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SEPTEMBER

■ 1 Sikh Mahtam in India

Most of the Mahtam Sikh (or Rai Sikh) in India's Punjab are migrants from Pakistan. Punjab is the only state in India where Sikhs are in the majority. Today, they are primarily farmers, but many are engaged in other trades as well. They maintain cordial relationships with the scheduled castes, who have low status, and other artisan and service castes of the nearby villages.

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. —Malachi 4:2

- Pray that this people group would fear the name of the Lord and experience His healing.
- Pray for a movement of God's Spirit throughout Punjab state and throughout all Sikh communities, especially the Mahtam.

■ 2 Tibetan in India

In 1959, thousands of Tibetans fled violence in their homeland and settled in India. Today, over 100,000 remain exiled in India, many of them living in Tibetan enclaves in Dharamshala and Bylakuppe. Most are small-time farmers or nomadic shepherds. The vast majority are Buddhist who also practice astrology. Their cultural and religious beliefs make the Tibetans difficult to reach.

But he answered, It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
—Matthew 4:4

- Pray that today's people group to learn and understand that the Bible comes from the mouth and mind of the one, true God.
- Pray for the Lord to give the Tibetans a hunger for His Word and for them to seek it out online.
- Pray for their spiritual eyes to be opened and for the light of the gospel to penetrate Buddhism and traditional religion.

■ 3 Khalka Mongol in Mongolia

In the thirteenth century, Genghis Khan formed the largest empire in world history. He united all nomadic Mongol tribes. The Khalkha Mongols consider themselves the direct descendants of Genghis Khan, and they believe they are the true keepers of Mongol culture. Many are nomads, living in herding camps and migrating seasonally with their animals. The Khalkha Mongols were traditionally shamanists but were introduced to Buddhism in the 16th century.

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned. —Matthew 4:16

- Pray for this people group to see the light of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Christian Mongolians to start a church planting movement among the Khalka Mongols.
- Pray for the Mongols to be open to hearing and receiving the gospel message.

■ 4 Balkan Egyptian in Montenegro

The Balkan Egyptians are closely associated with the Ashkali people. Some have associated them with the Roma Gypsies, though they would disagree. They speak the same language in the countries where they live. Thousands left the Balkans for Western Europe during the wars following the breakup of Yugoslavia, and others were deported. They are victims of economic and social discrimination.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. —Matthew 5:3

- Pray that this people group to recognize their own spiritual bankruptcy and come to Christ for the riches of His forgiveness.
- Pray for Balkan Egyptians in Montenegro to call out to Almighty God to redeem them from their sins.
- Pray for a movement to Christ to flourish among them.



■ 5 Imazighen Berber in Morocco

These unique people continued to maintain their traditions even after the invasion by Arabs, bringing Islam. However, many Imazighen people were forced to become Muslims, and most of their descendants today are Muslims. There are some who are attempting to achieve recognition of the "Moroccan Amazigh identity," but others are happy to live and mix with Arabs. There are many opportunities for the Imazighen to hear the gospel: satellite programs, internet, and local and foreign believers.

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

- Pray for this people group to become a light to the world reflecting the goodness and grace of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of Imazighen people and bring seekers into contact with Christian programs or believers.

■ 6 Rif Berber in Morocco

The word "Rif" is an Arabic word meaning "the edge of cultivated area." In the Northern Shilha of Algeria and Morocco, known as the "Rif Berbers," are numerous tribes of people eking out an existence on the harsh slopes of the Rif Mountains. Berbers are indigenous to North Africa west of the Nile River, the largest concentration in Morocco.

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

- Pray that the Lord gives this people group the discernment to recognize false prophets and the grace to know the true Prophet, Priest and King, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for an abundant harvest this year for the Rif Berbers as a sign of God's caring heart and power.
- Pray for the Rif Berbers to have hearts that are willing to seek and find Jesus Christ.
- Pray for fruitful efforts to make disciples and plant churches among Rif Berbers.

■ 7 Makhuwa in Mozambique

Although part of the larger Makhuwa people, the word "Nahara" translates into "fisher" and reflects the occupation of this distinct people group. They live in rural communities on the coast of northern Mozambique, catching fish as their main vocation. They prefer a simple lifestyle.

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

- Pray for believers in today's people group to be courageous in their witness for Christ and fear God, not men.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to divinely inspire Makhuwa churches in the immediate vicinity of Makhuwa settlements in finding a way to reach the hearts of the Makhuwa.
- Pray for teachers and pastors to be available to instruct new believers in the ways of the Lord, leading them to spiritual maturity and fruitfulness.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will turn Makhuwa hearts to Jesus Christ.

■ 8 Makonde in Mozambique

Traditionally a matrilineal society, Makonde children and inheritances belong to the women. They successfully resisted predation by African, Arab and European slavers, and did not fall under colonial power until the 1920s. The Makonde like to carve household objects, and their traditional religious practices are an animistic form of ancestor worship. While this practice still continues, today the Makonde of Mozambique mainly subscribe to Islam, at least nominally. They speak the Makonde language, but in Mozambique, many also speak Portuguese.

