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## ■ 1 Western Cham in Malaysia

The Western Cham are survivors from the Champa Kingdom, which was prominent from AD 2-1471. When the Vietnamese invaded their kingdom, the majority of Champa aristocrats managed to flee to Cambodia while the poorer ones remained in Vietnam. Some have migrated to Malaysia for work in construction, fishing, and rice cultivation. The Western Cham are Muslim; this is their identity as a people. There is much family pressure to remain in the Islamic fold.

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*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*

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- Pray that this people group would fear the name of the Lord and experience His healing.
- Ask God to touch their hearts, so they will crave fellowship with Him.
- Ask God to help them realize they need a savior.
- Pray for the Lord to move powerfully in their communities.

## ■ 2 Muslim Teli in India

The Teli is a community that presses mustard or sesame oil. In India, they can be Hindu or Muslims. Some are landless farmers. It is very difficult for Muslims to listen to someone who tells them that Jesus Christ is essential for salvation. They have been taught their entire lives that the way to please God is through obedience to the teachings of Mohammed.

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*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*

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- 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 thrust out loving workers who will not stop until Teli Muslim leaders have heard of the saving power of Christ.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger and a desire for the "oil" of the Holy Spirit to guide their families.

## ■ 3 Sikh Valmiki in India

Sikhism came out of Hinduism at the time of the European Protestant Reformations. It is a monotheistic faith with belief in one God, not the many gods of Hinduism. Surprisingly the Indian Constitution constitutes it as a Hindu sect along with Jainism. It has its own scriptures and places of worship. Valmiki is a caste that claims descent from Valmiki, the writer of one of Hinduism's epic writings.

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*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*

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- Pray for this people group to see the light of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the spread of Jesus gatherings and power encounters among Valmiki Sikhs.
- Pray for house churches to spread into rural areas where the Gospel is often weakest.

## ■ 4 Waza in India

Waza refers to a caste of caterers who specialize in cooking for large functions. They are accepted by Muslims and Hindus as well as all other religious communities of India. This Muslim people group lives primarily, if not exclusively, in the highly unreached far northern state of Jammu and Kashmir. Church functions and weddings could hire Waza caterers, develop friendships and expose them to the Gospel.

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

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- Pray that this people group to recognize their own spiritual bankruptcy and come to Christ for the riches of His forgiveness.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate the Waza community in a powerful way, leading to healings and other examples of His power and goodness.
- Pray for Waza household fellowships and Bible studies to spread throughout Kashmir.

### ■ 5 Karingani in Iran

The Karingani are a minority language group in Iran. They practice Shia Islam mixed with animistic beliefs in spirits and sacred groves, used for spirit worship. They fear the Red Woman, who is responsible for infant and maternal mortality.

*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 the Holy Spirit prepares them for a Christ encounter.
- Pray for them to find Jesus to be the only way to be protected from the spirit world.
- Pray for a people movement among them that will extend to others.

### ■ 6 Khalaj in Iran

Did you know there are Turks living in Iran? The Khalaj are such a group, and they speak an ancient dialect of Turkish, and their name means “to stay hungry.” Unlike most Turks, they are Shia Muslims.

*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 Iranian Christ followers to reach these Turks.
- Pray for Bible translation, Christian literature, and media to become easily accessible to them.
- Pray they grow weary of the false righteousness of Shia Islam and find truth in Jesus Christ.



### ■ 7 Ucayali-Yurua Asheninka in Brazil

The Ucayali-Yurua Asheninka live a subsistence lifestyle. To make matters worse, their land is often exploited by loggers and other outsiders. Animism still has a strong grip on the lives of the Ucayali-Yurua Asheninka. Christianity is often viewed as the religion of those who wish to use them, so they want nothing to do with it.

*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.
- Pray for medical missionaries to offer medical treatment and a chance to see living Christianity in practice.
- Pray for the Lord to improve their lives physically, economically, and spiritually.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare their hearts to hear of the savior of all mankind.

### ■ 8 Embera-Baudo in Colombia

The Baudo is a subgroup of the greater Embera people. They live in parts of Colombia where there is no government control, so the local people are in danger of drug lords and other criminals. The Embera-Baudo do not have the resources to defend themselves against outsiders. For obvious reasons, they view outsiders as a threat.

