu and worship Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu.

It will be said on that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
—Isaiah 25:9

- Pray that many from this people group learn to trust in the Lord's salvation and rejoice in Him.
- Pray for improved employment opportunities for the Madiga and that their low caste status would not prevent them from achieving better living conditions.
- Pray that the light of the gospel would penetrate their hearts and lead them into a movement to Christ.



■ 5 Java Pesisir Lor in Indonesia

The Java Pesisir Lor consider the graves of two holy men to be sacred. They visit these graves to worship and to seek blessings. Javanese practice a mix of standard Islam and Sufi mysticism, which is a barrier to the gospel message. The Javanese have had a movement to Christ among them, and they can send workers to the Java Pesisir Lor.

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. —Isaiah 26:3

- Pray for many from this people group to find perfect peace in trusting the Lord Almighty.
- Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the Java Pesisir Lor people.
- Pray for a movement of family-based Bible studies.
- Pray for more effective irrigation systems and for improved employment opportunities for these people.

■ 6 Papuan Malay in Indonesia

Are they Malay or Papuan? Both! Papuan Malay is a language spoken that is similar to Bahasa, the generic trade language used in Indonesia and Malaysia. These people live on the island of Borneo, which is shared by Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia. The Indonesian government would like the people of Papua New Guinea to become Islamized. Christianity spread on Papua New Guinea after WWII, which made animistic tribes far more peaceful, as there was one movement to Christ after another there.

In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul. —Isaiah 26:8

- Pray that many from this people group will trust the Lord, obey Him, and glorify His name through their actions.
- Pray for Papuan Malay speakers to understand the vast difference that Jesus Christ makes in one's life, and cling to him no matter what the cost may be.

■ 7 Jambi in Indonesia

The Jambi, also known as the Jambi Malay, inhabit a lowland basin of dense jungles, peat bogs, swamps and rivers. Sadly, this pride now threatens their economic development. Many are unwilling to accept modernization and reform. Almost all Jambi are Muslim, and every village has a mosque or Prayer house, and often an Islamic religious school (madrasah). The Jambi sometimes believe that religious leaders, dwarfs and shamans have supernatural powers.

You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, He did not make me; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, He has no understanding? —Isaiah 29:16

- Pray that many from this people group will soon understand that they belong to God by right of His life-giving creation.
- Pray for greater educational help.
- Pray for the Jambi to learn new skills that will make them more competitive in the job market.
- Pray for more of the Jambi to hear and respond to the gospel.

■ 8 Java Banyumasan in Indonesia

Most of the Java Banyumasan people make their living from farming. They are fairly advanced in agricultural production. Although the majority are Muslim, most are nominal Muslims who also practice animism.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. —Isaiah 40:5

- Pray that members of this people group will soon see the glory of the Lord and respond to it.
- Pray for the Lord to send mission workers to the Java Banyumasan to share his love and assist them in their agricultural efforts.
- Pray for a hunger for righteousness that would lead them to the cross and the empty grave.
- Pray for a massive harvest among the Java Banyumasan people this decade.

■ 9 Madura in Indonesia

The Madura are the third largest people group in Indonesia. They are known for their harsh character and lifestyles. This may be the result of their environment and a history of being oppressed by other people groups. The majority of the Madura are very devout Sunni Muslims. Nevertheless, many seek security through the use of magic spells and other attempts to control good and evil spirits.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. —Isaiah 40:8

- Meditate on this verse, and pray that members of this people group embrace it.
- Ask the Lord to draw many into His Kingdom, leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray for mission workers to preach and demonstrate God's love to the Madura, assisting them with their education and occupational needs.

■ 10 Minangkabau in Indonesia

The Minangkabau people are well known for their tradition of merantau, which is going to distant areas to seek financial success. Many of them have moved to other islands in Indonesia to accomplish this. Individuals living outside their original home area are often somewhat open to new perspectives. Perhaps workers can seek these individuals and share the love of Jesus with them. Islam is firmly entrenched in the Minangkabau people as part of their identity.

Behold, the LORD God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. —Isaiah 40:10

- Pray for many from this people group to claim this verse by embracing the Lord.
- Pray for the Lord to move mightily in this people group this decade.
- Ask Him to establish His Kingdom and Church among the Minangkabau.



■ 11 Betawi in Indonesia

The Betawi people are descendants of the people who came to what is now Jakarta in the 15th century, and they currently live in areas surrounding Jakarta. Most farm rice, grow fruit and fish. Those in Jakarta are servants to the wealthy, craftsmen or traders. Though they are Muslim, the tenets of their religion have been changed to fit their culture.