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

- Pray for this people group to humble themselves and come to trust in Christ as little children.
- Pray for an improved literacy rate among this tribe.
- Pray for Makonde disciples who will make more disciples who will make even more disciples.



■ 9 Rakhine in Myanmar

Centuries ago, the most feared pirates and sailors in the Bay of Bengal terrorized communities along the seacoast and far up the river channels of what is now Bangladesh. They were called "maghs," or pirates. They now speak the Arakanese language and are known as the Arakanese or Rakhine. The people themselves dislike the term "Magh" and prefer to be called Marmas, which means "Burmese." They are Buddhist.

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

- Pray that today's people group would become fertile soil and produce much fruit for God and His kingdom.
- Pray for educational opportunities for the youth, and for employment opportunities for breadwinners.
- Pray for a movement to Christ this decade.

■ 10 Tai Man in Myanmar

Does death scare you? For the Tai Man of Myanmar, death is not a threat. For those who have done good deeds, death is simply passing from one life to a better one. The Tai Man largely rely on crops such as rice, tea and soybeans. About 50 percent of the world's opium is grown in the Shan State, where many Tai Man live.

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

- Pray that many in today's people group to accept the Lord's invitation to become part of His kingdom and join His great feast at the end of the age.
- Pray for the persecution of ethnic minorities in Myanmar to stop.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up Tai Man disciples who will actively make more disciples.

■ 11 Sikkim Bhotia in India

The Bhotia of India are shepherds who live in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. They are a scheduled tribe, which makes them eligible for assistance from the Indian government. The religion of the Bhotia is generally a combination of Hinduism and Tibetan Buddhism.

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' —Matthew 25:21

- Pray that many in this people group become good and faithful servants of the Master and celebrate with Him in the coming kingdom.
- Pray for the Bhotia Sikkim to have a submitted, loving relationship with God the Father, so they can experience the abundant life promised by Jesus.
- Pray that Indian believers would reach out to their Bhotia neighbors and start discipleship movements.
- Pray that they would receive the help they need for good health and for job training.

■ 12 Chhetri in Nepal

The Chettri are a majority people in Nepal, whose name is a corrupted form of the Sanskrit word kshatriya, meaning "warrior." The Chettri worship a pantheon of gods. In marriage, the bridal couple will sit together before the holy fire while a Brahmin priest worships the sacred fire (yagna). This is followed by the exchange of garlands and rings. The literacy level among the older generation is low.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. —Mark 1:14-15

- Pray that this people groups to get the opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the good news.
- Pray for God's Spirit to move them to repent and believe in Christ.
- Pray for a rising literacy rate among the Chettri community, and for improved medical care.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up an unstoppable disciple making movement among the Chhetri community in Nepal that will bless them in every way.

■ 13 Tharu in Nepal

The Tharu are a gentle people who make almost everything they use themselves. They include a touch of art in everything. They have their own gods and follow a shaman. Besides the shaman who treats their diseases, the village headman and the moneylender are important people within the village. They are becoming more aware of outside issues, and evening fireside chats are becoming more outward focused, reflecting changes in their culture.

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, If you will, you can make me clean. Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, I will; be clean. —Mark 1:40-41

- Pray for this people group to feel the healing touch of Christ and be cleansed from their sins.
- Pray for this recent development to give them a willingness to embrace the ways of Christ.
- Pray for the Tharu people to be protected from those who would take advantage of them.

■ 14 Dutch Jew in the Netherlands

Because of the uniqueness of their history and culture, all Jews have a strong sense of identity. Persecution of and discrimination against the Jews have been the historical reasons for their migrations and settlements around the world. Yet they are relatively safe in most European countries like the Netherlands. Dutch Jews often associate Christianity with the Holocaust.

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Peace! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. —Mark 4:39

- Pray that the Lord brings His peace that passes all understanding into the hearts of this people group.
- Ask the Lord to send forth loving Christians to work among the Jewish communities.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Netherland's Jewish community.

**■ 15 Marma in India**

In Marma society, farmland is community property. After one year's use, the field must be left fallow for a sufficient time to let the land recover. After the fallow period, anyone can work in this field. They are folk Buddhists who believe in reincarnation but also in spirits and ghosts who can make life miserable. Because He was crucified, some Buddhists doubt Jesus can save, because they interpret crucifixion as punishment for bad deeds (law of karma).

And he did not permit him but said to him, Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. —Mark 5:19

- Pray for those who have been blessed among today's people group to boldly and lovingly tell others of God's abundant mercy.
- Pray for more evangelists, outreach materials and Bible translation in their language.
- Pray for churches that will plant more churches.
- May Christ show Himself stronger than the spirit world that now binds them.