*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 the Holy Spirit to raise up indigenous Christ bearers to share the truth with the Embera-Baudo.
- Pray for the Lord to prepare workers with valuable skills such as helping with medical needs.
- Pray for the Lord to prepare Embera-Baudo hearts to hear and respond to Jesus Christ.

### ■ 9 Kogi in Colombia

The Kogi are one of the indigenous tribes that evaded Spanish conquistadors. They moved higher into the mountains where they now grow and trade coffee. They are very concerned about the destruction of their physical environment which includes glaciers, mountains, deserts, rainforests, and wetlands. The Kogi regard outsiders as “Little Brothers,” a term of endearment for those who are ignorant of essential truths about the environment.

*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 produces much fruit for God and His kingdom.
- Pray for the Lord to shower the Kogi people with mercy and justice as they face an uncertain future.
- Pray for Kogi leaders to have the spiritual discernment to respond to Christ when they hear of His glory.

### ■ 10 Hunan Lu Mien in China

The Chinese government has maintained the policy of trying to turn the lu Mien into Han Chinese. The lu Mien have resisted these efforts and still speak their own language as their first language. The Hunan lu Mien people live in remote mountains that are not easily accessible to Christ’s ambassadors.

*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 that the Lord moves anointed Han Chinese Christian believers to pray for and go to the Hunan lu Mien.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a church planting movement among the lu Mien of China in this decade.



### ■ 11 Guanyingqiao Jiarong in China

To outsiders, the Guanyingqiao people look like Tibetans. However, the language they speak is not closely related to Tibetan. There are few roads to the region of Sichuan where the Guanyingqiao live. The Guanyingqiao have been Buddhists for centuries, and it is part of their core identity. By contrast, they see Christianity as a foreign religion.

*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.
- Ask the Lord to send caring, Spirit-filled workers to the Guanyingqiao people.
- Pray for a hunger for spiritual truth among the Guanyingqiao.
- Pray that every Guanyingqiao would have the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ in a way they can understand.

### ■ 12 Jiasou in China

Since 1949, the Chinese government’s policy has been to incorporate indigenous peoples like the Jiasou into the Han majority language and culture. Due to their isolation, the Jiasou have been able to hang on to their primary language of Sani and their distinct traditions. The Jiasou religion of animism and ancestor veneration is deeply ingrained in their society.

*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 that the Bible and other resources would be translated into the Sani language.
- Ask the Lord to send loving, Spirit-filled workers to the Jiasou.
- Pray that each Jiasou person will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel in a way they can understand.



### ■ 13 Hindu Kalal in Bangladesh

The Kalal cremate their dead, and they scatter the ashes in a sacred river like the Ganges. A Kalal priest leads worship, practices traditional medicine and prays to protect his people from evil spirits. The Kalal celebrate the Hindu festivals like the birthday of Rama, a central Hindu god.

*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 they will put their hope and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ, the only one who can give them dignity in this life and salvation in the life to come.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out loving workers.

### ■ 14 Kapali in Bangladesh

Kapali people are settled near different tea gardens. These Hindus believe that their ancestors originated from the forehead of Lord Shiva. There are no known Christ followers among Kapali people in Bangladesh. Audio and visual Bible resources, including the entire Bible, exist in Bengali, the spoken language of Kapali people in Bangladesh. Christ followers could use these to expose them to the Gospel.

*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.
- Pray that Kapali people in Bangladesh will see that their old system of ethics and beliefs is not working and that their only hope is in Christ.
- Ask Almighty God to transform entire Kapali families and communities for His glory.

### ■ 15 Mahishya in Bangladesh

Mahishya people are unusual in that their livelihood was originally based upon producing crops, but in recent years, many have become skilled as engineers and successful business people. Even in Muslim Bangladesh the Mahishya people are almost completely Hindu.

*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 Mahishya households to begin to study the Bible and accept the blessings of Christ.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will invite them to the loving arms of Jesus. Pray for workers who are filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit to go to the Mahishya people.
- Pray they can communicate the desperate need we all have for the savior.