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. —Isaiah 40:18-19

- Pray that this people group will soon understand that they can never form an idol that compares with the Lord.
- Pray for Betawi believers to disciple others in Christ's ways and that these new believers would disciple others as well.
- Pray that this would be a decade where there is a massive move of Christ among the Betawi people.

■ 12 Banjar in Indonesia

Although they are devout Muslims, the Banjar proudly trace their origins to a legendary Hindu kingdom, the Negara Dipa. The Banjar people do not look positively upon modern methods and technologies, nor do they mix socially with other people groups. This isolation has limited their development in education, health care, sanitation and water purification.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. —Isaiah 40:28

- Pray that they will soon understand that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.
- Pray that God would grant repentance and grace to those who need Christ and provide them opportunities to receive Him without fear.
- Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit among the Banjar people, leading to many faithful disciples.

■ 13 Balinese in Indonesia

Throughout the world, people know the Balinese for their artistic abilities. They live on or originated from the island of Bali. Most Balinese live in very close-knit villages. Hinduism is the primary religion of the Balinese. Even though Hinduism has greatly affected the culture, the Balinese have managed to maintain their original culture, so Balinese Hinduism differs from Indian Hinduism.

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. —Isaiah 40:31

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray that God would grant repentance and grace to those who need Christ and provide them opportunities to receive him without fear.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Balinese this decade.

■ 14 Southern Kurd in Iran

The Muslim Kurds in Iran are descendants of Aryan tribes that began migrating there from Central Asia in the 2nd millennium B.C. Kurds express their cultural identity freely but have no self-government or administration. During the 19th and 20th centuries, successive Iranian governments crushed Kurdish revolts. The Southern Kurds of Iran live primarily along the Iraq-Iran border in the provinces of Kermanshah and Luristan. They make their living in much the same way as their relatives in Turkey and Iraq: farming and raising cattle and goats.

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. —Isaiah 44:3

- Pray that this blessing will soon reach today's people group.
- Pray for peace in Iran between the Kurdish minority and the Iranian government.
- Pray also for adequate rainfall for crops and livestock.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ.



■ 15 Gilaki in Iran

The Gilaki live in the southern coastal region of the Caspian Sea. The Apostle Bartholomew may have spent time evangelizing the Gilaki homeland around 50 A.D. Although Christianity was once a powerful presence here, now it is extremely weak. Today, the Gilaki are virtually all Muslim.

Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' —Isaiah 46:10

- Thank the Lord that He alone can tell the future, and His plans for today's people group can never be stopped.
- Pray that the Gilaki people would increasingly hunger to receive forgiveness for their sin, forgiveness that only Jesus Christ can offer.
- Pray they would be dissatisfied with a religion that offers no pardon and no power for living.
- Pray for them to be sensitized to their need for a sin-free savior.

■ 16 Mazanderani in Iran

Most Mazanderani people live on the southeastern coast of the Caspian Sea, being primarily farmers and fishermen. They are closely related to neighboring Gilaki and Caucasian peoples, such as the Georgians and Armenians. Mazandaran was the last province in Iran to be converted to Islam. Today, nearly all Mazanderani people are Shia Muslims.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns. —Isaiah 52:7

- Pray for the Lord to send people with "beautiful feet" to bring good news to today's people group.
- Pray for improving levels of literacy and learning among the Mazanderani people.
- Pray for them to hear of and respond to Bible portions in their own language, leading to a church planting movement.



■ 17 Iraqi Arab in Iraq

The ancient Christian Church has been a part of Iraqi culture for a very long time, but most are Muslim.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. —Isaiah 52:10

- Pray for today's people group to share in the victory of the Lord by becoming part of His family.
- Pray for protection of the faith of Iraqi Arab believers and for their families.
- Pray the Lord would encourage them and give them fruit from his Spirit: love, joy, and peace.
- Pray for peace, fairness and stability in Iraq.
- Pray the various factions in Iraq would give up hatred and revenge.
- Pray the current disorder would prepare them for the gospel of peace that Jesus offers.

■ 18 North Iraqi Arab in Iraq

The Muslim North Iraqi Arabs are very similar in language and culture to the Arab population we Prayed for yesterday. North Iraqi Arabs are incredibly diverse. Arabs are generally proud of their heritage, their mother tongue Arabic (or an Arabic dialect), and their culture of hospitality.

Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. —Isaiah 54:2

- Use this verse to pray for the Lord to expand His house to include today's people group.
- Pray that the Lord would open Iraqi eyes to see Christ as God in the flesh.
- Pray the Lord would protect Iraqis from terrorism and extremist violence.
- Ask the Lord to bless the government and to reveal Himself to those in power.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches that will plant other churches.