■ 16 Monpa in India

Monpa means, "blessed by a horse." Monpa people are known as friendly and hard working. They work in agriculture, trading and breeding of yaks and cattle. They grow potatoes in Arunachal Pradesh, northeastern India.

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. —Mark 7:37

- Pray that this people group comes to understand that the wisdom, power and goodness of God are found only in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Monpa people would see that their only hope is in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that intercessors worldwide would regularly pray for salvation of Monpa people.
- Pray that churches would be planted.
- Pray for Monpa disciples to flourish and reach their own people with the gospel.

■ 17 Kachin in India

The Kachin are one of the most intriguing tribes in South Asia today. Those who live in Myanmar or China are animistic or Christian. Among the Kachin of India, however, Buddhism is a stronghold and almost all people follow it. There are many vibrant Kachin believers in both Myanmar and China who can go to those in India as Christ's ambassadors.

And he asked them, But who do you say that I am? Peter answered him, You are the Christ. —Mark 8:29

- Pray that this people would believe and proclaim, like Peter, that Jesus Christ is their Savior and Lord.
- Pray for a movement to Christ that will produce blessings beyond what they can even imagine!
- Pray for Kachin leaders to be open to believers to come to their communities.

■ 18 Zarma in Niger

The Zarma speak one of the Songhai languages. We could regard Zarma and Songhai peoples as cousins. The Zarma people are the second largest people group in Niger and are also in a few other West African countries. Besides Islamic practices, they take part in various cults which involve spirit-possession, spirit worship and magic.

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

- Pray for today's people group to come to realize that all the spiritual riches of life and true wisdom are found in Jesus Christ alone.
- Pray for the large Zarma people group living in West Africa, that they would be completely set free from harmful beliefs and spirits.
- Pray for spiritual openness that will lead them to the cross.
- Pray the Lord would send the light of the gospel to their families and establish His presence in their communities.

**■ 19 Wodaabe Fulani in Niger**

The Fulani have several subgroups, one of which is the Wodaabe people. The Wodaabe are noted for their art and their unusual behavior, such as beauty contests for the men. They are also noted for their taboos. Those who wanted to take Christ to them would need to be careful not to violate these.

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

- Pray for today's people group would comprehend that Jesus died for their sins and rose again demonstrating His power over sin and death.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers who are willing to brave the harsh lifestyle of Niger's Wodaabe people.
- Pray the Wodaabe people would be given a growing hunger to know Truth, and that Jesus would reveal Himself to them.
- Pray for Wodaabe people to become disciples of Christ who will make disciples of others.

■ 20 Adamawa Fulani in Nigeria

In the 1800s, Modibo Adama, a scholar and Muslim holy warrior, led a jihad in what is now Cameroon and Nigeria, opening the region to Fulani colonization. He conquered many villages and founded his own empire, which he named Adamawa, after himself. Although most of the Adamawa Fulani are shepherds, some also raise crops. Some of the Adamawa Fulani have advanced from being livestock herders to being scholarly, influential leaders in their communities. These people have the potential to become political leaders in Nigeria.

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

- Pray that this people group humbles themselves and comes to God with child-like trust and thereby enter into His kingdom.
- Pray for compassionate believers to take Christ to the Adamawa Fulani people.
- Pray for a church planting movement.

■ 21 Manga Kanuri in Nigeria

The Kanuri tribes comprise the Yerwa Kanuri, the Manga Kanuri and several other sub-tribes. Most of the Kanuri live in the Borno Province of northeastern Nigeria, where they are the dominant people group. The Kanuri have been Muslims since the eleventh century. Though they blend their form of Islam with their ancient beliefs, Islam is their identity.

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

- Pray for the Lord to heal the spiritual blindness of today's people group.
- Pray that these people see and recognize Jesus for who He truly is, the Light and Savior of the world.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Kanuri towards the gospel.
- Pray that God would grant favor to mission agencies currently focusing on the Kanuri.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a movement of Manga Kanuri disciples, making more disciples.

■ 22 Karekare in Nigeria

The Karekare live in northeastern Nigeria near the Niger border. They speak their own language of Karekare. Christian workers are not welcome in many parts of northern Nigeria. Those who go there must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Jesus said to them, Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? —Mark 12:24

- Pray that this people group hungers for and learns the Scriptures.
- Pray that these people begin to experience the miraculous power of God.
- Pray for a movement of Karekare households to study the Bible and accept the blessings of Christ.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will drive the Karekare people to the arms of Jesus.
- Pray for workers who are filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit to go to the Karekare people.
- Pray the Lord would move Nigerian Christ followers to go to the Karekare people.

■ 23 Norwegian Jew in Norway

The Jews of Europe arrived on the continent at least 2,000 years ago during the early days of the Roman empire. Since then, they have been a significant influence in the history and culture of Europe. Norway is home to a small Jewish population. There is still no breakthrough among Norwegian Jews.