### ■ 16 Serbian-speaking Jew in Serbia

Serbian Jews have been decorated throughout their history in Serbia for their participation in various wars. Today, some are involved in political and national affairs. Jewish people often don't give Jesus a chance because of abuse by Christians. They need loving ambassadors of Christ to go to them.

*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 Jewish hearts will respond to the love of Christ through Jesus followers as they engage in everyday life together.
- Pray for a movement to Jesus Christ among Serbian Jews in Serbia.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give Serbian-speaking Jews hearts that are soft towards their Messiah.

### ■ 17 Slovak-speaking Jew in Slovakia

Jews have been in Slovakia since the 14th century. They have been persecuted severely throughout Slovakian history. Through the centuries most Slovakian Jews moved to cities and acquired skills as artisans, merchants, and shopkeepers. Although they continue to experience separation from other Slovakian people, their religion is largely inward-looking. They seldom discuss spiritual matters with outsiders.

*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 mighty movement of this people group starting within families and growing into strong Bible teaching fellowships filled with disciples who will reach others.
- Pray that Christ-honoring families would be sent out to bring Slovak-speaking Jewish families to their Messiah.

### ■ 18 Lezgin in Ukraine

The Lezgin people of Ukraine are a Muslim group that live and work in brutal weather conditions. Even though the Lezgin are Muslim, they have not relinquished their pre-Islamic belief in the spirit world. In recent years, some Lezgins have come to faith in Jesus Christ. However, their numbers are so few that they cannot form a fellowship even in Ukraine, the “Bible Belt” of Eastern Europe.

*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 a movement to Christ among Lezgins in Ukraine and in Russia.
- Pray for the Lezgin people to see beyond Lezgin culture and identity and give a fair hearing to the Gospel.



### ■ 19 Orochi in Ukraine

The Orochi are among the peoples of Russia’s far east. They come from a land where few can live, so most have moved to Ukraine and other parts of Russia. The Orochi people can be Buddhist, shamanistic or marginally Russian Orthodox. Their state of spiritual confusion might be a barrier to their accepting the lordship of Christ.

*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 spiritual hunger to permeate Orochi society, giving them the desire and ability to follow Jesus.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers to these people who desperately need a savior.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Orochi in both Russia and Ukraine.

### ■ 20 Hainanese in Cambodia

The Hainanese migrated to Cambodia more than 500 years ago. They work hard, rarely taking time off from work, and they have distinguished themselves as experts in the food catering business. Many manage coffee shops, Chinese noodle houses, and other businesses in the food industry. Those who love Christ can be customers at Hainanese owned noodle houses during slow times, which will give them the chance to strike up spiritual conversations.

*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 the Lord to bless their businesses as a testimony of His power and goodness.
- Pray for Hainanese disciples to make more disciples who will make even more disciples.

## ■ 21 Hakka Chinese in Cambodia

Many Hakka families have started popular noodle shops in Cambodia. Hakka noodles, or Hakka Mee, are yellow noodles topped by minced chicken or pork and condiments. There is an attitude among the Hakka that spirituality is flexible, and that Christianity is only for Westerners. The Hakka can easily stick with traditional religion and face a Christless eternity because they are unwilling to give Him a chance to transform their hearts.

*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.
- Pray for the Lord to prosper the Hakka spiritually and economically, so they will know He is their true provider.
- Pray for Hakka church planters to train others to plant more churches and make disciples.

## ■ 22 Mongallese Arab in South Sudan

Islam spread throughout much of North Africa from the 7th through the 11th centuries. During this time, it became much more common than in Sudan, where it was very hierarchical and mainly followed by the upper classes. One of these "upper class" people groups were the Mongallese in South Sudan. Language is one of the biggest obstacles in spreading the word to the Mongallese Arab. Their distinct dialect and strong Islamic beliefs make it difficult for any solid movement to take root.

*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 Holy Spirit-sent workers.
- Pray for the Lord to send dreams and visions to Mongallese Arab leaders.

## ■ 23 Daasanach in South Sudan

The Daasanach are known for their fighting prowess and are feared by many neighboring groups. They take cattle from their neighbors in raids. It is very hard for neighboring Christianized people to want to go to these people who are known for violent raids.