■ 19 Urdu in Ireland

The term Urdu does not adequately describe the Urdu people as such but is merely a language distinction. Most Urdu speakers originate from Pakistan, but in recent years, many have immigrated to the West, including the United States, England and Ireland. Almost all are Sunni Muslim.

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. —Isaiah 55:1

- Pray that this people group will soon accept God's offer of free salvation.
- Pray for a Book of Acts type of movement to Christ among Urdu speakers in Ireland.
- Pray for Urdu speaking people to understand and embrace that Jesus wants to bless their families and neighborhoods.
- Pray for Holy Spirit anointed believers from the Urdu speaking community to change their society from within.

■ 20 Yahudic Jew in Israel

Have you ever heard of the "Yahudic" Jews? They are Jews who settled in the area now called Iraq after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BC and Romans in 70 AD. Almost all of these Iraqi Jews have left Iraq and moved to Israel. For hundreds of years, they have been regarded as the leading scholars of the Jewish world.

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. —Isaiah 55:3

- Pray for this people to have wide open ears to the words of the Lord.
- Pray that God would stir the hearts of Christ followers to share the good news of the perfect Jew, Jesus the Messiah.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a Christ-ward movement among the Yahudic Jews of Israel in this decade.

■ 21 Israeli Jew in Israel

Sabra Jews are those born in the land of Israel, particularly since the founding of the Jewish State in 1948. "Sabra" is derived from the Hebrew name of the prickly pear cactus. The allusion is to a tenacious, thorny desert plant with a thick hide that conceals a sweet, softer interior. This is their description of themselves, the Israeli Jews in Israel.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. —Isaiah 55:7

- Pray for true and lasting repentance to come to this people group.
- Pray the Lord would give Jewish families understanding as they hear about the love of Christ.
- Pray that the veil over their spiritual eyes would increasingly be lifted, allowing them to accurately see Jesus as their Messiah.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully among Israeli Jewish leaders.

■ 22 Italian Jew in Italy

What event comes to mind when you hear the year 1492? Yes, most think of Columbus' landing in the New World. The date 1492 is also important because it is the year that Spain expelled its entire Jewish population. Some of these Jews who were forced to leave Spain ended up in the area we now call Italy.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. —Isaiah 55:8-9

- Pray that today's people group will understand that God's ways are far higher than theirs.
- Ask the Lord to open the spiritual hearts of the Italian Jews.
- Pray the Lord would move believers in Italy to make redemptive friendships with their Jewish neighbors.
- Pray for God to raise up a Christ-ward movement among the Italian Jews.

■ 23 Shawiya Berber in Italy

The Shawiya Berbers were shepherds and farmers from Algeria. Being in the mountains rather than the lowlands, the Shawiya avoided much of the Arab influence that pervaded the lowland areas, enabling them to maintain their own language, culture,

customs, and social organization. Most remain in Northern Africa, though a few have immigrated to European countries like Italy to seek better job opportunities.

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, The LORD will surely separate me from his people; and let not the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. —Isaiah 56:3

- Pray that many from today's people group will put all their hope in the Lord.
- Pray for the hearts of the Shawiya in Italy to be open and receptive to the gospel.
- Pray for the Shawiya to know and experience the transforming love of God.
- Pray for the Shawiya to be equipped and connected with discipleship, and to spread the gospel to their families back in Algeria.



■ 24 Youjiang Zhuang in China

The Youjiang is one of several people groups under the Zhuang designation. Aside from having shared linguistic roots, they are all thought to be descendants of the same intermingling between the Bai Yue and the Han convicts exiled during the Qin Dynasty. The Youjiang people revere the spirits of water, forest, mountain, village, etc., and they take great care not to offend the surrounding spirits.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. —Isaiah 61:1-3a

- Pray for these blessings for today's people group!
- Pray that there would be a sweeping spiritual awakening among the Youjiang and a sound movement of discipleship and training for God's kingdom.

■ 25 Yaeyama in Japan

Once independent merchants who sailed to China, today the Yaeyama are mostly farmers. They are one of several people groups living in the Ryukyu Islands to the southwest of Japan's mainland. The family is central to Yaeyama culture and life, and they dislike being alone. They spend any time available with families or friends. The Yaeyama are considered Buddhist, though traditional shamanistic practices are still prevalent.

Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. —Isaiah 61:9

- Pray that those who live near today's people group will want their spiritual blessings after they submit to the Lord Almighty.
- Pray that Yaeyama believers may be given opportunities to spread the gospel in their own communities and among their own people.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Yaeyama and for strong churches to be raised up among them.