And he said to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. —Luke 10:2

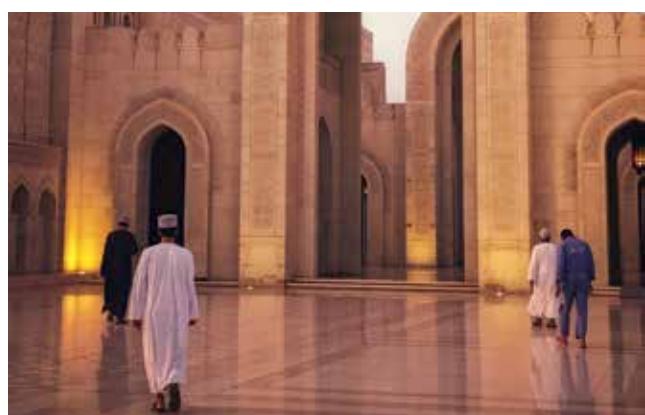
- Pray for an abundance of Holy Spirit-led workers to disciple this people group.
- Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the Jewish people in Norway towards Christ so they might hear and receive the message of salvation.
- Pray that God would grant Jewish believers favor as they share their faith in Christ with Jewish people.

■ 24 Omani Arab in Oman

Omani Arabs were among the first people in the Middle East to accept Islam. Most Omani people belong to the Ibadi sect of Islam, one of the religion's oldest and most traditional branches. Ibadi principles of puritanism (a return to the text of the Koran) and idealism have influenced Arabs in neighboring countries. Religious traditions are powerful, thus resistance to the gospel continues to be strong. Omani Arabs are averse to change in general, especially when they think it could threaten cultural traditions.

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
—Luke 24:45

- Pray that the minds of this people group will be opened to understand God's word by the Spirit Himself.
- Pray that a powerful movement to Jesus would bring whole Omani families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessings.



■ 25 Awan in Pakistan

Many Awan families cultivate land which their ancestors held for centuries. Historians describe them as valiant warriors and farmers who imposed their supremacy in their region. They are exclusively Muslim and probably the descendants of some of the earlier Muslim invaders of the tenth century or earlier. The JESUS Film is available in the Punjabi language of the Awan people. Awan people can view it on the internet. Gospel recordings are also available.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. —John 15:5

- Pray for the Lord is to help today's people group to understand that apart from Him they can do nothing of spiritual and eternal value.
- Pray for Awan farmers to enjoy higher yields, while protecting the land from erosion and overuse.
- Pray for a soon coming movement to Christ among the Awan people of Pakistan.

■ 26 Muslim Kumhar in Pakistan

Though they are traditionally potters, many Kumhars in Pakistan are now landowners. Pakistan is a very closed country. Those with power make sure that everyone remains Sunni Muslim. It will take creativity to reach the Kumhar people in Pakistan. Perhaps outsiders can have contact with them by purchasing their pots.

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

- Pray that today's people group looks to the Lamb of God, Jesus, to have their sins taken away.
- Pray that God would give Muslim Kumhar dreams and visions, leading them to salvation and abundant life.
- Pray that gospel materials on the internet would lead many Kumhar people to Christ.
- Pray for entire Kumhar families to have the chance to hear and respond to the only Savior.

**■ 27 Muslim Mochi in Pakistan**

If you were to purchase any sort of saddle or leather shoes in Nepal, northern India or Pakistan, chances are good that a Mochi put it together. Mochi people have an inferior status because they deal with dead animals. Followers of Christ who appreciate leather work can make friends with Muslim Mochi people.

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

- Pray that many in this people group are born again and enter into the Kingdom of God.
- Pray for an abundant harvest of Mochi families that will cause church plants, disciple making and transformed lives.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up and thrust out disciplers to go to the Mochi people of Pakistan.

■ 28 Baloch Jalbani in Pakistan

Baloch Jalbani people have been isolated because of a harsh climate and their former reputation as bandits. Jesus' disciples, who have counted the cost of reaching this needy people, will have many possibilities to meet their needs, gain their confidence, and tell them the truth of the gospel.

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

- Pray that this people group soon begins to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-led workers to go to every Baloch subgroup and lead them into movements to Christ.
- Pray for Baloch elders to have dreams and visions of the risen Christ that will lead them to open the doors of their community to hear about His provision for the penalty of their sins.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead these Baloch people to the risen Savior.

■ 29 Palestinian Arab in West Bank / Gaza

Palestinians prepare elaborate dinners for their guests, regardless of their economic situation. Palestinians are predominantly adherents of Sunni Islam with a minority Christian community. The Holy Land, birthplace of Jesus Christ, is also the birthplace of the Palestinian Church. Turmoil in Israel and the West Bank / Gaza makes Christian witness to the Palestinians challenging, but turmoil sometimes makes people more open to change.

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

- Pray that today's people group listens to God's message and believes in the good news of their salvation.
- Pray for the Palestinians in both Israel and the West Bank / Gaza to be blessed with peace, political stability and improving economic conditions.
- Pray for a movement to Christ that will transform Palestinian society, bringing them economic and spiritual prosperity.