*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.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out determined and loving witnesses of the grace of Jesus to the Daasanach people.
- Pray for the Lord to do whatever it takes to turn these people from violence and destructive behavior to peaceful and productive lives as a testimony of what the Holy Spirit can do.

## ■ 24 Swedish Jew in Sweden

In the past, Sweden's Jewish population experienced antisemitism especially in the 1930s because of the German Nazis. There are a large number of recently arrived Muslims in Sweden, some of whom hold hostile feelings toward Jews. Sweden's Jewish population is urban and prosperous.

*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 efforts to reach the Jews in Sweden will be conducted by those who love them and want them to thrive spiritually.
- Pray for Messianic Jews to present Jesus in a culturally appropriate way. Pray for a movement to Christ to rise among Swedish Jews.



### ■ 25 Albanian in Sweden

The Albanian people in Sweden are much smaller in number than other Muslim groups. More of them are applying to settle in Sweden each year because they want better economic opportunities than they have in Albania. There are so few Albanians in Sweden that establishing any real ministry may be difficult. Establishing an Albanian Church in Sweden will require outsiders to learn their language and culture.

*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 the Lord to bless the Albanians spiritually and economically so they will know that Jehovah is their provider.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out loving ambassadors of Christ to the Albanians in Sweden.

### ■ 26 Zarma in Niger

The Zarma are farmers who use simple tools; they do not have access to modern farming equipment. They live in the Sahel Desert in Niger and Chad, which makes farming very difficult. Others are fishermen, businessmen or teachers. They have little time for leisure activities. Though Islam was introduced to them by outsiders, the Zarma have embraced it as their own.

*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 for the Lord to show himself loving and powerful by providing adequate rain for the Zarma people, who live in a dry land.
- Pray for spiritual hunger and openness to the teachings and ways of Jesus Christ.

### ■ 27 Air Tuareg in Niger

There are many Tuareg subgroups, including the Air Tuareg, named after their homeland in the Air Mountains. This area is part of the Sahel Desert, but the location is relatively wet with enough water to sustain small herds. There is a time of the year when Air Tuaregs hold a public festival and open it to outsiders. The festival features cultural events, camel rides, and a market for locally made goods.

*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 the Lord to speak to Air Tuareg decision makers through dreams and visions.
- Pray for spiritual humility and a desire to come close to the Holy One.

### ■ 28 Afghan in the US

The Afghans living in the US are spread across the country. They have one thing in common: Islam. Islam is central to their identity in a non-Muslim land. The Afghans in the United States now enjoy freedom of religion, so they can hear and respond to the Gospel. Befriending new arrivals could lead to opportunities to share 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 many Christian believers to take Christ to the Afghans in a loving way.
- Pray for the hearts of the Afghans in the United States to be soft, fertile ground for the Word of God.

### ■ 29 Gulf-spoken Arab in the US

Gulf-spoken Arabs have migrated to the United States from Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Southern Iraq, Eastern Saudi Arabia, and Northern Oman. Though Gulf Arabic has a variety of dialects, they are all close enough for mutual understanding and communication. The Gulf-spoken Arabs who do not yet know English will be difficult to reach. Witnessing to them with Arabic Bibles and materials like the JESUS Film could potentially yield much fruit.

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*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*

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- Pray that today's people group listens to God's message and believes in the good news of their salvation.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will overcome community pressures.
- Pray for the Lord to establish His Church among them and call them to take the good news to their homelands.

### ■ 30 Adi Dravida in India

The Adi Dravida were once called the Paraiyar (or pariah in English), so their leaders requested that their name become Adi Dravida or "original Dravidians." Today, the Adi Dravida are a scheduled caste which means they receive special benefits for government jobs and places in education to rectify past societal wrongs. Illiteracy is high among the Adi Dravida, which limits them to non-printed Gospel materials.

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*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*

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- Pray that this people group hungers for God and begins to feed spiritually on the Bread of life, Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would lead Indian Christians to become friends with the Adi Dravida to help them with their educational and vocational needs.
- Pray for spiritual hunger that will lead them to the risen Christ.