■ 26 Miyako Ryukyuan in Japan

During the early 1400s, the Miyako Ryukyuan had their own kingdom, though the powerful empires of both China and Japan had an interest in taking control of it. The Japanese proved more adept, and their islands became a part of the Japanese Empire. The traditional religion of the Miyako Ryukyuan was a version of shamanism. During the 1920s, Shintoism and Buddhism vied for prominence, and today the Ryukyuan adhere to a mixture of the two, blended with traditional shamanism.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. —Isaiah 61:10

- Pray for the garment of salvation to come to this people group.
- Pray for church planting movements among the Ryukyuan that will be sound in doctrine and fervent in love.
- Pray that they would discover the dignity of belonging to the King of kings.



■ 27 Toku-No-Shima in Japan

Toku-No-Shima Island was first mentioned in a Japanese chronicle in the 720s. The people of this island are known for having the highest birth rate in Japan, along with a high percentage of people who live beyond 100 years. The Toku-No-Shima hold traditional beliefs in unseen gods, demons and ancestral spirits, as well as "kami," who controls the other spirits and must be continually appeased.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. —Isaiah 62:3

- Pray for this blessing to come to today's people group.
- Pray for the Lord to move powerfully among Toku-No-Shima leaders, so they will open the door to their people embracing Christ.
- Pray for workers to go and for hearts to be open.
- Pray that by the end of this decade, there would be Toku-No-Shima believers sharing Christ with the Japanese majority and starting church planting movements.

■ 28 Jordanian Arab in Jordan

A minority of Jordanian Arabs are highly educated and serve in the highest levels of society. The middle-class work in businesses, factories, education and as government employees, but most Jordanian Arabs live at the poverty level. They work in agriculture on land owned by others as day laborers and herdsmen.

All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. —Isaiah 66:2

- Pray for the Lord to give humility and a fear of Him to this people group that will lead to them being blessed beyond measure.
- Pray that the believers in Jordan would gain a vision and burden to share the good news with their neighbors.
- Pray for a church planting movement among the Jordanian Arabs in this decade.
- Ask the Lord to make the Jordanian Arabs into a ripe harvest field in the kingdom of God.

■ 29 Kabardian in Jordan

Kabardian people hail from Russia's northwestern Caucasus, but some now live in Jordan. Unfortunately, equal to hospitality as a cultural value is the code of blood revenge. Once they were characterized by folk Islam. Attacks and counterattacks between Kabardian rebels and military/police both claim innocent lives and exacerbate instability, deepening bitterness and mistrust in the region.

From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD. —Isaiah 66:23

- Pray that soon all mankind will bow in humble submission to the Lord Almighty.
- Pray that spiritual barriers that have kept the gospel from advancing among the Kabardians would be broken down.
- Pray for divinely prepared people who would share the gospel throughout Kabardian relational networks.
- Pray that a reproducing, culturally relevant church planting movement would begin among Kabardian leaders and families.

■ 30 Kazakh in Kazakhstan

Kazakh people are descendants of Turkic tribes, Mongol groups and Indo-Iranian tribes, which populated the vast territory between Siberia and the Black Sea. The Kazakh nation, which amalgamated nomadic tribes of various Kazakh origins, preserved the distant memory of the original founding clans.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. —Jeremiah 1:5

- Pray for the Lord to thrust out many prophets from every nation to every nation in the 2020s.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to nurture a movement to Christ and cause church plants that will begin with leaders and influence entire Kazakh families.
- Pray for the Lord to provide Kazakhstan abundant rain as a testimony of his goodness and power.

■ 31 Meskhetian Turk in Kazakhstan

Meskhetian Turks arrived in Kazakhstan in 1944. They live in closely knit rural communities that are largely integrated into Kazakh society. Turkish businesspeople are investing in this country, and Meskhetian Turks act as a bridge between Turkish and Kazakh businessmen.

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. —Jeremiah 1:9-10

- Pray for Christ's ambassadors to be careful to speak only what God tells them to say when they go to the nations.
- Pray the Lord would awaken an interest among Meskhetian Turks to know Jesus personally.
- Pray for tribal leaders and family heads to understand their need for the one true God as their sin-bearer, and that this realization would affect all families.
- Pray for the Lord to bless the Meskhetian Turks in such a way they will know of his goodness and power.

AUGUST

■ 1 Ajuran Somali in Kenya

The Ajuran Somali living in northeastern Kenya have their roots in the Muslim Ajuran dynasty in Somalia. The Ajuran ruled over much of the Horn of Africa in the Middle Ages. During the Ajuran period, many peoples in the southern part of the Horn of Africa converted to Islam. At the end of the 17th century, the Ajuran state disintegrated into several successor kingdoms.