■ 30 Mangrik in India

The Mangrik have traditionally been farmers. Muslim butchers ensure a supply of mutton to the Mangrik since the latter refrain from killing animals. They have attained a high level of literacy. Even though the Mangrik people have a high literacy rate, using oral means of communicating the gospel may be the best approach. Films, recordings and stories from Scripture will likely have a favorable result if their hearts are open.

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

- Pray that this people group would hunger for God and begin to feed spiritually on the Bread of life, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to multiply the reception and influence of his Word among the Mangrik people, leading them to love Him with their whole being.
- Pray for benevolent village-level leadership.

OCTOBER**■ 1 Khampti in India**

Do you have a prayer room at your home? Do you pray twice a day? The Buddhist Khampti people of northeastern India make this their practice. They make offerings of flowers and food. These agriculturists are renowned for their craftsmanship. Their Buddhist priests use wood, bone or ivory to carve religious statues.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. —John 7:37-38

- Pray for this people group to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the overflowing, gracious love of God.
- Pray these peace-loving people would encounter the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.
- Pray the Lord would reveal Himself to them, and that He would thrust out messengers of the gospel to the Khampti people.

■ 2 Pajonal Asheninka in Peru

The Pajonal Asheninka live in the grassy plateaus of the eastern Andean foothills of Peru. They have suffered from enslavement and devastating epidemics during the 20th century and from terrorist groups in the early 1990s. The Pajonal Asheninka have been exposed to the gospel message. Mission agencies are translating the New Testament to their dialect. There are now four or five indigenous evangelical churches in the early stages of development.

And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him. —John 8:29

- Pray for today's people group to begin to please God by trusting in and obeying His Son.
- May these infant churches grow strong in the Word, resulting in a people movement to Christ in the 2020s.
- Pray for the Lord to improve their lives physically, economically and spiritually.



■ 3 Maguindanao in the Philippines

Traditional Maguindanao settlements were located near waterways. This allowed ease of transportation and communication by boat. Several of the major trading centers were also seats of political power. This traditional pattern of settlement has been slowly altered by the building of roads that do not follow the natural course of the waterways. Large towns have sprung up along these highways, becoming new centers of commerce.

Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. —John 8:58

- Pray for this people group to understand that Jesus is not just another human prophet but is the eternal God.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a strong church among the Maguindanao that will be a blessing to their community.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of the Maguindanao people for the gospel.

■ 4 Moro Joloano Tausug in the Philippines

The Tausug are the most dominant of the Muslim groups in the southern Philippines. The name Tausug means "people of the sea current." They make their living through fishing and agriculture. Their major cash crops are coconuts, coffee and fruit. Ideally, the parents arrange marriages among the Tausug, although nowadays young people may select their own mates. They favor first and second cousins as spouses.

He answered, Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. —John 9:25

- Pray that the Lord removes the spiritual blindness of today's people group and they begin to see God's truth revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Ask Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to heal the wounded hearts of these people.
- Pray that God would use Tausug believers as bold witnesses to their own people, leading to an unstoppable church planting movement.



■ 5 Maranao in the Philippines

Maranao is the term used for the inhabitants of Lanao, a predominantly Muslim region on the island of Mindanao. The word Maranao means "people of the lake." The people are famous for their artwork, sophisticated weaving, wood and metal craft and epic literature. Small communities of Maranaos, mostly traders, live in all major towns of the Philippines. They are the descendants of Muslim Malays.

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

- Pray that today's people group would receive God's Spirit and become empowered to tell others about the grace of God in Jesus Christ.
- Pray the Lord would reveal Himself to the Maranao people.
- Pray for them to experience a movement to Christ this decade that will bless them economically and spiritually.

■ 6 Polish Jew in Poland

The Jewish emigration from Eastern Europe is cause for concern among the remaining aged Polish Jewish population. Synagogues are functioning and kosher (traditional, acceptable) food is still available. European Jewish people often blame Christians for the Holocaust and for sporadic persecution.

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

- Pray for this people group to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to proclaim the greatness of God.
- Pray that as people share the gospel, Polish Jews would not view it as anti-Semitic, but rather as the fulfillment of God's promise to them as a people.
- Pray for Holy Spirit anointed workers to go to the Polish Jews in Poland.
- Pray this would be the decade of massive harvest among the Jews in Poland.

■ 7 Portuguese-speaking Jew in Portugal

The word Sephard was the name used by Jews in medieval times for the Iberian Peninsula. Sephardim Jews, then, are the descendants of the Jews who lived in Spain or Portugal prior to expulsion in 1492 by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Sephardim also have a distinctive language called Ladino, or Judeo-Spanish, which is a dialect of Castilian Spanish with Hebrew and Turkish elements. Most Jewish people in Portugal today speak Portuguese.

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

- Pray the Lord makes known to today's people group the true path of life.
- Pray they learn to rejoice in God's presence.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth loving Christians to work among the Jewish communities.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Portuguese Jews.