## OCTOBER

### ■ 1 Kawa in China

The mountainous region where the Kawa live is difficult for Christ's ambassadors to access. This inaccessibility, in combination with very few local Jesus followers, makes sharing the Gospel with the Kawa difficult. It is also very possible that Christianized peoples in this region have compromised their testimony by getting involved with the drug trade.

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*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*

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- Pray for this people group to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the overflowing, gracious love of God.
- Pray that there would be a movement to Christ among the Kawa and that they would come to know God's love for them.
- Pray for healing from opioid addictions among the Kawa and for healed relationships between the various resistance groups and ethnic groups in the surrounding areas.

### ■ 2 Keji in China

The Keji are Tibetan-speaking Sunni Muslims. They were originally from Kashmir. They have their own mosques and restaurants, so they may eat ritually clean foods and avoid pork. Economically, they engage in commerce and trading. There are no known Christ followers among them.

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*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*

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- Pray for today's people group to begin to please God by trusting in and obeying His Son.
- Pray Chinese churches will try to reach the Keji people for Christ.
- Pray that soon there would be Keji disciples who will make more disciples.
- Pray for the Lord to provide for their needs as a testimony of His power and love.
- Pray that the Keji people would have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to the King of Kings.

### ■ 3 Agri in India

The Agri are a Hindu people native to suburban Mumbai. They speak Marathi. Both husband and wife are responsible for household income and management, as there is no dowry. The Agri make a living through real estate and fishing. The idea that God could have a personal relationship with mankind seems strange to them.

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

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- Pray for this people group to understand that Jesus is not just another human prophet but is the eternal God.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare the Agri to encounter Scripture and Indian evangelists.



- Pray the Agri would develop a spiritual hunger and have dreams of Jesus that will prepare them for an encounter with media and messengers of the faith.
- Pray that soon Agri Christ followers would disciple others in their communities.

#### 4 Bengali-speaking South Asian in Finland

Finland is a peaceful, prosperous Nordic nation. The country has opened its doors to refugees who are fleeing the turmoil of their home counties in Asia and the Middle East. One of these groups is Bengali speakers from South Asia. The Bengali speakers in Finland want to retain their ethnic identity and religion, so they might be resistant to a Gospel witness.

*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.
- Pray that the followers of Christ in Finland would lovingly reach out to these Muslims with Christ-like character.
- Pray that they would be open to embracing Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

#### 5 Chara in Ethiopia

The Chara make their living through farming. They had a high population until they were decimated through war and frequent slave raids. Along with their ethnic religion, the Chara practice a syncretized form of Orthodox Christianity which keeps them from embracing the truth of the Savior.

*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 for the Lord to raise up those who can produce culturally appropriate worship music for the Chara people.
- Pray there would soon come a day when Chara disciples will make more disciples.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen the existing indigenous church to reach its people.



#### 6 Harari in Ethiopia

Until recent times the Harari people lived in and near the ancient city of Harar in Ethiopia. Harar is a center for Muslim learning. Most Harari made their living by trade. On market days the Harar buy and sell agricultural and manufactured products with the different peoples who live in the area. Ethiopian believers can build business relationships with the Harari.

*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.
- Ask the Lord to send Spirit-filled believers to the Harari.
- Pray the Holy Spirit would create an openness and hunger among the Harari for learning about Jesus.
- Pray the complete Bible would soon be translated into the Harari language.

#### 7 Bambara in Canada

Bambara speakers in Canada are originally from Mali. They often blend in with other West African peoples in the new country, especially in regard to African festivals. In deciding which immigrants to admit from developing countries, Canada favors those with a good education and professional skills.

*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. Pray that Bambara believers would shine Christ's light in such a way that other West Africans will be attracted to Him.
- Pray for a disciple making movement among West Africans in Canada.
- Pray for the Bambara people to look to Jesus Christ for their spiritual and physical needs.

## 8 Bantu Somali in Canada

Bantu Somalis face discrimination in Somalia. As a result, some Bantu Somalis are leaving their homeland and going to egalitarian nations such as Canada. It is a huge adjustment coming from a clan based, agricultural Muslim society to a modern, secular nation like Canada.