And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, 'As the LORD lives,' even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people. —Jeremiah 12:16

- Pray for today's people to become well established in their devotion to the Lord alone.
- Pray that influential people within the Ajuran tribe, such as the imams, would be given a growing interest in Jesus. Perhaps He will reveal Himself to some in a vision or dream.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Ajuran people.

■ 2 Orma in Kenya

The Orma are semi-nomadic herders who live in the bushlands of south-eastern Kenya. All of life for the Orma focuses on the welfare of their cattle and other livestock. The Orma are nearly all Muslim, who converted to Islam three or four generations ago. Apathy among Christians in Kenya is one of the major obstacles in reaching every people group in that nation.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you. —Jeremiah 14:20

- Pray that soon leaders among this people group will repent of their sins and lead others to do the same.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Orma people.
- Pray for adequate rainfall for the Orma people and for their livestock.
- Pray for peaceful relations with neighboring tribes.

■ 3 Korean in North Korea

If God were to provide a stark spiritual and economic contrast for the world to see, it would be the Koreans. Their country was divided after Japanese colonialism ended in 1945. Today, the south has one of the most mission-minded churches worldwide. The communist north, by contrast, has been the leading persecutors of believers, and the church is entirely underground.

Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD. —Jeremiah 16:21

- Pray that today's people group will understand from the heart that God is all powerful, and He can give or withhold blessings.
- Pray for North Korean believers to be so full of the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit that they spread hope and joy to their suffering neighbors and family members.
- Pray for them to have a Holy Spirit-directed love, even for their many enemies.



■ 4 Deaf in North Korea

None of the schools for the Deaf in North Korea are in the capital Pyongyang. A big problem is getting to meet with and diagnosing preschool children who are at home with their families, who do not have knowledge of deafness and the help they can receive. There is a Deaf North Korean football team that travels abroad from North Korea. North Korean Sign Language is like (South) Korean Sign Language.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. —Jeremiah 17:7

- Pray that today's people group will put all their trust and confidence in the Lord only.
- Pray that when they travel abroad, the deaf North Korean footballers would be given the gospel message, come to Jesus Christ, and lead others to him when they return.
- Pray for top-down spiritual conversion of government leaders.

■ 5 Khmer in South Korea

The Khmer people speak Khmer, the national language of Cambodia. There is a sizable Khmer population in northwest South Korea, working mostly in industry. Khmer are Buddhist although relics of ethnic religions such as ancestor worship (praying to deceased ancestors) and spirit worship are very real.

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise. —Jeremiah 17:14

- Pray for this people group to seek and find the Lord's healing touch.
- Pray for a chain reaction of Khmer families reaching families, resulting in thousands of new believers who share their faith with others.
- Pray that churches and believers would bless their entire people group in such a way that God's love will change the Khmer people like yeast changes dough.

■ 6 Zuojiang Zhuang in China

The Zhuang are a collection of related Central Tai language groups, which have been combined to form China's official Zhuang nationality. There are many subtribes and clans among the Zhuang, and one of them is the Zuojiang. Religiously, the Zhuang worship nature spirits. They are animists, and all Zhuang groups are unreached.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. —Jeremiah 29:12

- Pray that this blessing will reach today's people group soon.
- Pray for revival among Han and Zuojiang believers that would lead them to reaching each Zhuang group.
- Pray that the Zuojiang Zhuang would see that the Lord is sovereign and worthy of all their praise.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among every Zhuang group.

■ 7 Mahra in Kuwait

The Al-Mahrah tribe or Mahra make up the largest tribe dwelling in their original homeland, Yemen's Socotra Island. Many live elsewhere, including mainland Yemen, Oman, Somalia or Kuwait.

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. —Jeremiah 29:13

- Pray that today's people group will seek the Lord will all their hearts and find Him to be merciful, loving and powerful.
- Pray for spiritual openness among this solidly Muslim people.
- Pray for opportunities for Mahra people in Kuwait to hear of the love, grace, mercy and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Christ to spread through Mahra communities, not only in Kuwait but also in Oman, Yemen and Somalia.



■ 8 Dungan in Kyrgyzstan

A mixture of Chinese, Muslim and Russian cultures blend together to create the unique Dungan culture. A proud, hospitable, nationalistic and conservative people, the Dungan are famous for their hospitality. They hold many ceremonies and banquets to preserve their former culture. The older people strictly observe Islamic law, but the younger Dungan seem unconcerned about religion.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. —Jeremiah 31:33

- Pray for today's people group to become the Lord's people!
- Pray for peace in Kyrgyzstan, and for a stable, effective and just government.
- Pray spiritual hunger would affect every Dungan family and clan in Kyrgyzstan.
- Pray for a movement to Christ that would bless all the Dungan people.