■ 8 Muslim Machhi in Pakistan

"Machhi" refers to fish, and the Machhi people have a history of being fishermen. Most of the Muslim Machhi live in Pakistan, but there are some in northwest India as well. The sons usually share inherited property. They perform their birth, circumcision, marriage and death rituals according to Islamic rules. Surprisingly, they also perform certain Hindu rituals. Dangers are real and numerous for anyone who shows signs of straying from the Muslim fold.

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

- Pray for the Lord to do signs and wonders among today's people group.
- Pray they trust in God and give Him the glory.
- Pray the Machhi people would not be satisfied with their spiritual lives until they embrace Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Machhi people in Pakistan and India.



■ 9 Muhamasheen in Qatar

Akhdam (or Muhamasheen) people mostly live in big city slums in extreme poverty and discrimination. Men work as street sweepers, and women collect recyclable bottles and beg. There is no justice for them, nor education for their children.

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

- Pray for today's people group to come to understand that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ and in no other religion.
- Pray the few Christian believers among the Muhamasheen people would let the light of the Holy Spirit shine bright.
- Pray for many to seek and find Almighty God, leading to a Christ-ward movement.
- Pray for signs and wonders to confirm His Word.
- Pray for many Akhdam families to be blessed spiritually and financially as they allow Jesus to transform their community.

■ 10 Romanian Jew in Romania

During the last few centuries, places like Romania in Eastern Europe have had the largest Jewish population in the world. The emigration of Jews from Romania and other Eastern European countries is cause for concern among the remaining aged Jewish population. Many of the younger Jews are not familiar with their Jewish identity. With a history of persecution and antisemitism in Europe, the Jews in Romania may be wary of those spreading the gospel in their communities.

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

- Pray for this people group to listen to and to obey God.
- Pray that they hear God's message and tell others about His marvelous works.
- Pray that God would grant Jewish believers favor as they share their faith in Christ with their own people.
- Pray for a massive turning to Christ among the Jews in Romania.

■ 11 Nogai in Romania

The name Nogai means "dog" in Mongol and may come from the Emir Nogay of the Golden Horde and the territory he ruled. Today, virtually all the Nogai profess to be Sunni Muslim. Islam is part of their identity. To them, following Christ means switching to a foreign religious system. Islam literally means "submission," and a Muslim is "one who submits." The Nogai Tatar need to know that Christ offers the only way to true submission.

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

- Pray for boldness and love among the workers who go to today's people group.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to live and work among the Nogai Tatar of Romania.
- Pray for their hearts to be receptive to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ.

■ 12 Tatar in Russia

Russian domination of the Tatars began when Ivan the Terrible conquered the Tatars in 1552, beginning Russification. Since the late 1980s, there has been a resurgence of Tatar nationalism. Tatars have a long history of resisting both imperial Russian and Soviet domination. This has included resistance to the Orthodox Church's attempts to convert them from Islam. The Tatars have not forgotten the history of ill treatment from Christian Russia.

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.
—Acts 5:41

- Pray that believers in this people group are willing to endure persecution for the name of Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Russia's Tatars in the 2020s.
- Pray for workers who can lead them into a powerful movement to Christ.

■ 13 Bashkir in Russia

The Bashkirs primarily live in the Ural Mountains of Bashkiria, Russia. Some also live in the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Russians dominate the Bashkir homeland, and the Bashkirs are closely related to the Russian Tatars. The only distinction is that their languages differ in dialect. The Bashkirs know very little about their own history. They are a people who lack security in who they are.

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

- Pray that the Lord gives today's people group a desire to hear and to understand God's words.
- Pray for them to find security and dignity in Christ alone.
- Pray that God would raise up loving Christ followers to reach out to these Muslims.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a strong church planting movement among the Bashkirs this decade.

■ 14 Kumyk in Russia

The Kumyk are historically a proud people, respected in Dagestan for their literary, artistic and economic accomplishments. This pride, however, is tempered by disillusionment stemming from the destabilizing elements of violence in their region. Islam spread among the Kumyk people in the eighth to twelfth centuries. Prior to that time, both Christianity and traditional religion were widespread. They worshiped Tengiri and various spirits and demons. Islam is an overlay to these beliefs which remain today.

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

- Pray for many from this people group to be amazed at what Christ can do to bless their families and communities.
- Pray for an eagerness for spiritual nourishment that only comes from submission to Jesus Christ, leading to a disciple making movement.

■ 15 Yakut in Russia

The Yakut origin is in Siberia. They live uncomplicated, semi nomadic lives, tending reindeer and dwelling in simple tents for part of the year. We know them for their large draft horses. The Yakut are shamanists who believe in faith healing and spirit possession. Although the Yakut in Russia were evangelized by Russian Orthodox missionaries in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, few experienced a living faith in Christ.

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth. —Acts 13:47

- Pray that the believers in today's people group become God's light to their own group and to the nations of the world.
- Pray for spiritual hunger that will lead them to the cross.
- Pray for dissemination of Yakut language recordings, radio and television.