*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 for churches to sponsor Bantu Somalis, help them in practical ways, and show them the love of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Bantu Somali people in Canada teachable and understanding hearts.
- Pray that a strong movement of the Holy Spirit would bring entire Bantu Somali families into a rich experience of God's blessing.

## 9 Balkar in Kyrgyzstan

For centuries, the historically Muslim Balkar people have lived in the highlands of the Caucasus Mountains of southern Russia shepherding their flocks. They resisted Russian cultural and religious domination for many years, and the scarcity of usable land forced many to move to the cities of Central Asia such as Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

*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 that the Holy Spirit would soften the hearts of the Balkar people toward faith in Christ.
- Pray for Balkar Christian believers to disciple others to make more disciples.
- Pray there would soon be culturally appropriate evangelistic songs in the Balkar language that will lead many people to placing their faith in Christ.

## 10 Dungan in Kyrgyzstan

The Dungan originated in the Kansu and Shensi provinces of northwestern China, but today there are people from Kansu living in Kyrgyzstan. Culturally, the Dungan are similar to the Han Chinese, but their language is greatly influenced by Arabic, Persian, and Turkish.

*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 for peace in Kyrgyzstan and for a stable, effective and just government.
- Pray for a movement to Christ to spread and benefit everyone spiritually, physically, and economically.
- Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Dungan would fellowship together and heed the call to share the Gospel with their neighbors

## 11 Hemshin in Kyrgyzstan

The Hemshin are well-known for the clever jokes, riddles and stories. They are ethnic Armenians whose ancestors converted to Islam from the 1890s through 1920s. They originally settled in the Hemshin district in the province of Rize, Turkey. Some have migrated to Russia and Kyrgyzstan.

*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.
- Pray for ethnic Armenian followers of Christ to take them the Gospel.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that would lead the Hemshin people to the cross and the empty grave.
- Pray that the Hemshin people would have their spiritual and physical needs met in Kyrgyzstan.



### 12 Dombki Baloch in Pakistan

The Eastern Baloch are part of a much larger population of Baloch who came to their homeland in the 12th century. For centuries the Eastern Baloch have been entirely Sunni Muslim. They doubt the accuracy of the Bible or anything not sanctioned by their religious leaders.

*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 the Lord to thrust out His chosen workers to the Eastern Baloch in Pakistan.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in Baloch hearts, preparing them to receive their king.
- Pray for Eastern Baloch disciples to make more disciples.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out Holy Spirit directed veterinarians and medical professionals to reach them for Christ.

### 13 Pindara in Pakistan

Most of the Pindara in Pakistan own farmland. On the death of the father, sons and daughters both inherit the property, and the oldest son becomes the new family head. The Pindara are Muslims, but they sometimes join Hindus in their festivals.

*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 the Lord would send dreams and visions to Pindara leaders, opening their hearts to accept the teachings of the Glorious One.
- Pray for anointed song writers to prepare culturally appropriate music that teaches of the only savior.
- Pray that soon Pindara disciples would make more disciples, transforming their society.

### 14 Qizilbash in Pakistan

The main difference between Qizilbash tribes and other Turkic people is that they are Shia Muslims. Therefore, the name Qizilbash is usually applied to them only. Though they are no longer a cohesive group of people, they hold on to their ethnic pride. In Pakistan, they are often urban professionals: doctors, teachers, engineers, and lawyers.

*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 the Holy Spirit to open Qizilbash hearts to Jesus as the only one worthy of their devotion.
- Pray for dreams and visions for Qizilbash leaders that will point the way to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for them to follow up with Bible studies, leading to praying fellowships.

### 15 Belide in Indonesia

The Belide follow the traditional practice of living by rivers rather than roads. Belide people profess Islam as their religion, and they are officially registered as Muslims. However, the Belide still retain many animist and spiritist beliefs. Ambassadors of Christ may have easier access to reaching the Belide by traveling on rivers rather than roads. While this may be physically difficult, those who want to share the Gospel with the Belide should travel the same way as the people they wish to contact.

*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 that the love of Jesus Christ would reach the Belide through dedicated disciples willing to share the Gospel.