■ 9 Lao in Laos

The Lao began migrating southward from China in the first millennium after Christ, and which now politically and culturally dominate other Laotian groups. Theravada Buddhism plays a dominant influence in Lao culture. The communist government strictly censors content from the outside world, but many Laotians access the outside world through Thai television programs.

Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name. —Jeremiah 51:19

- Pray for today's people group to soon become part of the Lord's inheritance.
- Pray for Lao followers of Jesus to effectively show how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities.
- Pray the Lao would not find satisfaction in their current spiritual condition.
- Pray for the Lord to lead the Lao people to a relationship with Christ that would bless their entire nation.

■ 10 Latvian Jew in Latvia

Are you able to find the small nation of Latvia on a world map? Latvia is located between Estonia and Lithuania. Need more help? Latvia is northeast of Poland on the Baltic Sea in Eastern Europe. Jews have lived in Latvia for centuries. Tragically, 90% of the Latvian Jews were murdered in the Holocaust of WWII. Most of the Jews now living in Latvia moved there from other parts of the former Soviet Union after 1991.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. —Lamentations 3:21-24

- Pray that soon members of today's people group will embrace the love and compassion of the Lord. Pray that they become part of His portion.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to the Jews of Latvia.
- Ask God to anoint the gospel as it goes forth through radio and TV in Latvia.

■ 11 Druze in Lebanon

Adherents of the Druze religion live in Lebanon, Israel and Syria. It is an offshoot of Islam and appeared in the ninth century A.D. They are firmly monotheistic. Druze hold the Koran as sacred. They also have their own inspired scripture called the Book of Wisdom. Druze believe in the transmigration of the soul. That is, at death, one's soul is instantaneously reincarnated, and it is reborn into another life. Druze do not evangelize or accept converts into their religion.

And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. —Ezekiel 34:23

- Pray for today's people group to submit to the one true shepherd, Jesus Christ.
- Pray that many Druze living outside of their homeland become followers of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that believing Druze would go to Lebanon and tell their family and friends about the savior.

■ 12 Western Ghao-Xong in China

The Western Ghao-Xong people's high mountain lifestyle shows their longstanding values of perseverance and freedom. Fierce warriors, they fought long for their tribe's independence. They avoided defeat by their inaccessibility and fortitude. They worship many spirits which separate them from the Lord.

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. —Ezekiel 36:25-27

- Pray for this people group to find spiritual cleansing in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the gospel would be quickly translated into the Ghao-Xong mother tongue, and the hope of Jesus's victory would spread into a movement of Christ-worshippers.

■ 13 Vai in Liberia

The Vai are one of more than twenty different tribes in Liberia. Most of the Vai are farmers, growing rice and vegetables for one or two years before the farmer must move to a new plot. The Vai are also known as tailors and craftsmen. However, modernization is changing their way of life.

The king answered and said to Daniel, Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery. —Daniel 2:47

- Pray that leaders among this people group will understand that God alone can reveal truth to them. Pray that they will cease to look to any other.
- Pray that presenting Jesus as a person of power against spirits would win a hearing for the gospel and open them to missionary presence.
- Pray for mission agencies to adopt the Vai for planting strong churches that would plant even more churches.



■ 14 Gola in Liberia

The Gola are said to be one the earliest tribes to settle in Liberia, and like their Kissi neighbors, they have lighter skin than other Liberian groups. They are known as a very proud people. They are organized into clans, which tend to be more like territorial units rather than kinship groups. For a majority of the Gola, life revolves around farming. They are largely Muslim yet incorporate features of traditional African religions. In some regions they perform animal sacrifices.

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. —Daniel 3:28

- Pray that leaders of this people group will be as amazed at the works of God as this Babylonian king.
- Pray that they will worship God alone.
- Pray the Gola people would be given an increasing interest in knowing and serving Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ among the Gola people this decade.

■ 15 Sanusi Bedouin in Libya

The Sanusi are one of the most unique groups of Bedouin. They have been influenced by both the traditional nomadic lifestyle of the Bedouin and the religious teachings of a prophet known as Sayyid Muhammad ibn 'Ali as-Sanusi. This influence has made them one of the gentler of the Bedouin tribes. Although the Bedouin once considered it degrading to have manual labor jobs, this has changed somewhat in recent years.

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble. —Daniel 4:37

- Pray for leaders of this people group to repent before the Lord Almighty like this king.
- Pray for peace in Libya, and that there would be a growing openness to Jesus among all the tribes in the land, including the Sanusi Bedouins.
- Pray for Sanusi leaders to find the Lord, and disciple others in His ways.

■ 16 Chakma in India

Chakma inhabit Bangladesh and adjoining areas of northeast India. In India the Chakma are a scheduled (officially designated) tribe. Experiencing turmoil and an uncertain future, they need the inner peace and hope that only faith in Christ can bring.