■ 16 Russian Buriat in Russia

The Buriats live in an area that straddles China, Mongolia and Russia. They have different trade languages in each of these places. The Buriat people in Russia are being pulled in at least two different directions. Those east of Lake Baikal are likely to practice Shamanism and Buddhism, while those west of the lake are much more influenced by the Russian majority. Neither side is keen to have their people follow the Lamb of God.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, Come over to Macedonia and help us. —Acts 16:9

- Pray that the Lord sends messengers to this people group to tell them the good news about Jesus.
- Pray for ambassadors guided by the Holy Spirit to go to them as bearers of Christ's image.
- Pray for spiritual discernment and openness among the Buriats in Russia.

■ 17 Indian Gujarati in Rwanda

The Gujarati are a people group from western India. Today, there are also significant Gujarati communities in Myanmar, Iran and Rwanda. The Gujarati emigrants are usually from the higher, wealthier castes and are often involved in trade or in operating small businesses. The Hindu and Muslim Gujaratis need to see the gospel lived out by true believers.

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead. —Acts 17:30-31

- Pray for today's people group to repent of their sins and to believe in the God of the Bible.
- Ask God to strengthen, encourage and protect the few Gujarati believers.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Gujaratis so that they would be receptive to the gospel.
- Ask the Lord to raise up missionaries who are willing to share Christ with the Gujaratis.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong fellowships of believers among the Gujaratis in Rwanda.

■ 18 Muslim Mewati in Pakistan

The Mewati people of Pakistan today follow Muslim practices and customs. They used to mix their beliefs with Hindu teachings. Though Pakistani society tries to eliminate caste because it has its roots in Hinduism, the practice still affects people in this Muslim country. The Mewati people have a long history as Hindus, but their identity is in Islam. Muslim neighbors can intimidate any Mewati person who dares to look outside of Islam for spiritual answers.

So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily. —Acts 19:20

- Pray that the word of the Lord spreads and prevails in this people group.
- Pray that the Mewati people would have a Jesus-oriented spiritual revolution.
- Pray that the Lord would mercifully reach the Mewati people through dreams and visions.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.

■ 19 Shahari in Saudi Arabia

One of the gifts the magi brought to the infant Jesus was frankincense, a costly and precious resin. It comes from Oman, specifically the region near the border of Yemen, where the Shahari people live. Some Shaharis also live in neighboring Saudi Arabia.

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. —Acts 20:24

- Pray that today's people group would experience God's wonderful grace and begin to tell others about Him.
- Pray for the Lord to establish His Church among the Shahari people.
- Pray for mission groups to specifically reach out to Shahari young people in cities and start disciple making movements among them.
- Pray for new Shahari believers to return to their nomadic families and share Christ with them.

■ 20 Hijazi Arab in Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabs see themselves as preservers of the Islamic faith. The Hijazi Arabs speak one of the variants of the Arabic language in Saudi Arabia. To reach them will take Christ-bearers with special skills and the willingness to go where they aren't wanted or accepted.

To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. —Acts 26:18

- Pray for God to send spiritual light and truth to this people group.
- Pray that the religious zeal of the Hijazi Arabs would soon be redirected toward serving Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to establish His Church among them.
- Pray for the Lord to send dreams and visions to Hijazi Arab elders, so they would be ready to accept Christ on His terms.

■ 21 Pulaar Fulani in Senegal

Most Pulaar Fulani call Senegal home. As rural people, they excel at farming, fishing and animal husbandry. The Pulaar proudly acknowledge themselves as the first black Africans to convert to Islam, although spiritism and magic play a significant role in daily life. They also believe themselves to be defenders of the Muslim faith.

Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen. —Acts 28:28

- Pray for this people group to hear and to accept the message of God's salvation.
- Pray for these people to understand that Jesus offers the only way to God the Father.
- Pray they would desire to know and follow Him.
- Pray they would take the ways of Christ to others in West Africa.

■ 22 Western Maninka in Senegal

All over West Africa, the Maninka (formerly a trading people) have become powerful merchants, civil servants and religious leaders. Maninka men in Senegal sometimes set up or work for small, part-time businesses. Maninkas often first pray in the village mosque, then sacrifice a chicken to the village spirit. They consult marabouts (Muslim holy men) for healing, protective amulets or insight into the future.

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. —2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give new believers among today's people group victory their spiritual battles.
- Pray for them to put their faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would thrust forth loving, long-term laborers.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth a vigorous Maninka church that will lead a movement to Christ.

■ 23 Serbian-speaking Jew in Serbia

The Jews on the European continent have been a significant influence in its history and culture. Persecution of and discrimination against Jews in Serbia and other European countries has forced them to migrate elsewhere, but some remain. Serbian Jews have traditionally possessed a strong sense of identity, but many of the younger ones are not aware of their heritage.