### 16 Belitung in Indonesia

The Belitung live on the Indonesian island of Belitung. Many farm corn, cassava, sweet potatoes, and bananas. Groups of Belitung families form villages they call keleka. The keleka is led by a traditional chief and his assistants. The religious leader is a shaman who leads religious ceremonies. The Belitung largely adhere to Islam, but they also follow beliefs outside of Islam.

*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 the few followers of Jesus among the Belitung community to fellowship together and grow strong in the nurture of the Lord.
- Pray for the material and physical needs of the Belitung to be met.

### 17 Bengkulu in Indonesia

The Bengkulu people live in the city of Bengkulu, on Sumatra Island. They generally work as store clerks, ship builders, mechanics, construction contractors, and government workers. The majority of the Bengkulu are Muslim. However, they still practice certain traditional ceremonies and rituals according to their older animistic beliefs.

*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.
- Pray the Lord would begin stirring their hearts so that they will be softened toward the good news of Christ.
- Pray for Christians in other Indonesian tribes to move toward the Bengkulu people and take steps to tell them of eternal life which is only found in Jesus Christ.



### 18 Coong in Vietnam

The Coong people in Vietnam speak both Coong and Thai. They come from Laos originally. The Coong worship ancestors and practice animism or folk religion. They have no written Bible in their language. They look to evil spirits and the souls of their departed ancestors for help. They fear these spirits and they do not feel at liberty to follow Jesus.

*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 loving Vietnamese Christians would lead the Coong people to Jesus.
- Pray that the Lord would create a desire among the Coong people to learn his word.
- Pray for Coong disciples who will make more disciples.

### 19 Sila in Vietnam

The Sila of Vietnam practice an ethnic religion: animism and ancestor worship. Most farm and hunt for their food supply and they struggle with malnutrition and diseases such as malaria. Believers can aid in establishing medical clinics and training facilities where Sila people can learn to help others with health care needs. Christians can spread the Gospel as they teach useful skills.

*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 today's people group would experience God's wonderful grace and begin to tell others about Him.
- Ask the Lord to send Christian medical workers to labor among the Sila and soften the people's hearts.
- Ask the Lord to establish a Sila church that will multiply.

### 20 Sikh Zargar in India

Most of the Zargar Sikhs in India reside in the Jammu and Kashmir state. While the majority are Hindu or Muslim, some follow Sikhism. The Zargar who practice Sikhism believe God to be formless. They grow closer to God by living a good life and practicing charity. They believe in reincarnation and the law of karma. It will be difficult for them to understand and embrace what the Bible says about these matters.

*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 for the Lord to soften their hearts and prepare them to receive His Word.
- Pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done among the Zargar people.



### 21 Arasu in India

Arasu people make up a large proportion of the politicians, government administrators, and teachers of Karnataka. The Arasu marry within their community and pass property from one generation to the next. They attempt to follow their ancient traditions and customs to maintain their cultural identity as high caste members.

*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 the Arasu to have the opportunity to hear and receive the good news.
- Pray for the Lord to awaken their hearts and open their spiritual eyes and ears to experience His love and salvation.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in Arasu families and communities.

### 22 Hmong Njua in Australia

Many Hmong Njua people were forced to migrate to Australia due to wars and communist oppression. The primary religion practiced by the Njua Hmong is an ethnic religion. Ethnic religion is deeply rooted in a people's ethnic identity. Conversion essentially equates to cultural assimilation or even betrayal.

*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 that the Hmong Njua people would increasingly hunger to know forgiveness for their sin, which only Jesus Christ can offer.
- Pray for a disciple making movement among the Njua Hmong people to thrive in Australia.
- Pray for Njua Hmong people to be able to find jobs in Australia where they can contribute to their host country and flourish economically.

### 23 Gujarati in New Zealand

The first Gujarati immigrants in New Zealand were tradesmen, shop owners, and small businessmen. The second group were engineers, medical professionals, and property managers. Retaining their culture is very important to Gujaratis in New Zealand though they live in a very different cultural world.

*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.
- Pray for Holy Spirit led workers to go the Gujaratis in New Zealand.
- Pray for a movement where Gujaratis can embrace Christ while retaining parts of their culture that don't conflict with the Bible.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Gospel to convict Gujaratis of their need for salvation found only in Jesus Christ.