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. —Daniel 7:14

- Pray that many from today's people group will understand and respond to the fact that Jesus Christ has an eternal kingdom. Pray for them to worship their eternal King of kings!
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Chakma people that would give them the peace and certainty they need to live victorious lives.
- Pray for the Lord to show them the way to the cross and the empty grave.

■ 17 Karaite Jew in Lithuania

The Karaite form of Judaism is so strange that Russian Tsars categorized them as non-Jews. So did the Nazis. Thus, they escaped Russia's pogroms and the Nazi holocaust. But Karaites know they are true Jews. They follow only the Tanach, the Jewish Bible, rejecting rabbinic interpretations. They allow each believer to make his or her own interpretation. Unlike most Jewish communities, men and women can exercise authority in their groups.

Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, it shall be said to them, Children of the living God. —Hosea 1:10

- Pray that this people group soon become children of the living God.
- Ask God to raise up Messianic Jews to go as his ambassadors to the Karaites.
- Pray for them to come alongside them to spread the fame of the only Messiah.





■ 18 Albanian in North Macedonia

The collapse of Albania's communist regime in 1991 brought on numerous traumatic and rapid changes in Albania, leaving the people with an identity crisis. Hurt, angry and confused, they are now struggling to find their identity in a country (Albania) that is considered to be Europe's poorest and least developed. As a result, some have migrated to other countries like Macedonia.

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. —Hosea 5:15

- Pray that the troubles of this people group cause them to seek the Lord and find Him.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Albanians in Macedonia that would multiply themselves many times over.
- Pray for the Lord to show Himself loving and powerful to them.

■ 19 Ndzwani Comorian in Madagascar

Many of the Comorians now residing in Madagascar initially came to Madagascar seeking better socio-economic conditions. Many university students from the Comoros study in Madagascar. Comorian life in Madagascar centers around commerce with most families involved in some form of trading. The religion of the Comorians is Islam with a strong emphasis upon folk and animistic elements. Charms, magic, trances, demon possession and curses are an integral part of their religious practice.

Yet even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. —Joel 2:12

- Pray that this people group turns to the Lord and repents of their sins.
- Pray Comorians would gain a growing interest in Jesus and put their faith in His work on the cross.
- Pray they would experience the abundant life offered by the only Savior.

■ 20 Muslim Yao in Malawi

Though they originated in Mozambique, the majority of Yao people now live in Malawi. The Yao people migrated in the 1800s due to famines and tribal divisions and befriended their new neighbors. Though they live in a land where the Church is strong, the Yao are folk Muslims.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. —Joel 2:28

- Pray that this people group receives the gift of the Holy Spirit as they turn to the Lord.
- Pray that their cultural walls would be lowered and that they would know the true love of God.
- Pray for invested workers and discipleship movements to spring up among them in Malawi.

■ 21 Orang Negeri Minang in Malaysia

The Orang Negeri are a Minangkabau people from West Sumatra, Indonesia, with a distinct culture and their own royal line that dates back several centuries. The Minang place great emphasis on their women. In order to protect the rights of the female, the name and property are passed down through the line of the mother. The Minang are devout Muslims in spite of their matrilineal heritage.

For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name! —Amos 4:13

- Pray that this people group seeks and finds the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
- Pray that God's Word become available to those who are seeking Him.
- May the unique culture of the Minangkabau be preserved and blessed as a culture designed by the All-Compassionate One.
- Pray for preservation of the culture while accommodating the truth personified by Jesus.



■ 22 Mamak in Malaysia

The Mamak live a simple life. They are not attracted to technology or education. Most live in settlements that are spread throughout rubber tree forests. Most Mamak people fuse animistic and Islamic beliefs. They believe in spirits that inhabit various places and things. They believe that ancestral treasures, such as a keris (a ceremonial knife), certain weapons and clothes have magical powers.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. —Amos 5:24

- Pray that God's justice and righteousness prevail in the society of this people group.
- Pray for reliable health care for the Mamak people.
- Pray for good schools and dedicated teachers.
- Pray they would find their way to Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

■ 23 Maldivian in the Maldives

Most of the Maldivians are fishermen, merchants and boat builders who take advantage of their position in the center of Indian Ocean trade routes. Despite their trade travels, the Maldivians have been influenced little by the outside world especially since the tourist industry is strong on their island homeland. The Maldivian's version of Islam has more to do with rituals and folk beliefs than anything else.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD God, when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. —Amos 8:11

- Pray that the Bible becomes available to this people group. Pray that they listen to and obey the words of the Lord.
- Pray that the people of the Maldives would soon be delivered from fear.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Maldivian people that would spread from family to family.