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

- Thank the Lord that He is giving His spiritual blessings to this people group.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth Christian believers to work among Jewish communities.
- Pray that the people would understand that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Serbian Jews.

■ 24 Susu in Sierra Leone

The Susu live in the coastal areas of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Mali. They combine Islam with traditional beliefs. They believe that ghosts, spirits and gods all inhabit the same land and that witches have the power to change into animals and cause harm to their villages. They need prayer to bring clarity and accuracy to their thoughts about the supernatural.

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

- Pray for spiritual wisdom and light for the leaders of today's people group.
- Pray that God would release the people from bondage to spirits and that they would recognize Jesus as the One with the power to give them freedom from wicked spirits.
- Pray for improved health care and good schools for the Susu.

■ 25 Madurese Bawean in Singapore

The Madurese Bawean people come from Indonesia in search of a better life in prosperous Singapore. Those who live and work in Singapore send money back to relatives in Indonesia who struggle economically. They are Sunni Muslim.

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

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray for the Bawean who work in Singapore to make authentic Christian friends who would share their lives and the message of Christ.
- Pray God would raise up disciples among those who work in Singapore.

- Pray they would return to their island home with the gospel.
- Pray for the Baweans to become "Bereans" who study and apply God's word and share it with others.

■ 26 Slovak-speaking Jew in Slovakia

Jewish people in Eastern European countries like Slovakia are facing different trials than their grandparents, who dealt with the Holocaust. Most from their grandparents' generation migrated to Israel, so few remain in Slovakia. There are efforts to keep Jewish culture alive in Slovakia through schools, hospitals and retirement homes. Jewish community centers also promote cultural events such as Israeli dance, theater, sports and Yiddish and Hebrew lessons.

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

- Pray for an emerging, spotless and pure church among this people group.
- Pray for Slovak-speaking Jews to look to Jesus for spiritual answers.
- Pray this would be the decade of harvest among the Jewish people in Slovakia and other Eastern European countries.

■ 27 Sikh Kamboh in India

The Kamboh of Punjab probably came to India from Central Asia about three thousand years ago. Many Kamboh are landowners, and others are employed in various vocations. Sikhism, the religion of the Kamboh Sikhs, originated in the Punjab where most Kamboh live. Sikhs believe in only one God, rejecting idol worship and the Hindu caste system. They teach giving to the less fortunate and serving others.

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

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give His armor to the believers among today's people group.
- Pray all Sikhs would hunger to know God in a personal, life-changing way.
- Pray for workers to be thrust out to these Sikh Punjabis.
- Pray for the Lord to make huge inroads into Sikh communities in the 2020s.



■ 28 Muslim Khatri in Pakistan

The Khatri are a trading and business caste. Their name comes from the Sanskrit word "Kshatriya," which is the second highest of the four castes [groupings] of Hinduism. Many have entered teaching and civil service professions. Khatris take their religion seriously. Muslim Khatri celebrate traditional Muslim festivals and fast during Ramadan.

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

- Pray for righteous character for those who find the Lord among this people group.
- Pray this high caste community would not let pride keep them from humble acceptance of God's gift of eternal life, found through faith in his son.
- Pray for workers, filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit, to go to them.

■ 29 Garre in Somalia

Although the Somali are all Sunni Muslim and share a common cultural heritage, language distinctions and clan conflicts divide them. One of these is the Garre sub-tribe. The Garre are located mostly in Kenya and Somalia, but a few live in Ethiopia. Most Garre are nomadic herdsmen. They live in portable huts covered with animal skins or woven mats.

Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; —Colossians 1:11-12

- May new believers among this people group walk in joy and love in the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the Lord to give the Garre people healthy livestock as a testimony of His goodness and love.
- Pray for the Garre people to be blessed physically and spiritually by the Lord's people.
- Pray for a movement to Christ this decade.

■ 30 Tunni in Somalia

The Tunni are in southern Somalia, between the Juba and Shebelle Rivers. This region has the richest agricultural land in the country. The Tunni are primarily farmers. The dress of both men and women closely resembles a Roman toga. Although they are orthodox in their Islamic practices, few have a deep understanding of Islam.

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

- Pray for new believers in this people group to have Holy Spirit-led words to say to their elders as they explain their new faith.
- Pray for peace in Somalia; that all peoples of the country may be blessed.
- Pray for a stable, effective government.
- Pray for workers to go to the Tunni community, leading to an unstoppable movement to Christ.

■ 31 Bhojpuri Bihari in South Africa

The world is truly a melting pot of peoples. Migration is common. Such is the case of the Bhojpuri-speaking Biharis. During and soon after colonial days, a large number of people from the Bihar Province of British India moved about to work as indentured laborers. Some went to South Africa where they worked on plantations. Today, they are most likely to be businessmen.

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

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- The Lord has made major inroads among Bhojpuri speakers in India.
- Pray some would answer the call to reach Hindu Bhojpuri Biharis for Christ.
- Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ during the 2020s among the Biharis of South Africa.