## 24 Adi in Bhutan

Adi people live mainly in China and India, and only a very small number live in Bhutan. Historically a remote people, the Adi continue to be socially and economically isolated. Even their villages tend to remain separate from one another, governing themselves by individual rules and councils. Wealth is measured in domesticated animals, jewelry, and land ownership.

*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 for key members of Adi communities in Bhutan to hear and receive the good news.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out loving workers to the Adi people.
- Pray that Adi people in Bhutan would experience God's wonderful grace and begin to tell others about Him.

## 25 Ormuri in Afghanistan

Ormuri people live among the Pashtun in Afghanistan. Though they are Sunni Muslims, the Ormuri people also depend on spiritual forces and amulets for their needs. Physical remoteness and a devotion to the Islamic religious system make it very hard to reach Ormuri people.

*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 Lord to approach Ormuri leaders through dreams and visions that will make them seek and find His answers.
- Pray for the Lord to make a way for them to easily access the JESUS Film.
- Pray for a major movement to Christ among the Ormuri.

## 26 Halang in Laos

For centuries the Halang have been slash-and-burn agriculturists, farming in one area then moving to another. Marriage is simple among the Halang people of Laos. After the wedding, the couple lives alternately with the wife's family and then with the husband's family for equal lengths of time. Only when the couple has had several children do they move into their own home.

*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 Halang hearts to be open to receive the message of radio broadcasts.
- Pray that the Halang believers in Vietnam would seek to reach their unreached relatives in Laos.
- Ask God to raise up laborers to plant churches among the Halang.

## 27 Northern Katang in Laos

Traditionally, the Katang lived in longhouses, and extended families dwelled under one roof. In recent decades, many have moved down from the hills onto the plains, where they have become more like the Lao majority. Although most Katang have absolutely no awareness of the Gospel or the claims of Jesus Christ, there is one Katang church in Laos, with approximately 100 known believers.

*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.
- Ask God to bless and anoint the small Katang church in Laos.
- May they show their neighbors what it is like to be blessed by the King of kings!

### 28 Comorian in France

Comorians are among many other African migrants who live in France. Thousands have risked their lives to migrate to France and when they get there they live in poverty. The vast majority of Comorians are Sunni Muslims though some became Christians during the latter half of the 1990s. France is a very secular environment; Comorian immigrants are either Muslim or they forsake religion altogether.

*...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 for the few Comorian believers to be salt and light to their neighbors.
- Pray that the Lord would equip Christ followers in France to share the Gospel with Comorian immigrants.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Comorians in France.

### 29 Baori in India

The Baori are described as a nomadic group who were once associated with criminal activities. They do not trust outsiders. Christians need to feel genuine compassion and concern for these people and not be condescending. There may be opportunities to minister to their physical and material needs in order to establish trust.

*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 constructive and productive ways for the Baori people to provide for their families.
- Pray for the Lord to take the Baori people from despair to a place where they are productive members of Indian society, for the glory of His name.
- Pray they would make schooling for their children a priority.



### 30 Kami in Nepal

The Hindu Kami are known for metal working. They supplement smithing with farming. Others serve as healers who favor traditional medicines over modern medicine. About a third are literate in Nepali, and many are bilingual, also speaking Bengali.

*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 Christ's ambassadors to produce songs, stories, and recordings from Scripture.
- Pray for Nepali and Kami believers to carry the message to the Kami people. Pray for increased literacy and for the JESUS Film to be shown in their communities.
- Pray that they would forsake idolatry and for the Lord to show His power over the spirit world.

### 31 Hindu Rajbansi in Bangladesh

The Rajbansi are an agricultural, indigenous people who live mainly in India and Bangladesh, though a smaller number live in Nepal and Bhutan. The Rajbansi claim to be descendants of the kings of the Koch dynasties that ruled Bengali lands in the 16th century. Wet rice is their primary crop, and wheat and potatoes have also recently been added. Some have remarkable skills in weaving and embroidery. They make items that are traded in the weekly markets.

*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.
- Pray for a Holy Spirit empowered discipleship making movement to Christ among them.
- Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through intercession.