■ 24 Idaksahak in Mali

The Idaksahak (meaning "Sons of Isaac") formerly were herders for Tuareg nobles, in return for their protection. This relationship has now broken down and there is less mixing of the Idaksahak with the Tuaregs, except they use the same watering holes and they trade at the same markets. Some have become settled farmers.

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? —Micah 6:8

- Pray that this people group learns to walk humbly with the Lord.
- Pray for good schools to be made available for the children, and for parents to recognize the importance of education.
- Pray for adequate rain so the livestock will do well.
- Pray for Idaksahak believers to make more disciples until every family is reached for Christ.

■ 25 Duun in Mali

The majority of the Duun practice various ethnic religions, and a sizable minority is Muslim. Like many other West African tribes, the Duun practice the tradition of worshipping dead ancestors. The people also believe that the "supreme god" is too distant to worship directly and that, therefore, the only way to serve him or to worship him is through a spirit.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. —Micah 7:18

- Pray that this people begin to experience the unfailing love of God and come to the knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for adequate rainfall for the crops and livestock of the Duun people as a testimony of God's power and love.
- Pray for Duun families to turn their lives to Jesus Christ.

■ 26 Maltese Jew in Malta

For religious Jews, God is the Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe, and the ultimate Judge of human affairs. Beyond this, the religious beliefs of the Jewish communities vary greatly. European Jews are extremely diverse in religious practice even in Malta.

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. —Nahum 1:7

- Pray that this people group takes refuge in the Lord.
- Pray that the Jewish people in Malta would understand that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.
- Ask the Lord to soften their hearts towards Christ.
- Pray that God would grant Jewish believers favor as they share their faith in Christ with their own people.
- Pray that strong local churches would be raised up in each Jewish community.

■ 27 Moor in Mauritania

The Moors are very proud people, conveying a sense of superiority to others in the area. Within their society, the Koran is faithfully followed. The term "Moor" is generally applied to any person, regardless of skin color, who speaks one of the Hassaniya dialects.

Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. —Habakkuk 2:4

- Pray that this people group become faithful to God and not trust in themselves.
- Pray each individual in the Moor community would be prepared for the gospel message when it comes to them.

■ 28 Bushi in Mayotte

The Bushi (or Sakalava) people of Mayotte have their origins on the nearby island of Madagascar. The latter half of the 19th century brought immigration of the Malagasy to Mayotte island. It is these immigrants and plantation workers that are today known as the Bushi. The older generation live according to the traditional ways. The younger generations are beginning to seek the things of the west such as material wealth. Islam is their identity.

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. —Habakkuk 3:18

- Pray this people group learns to rejoice in the Lord and His salvation.
- Pray the Lord would prepare their hearts to receive and believe the gospel when it comes to them.
- Pray for a hunger for the truth - Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

■ 29 Huichol in Mexico

The Huichol refer to themselves as Wixárika or simply "people." This kind of autonym is widespread in Mexico as well as much of the rest of the world. Historically, the rough topography of their homeland insulated them from outside influences. They held out against Spanish colonialism for years and always maintained a high degree of self-rule. Today the Huichol are no longer as isolated and are integrating into the general Mexican society and economy.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. —Haggai 1:7

- Pray that this people group consider their ways and turn to the Lord.
- Pray that God would strengthen and encourage missionaries presently working among the Huichol.
- Pray that God would give Huichol believers boldness to share the love of Jesus with their own people.

■ 30 Buddhist Bodh in India

It is very difficult to grow enough crops or support livestock the land where the Bodh people live. But their spiritual lives are even more difficult. They depend on shamans to take care of their spiritual needs, and the spirits demands a price. The Bodh people live without a God of love and mercy.

And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. —Zechariah 2:11

- Pray that this people group would be among the many nations that soon join themselves to the Lord.
- Ask God to lead faithful workers to reach out to the Bodh people with the message of salvation.
- Pray that the Bible and gospel recordings would be translated and widely distributed.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Bodh people that would shake the foundations of their spiritual lives and bless them for eternity.

■ 31 Bhotia in India

The Sikkimese Bhotia are located in India's northern state of Sikkim along the southern slopes of the Himalayas. Essentially all Buddhist groups in India today are groups who migrated from neighboring Buddhist countries (through choice or to avoid conflict), or who live along the borders with these countries. The basic lifestyle of Buddhist groups in India is not too different from the lifestyle of Hindus. The differences are only found in their religious practices.

And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one. —Zechariah 14:9

- Pray that this people group would learn to worship the Lord and king of all the earth.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to work among the Sikkimese Bhotia.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth a strong and growing Sikkimese Bhotia church for the glory of his name.