

JOIN US IN PRAYER - APRIL 2021

Week 1: APR 1-4 – PRAY FOR OUR U.S. OFFICE	
THU 1	PRAISE God for financial partners who give generously and sacrificially. Pray for our Donor Services Team as they serve and encourage these partners. Pray for our Communications Team as they continue to work to tell the stories of Reach Beyond missionaries across the world. Ask God to use Prayer World and the Voice + Hands magazine to engage people deeply in what God is doing.
FRI 2	PRAY for our missionaries and ministry partners as they share the significance of Good Friday and Easter with people around the world who do not know about Jesus. Pray that many would understand Christ's sacrifice for them and would choose to follow our risen Savior.
SAT & SUN 3-4	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Hmu (Northern) Country: China Population: 2.1 million Language: Hmu Main Religion: Ethnic Religions Evangelical: 0.25% The Hmu (or Miao) are known for their distinctive and ornate embroidered black clothing. They have been despised by the Chinese for centuries who called them "men-dogs" since it was once believed they had tails. Protestant missionary work began among the Hmu in 1896. Two years later, a China Inland Mission missionary and the first Hmu believer were killed along with 32 more Hmu who had shown interest in the Gospel. Missionaries returned to that area some 14 years later and completed a New Testament translation in 1934. Pray that the Gospel would take root and grow among the Hmu. Pray that the Hmu would know they are valued and loved by God, and that they would experience His forgiveness and grace.
Week 2: APR 5-11 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ECUADOR	
MON 5	PRAY for missionary candidates from Colombia and Central America who are receiving intensive three-month cross-cultural missionary training through the <i>Corrientes</i> program in Quito. Pray also for the missionary mentors who are investing in this new generation of missionaries through face-to-face and online training.
TUE 6	PRAISE God for the in-person leadership training in Chimborazo in March with 14 indigenous leaders from different churches. In April and May the team will do the same in-person training with two churches in the province of Imbabura. Pray that God will help the attendees to fully understand the Spanish presentations as their heart language is Quichua. Pray also that leaders would be able to take time from their full-time (non-pastor) jobs to attend.
WED 7	PRAISE God for continuing to open up ministry opportunities for our Community Ministries team in Shell. Please ask God to bring more workers who have hearts ready to serve people living on the edge of the Amazon jungle.
THU 8	PRAY for Vinicio Salazar and Ian McFarland as they work together to obtain permissions from Ecuador's Ministry of Health to do mobile medical clinics (or caravans) to underserved areas in partnership with the local Ecuadorian church.
FRI 9	PRAY for a peaceful presidential run-off election between Guillermo Lasso and Andrés Arauz on April 11th. Pray for Ecuador as the country continues to be affected by COVID-19. Pray for the arrival and quick distribution of vaccines throughout the country.
SAT & SUN 10-11	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Japanese Country: Japan Population: 126 million Language: Japanese Main Religion: Buddhism Evangelical: 0.3% Racially, culturally, and ethnically, the Japanese are one of the most homogenous people groups in the world. They identify themselves in terms of biological heritage, birth in Japan, a shared culture, and a common language. 60% of Japanese live in nuclear families, while around 20% live in a three-generation household of grandparents, parents, and children. Japan's native religion is Shintoism, which is rooted in animism, or the belief that non-living objects have spirits. Buddhism was introduced to Japan in the sixth century. Most Japanese today claim to be both Shintoist and Buddhist. Japanese religious principles include ancestor worship, a belief in religious continuity of the family, a close tie between the nation and religion, and a free exchange of ideas among religious systems. Religious practices are centered on the use of prayer meditation, amulets, and purification. Pray that God would call missionaries to go and share Christ with the Japanese. Pray that radio and other media broadcasts would be effective in reaching the Japanese people. Pray that God would cause the seeds of the Gospel that have been planted over many decades to grow. Pray that God would empower the Japanese church to be a vibrant and powerful witness of His love, mercy and grace, and that everyone would come to know Him.
Week 3: APR 12-18 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN NORTH AFRICA / MIDDLE EAST	
MON 12	PRAY for the people who listened to Easter programs from our media ministry partners. Pray for those who said, "Yes!" to following Jesus for the first time, and that they would be empowered by the Spirit to boldly begin their new life in Christ.
TUE 13	PRAISE God for the funding that allows us to continue important radio broadcasts into North Africa in a language spoken by 5 million potential listeners.
WED 14	PRAY for continued wisdom as we work with local churches to guide the future direction of Radio Vida as well as the technical details of converting to a new radio automation platform.
THU 15	PRAISE God for the interest shown in the Trash 2 Treasure plastic recycling project. Pray for the creative development of technical changes to allow it to be used in locations where electricity is not available.

FRI 16	PRAY for the funding needs for the Mbingo Baptist Hospital Radiation Treatment building construction, which is a joint project with North Africa / Middle East staff, the Sub-Saharan Africa region and the Cameroon Baptist Convention.
SAT & SUN 17-18	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Yemeni Arabs Country: Yemen Population: 6.7 million Language: Taizzi-Adeni Arabic Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% Yemeni Arab society consists of over 1,700 different tribes or clans, that are ruled by sheiks who have often fought with each other. The majority of Yemeni Arabs still live in fortress-like villages. Their society consists of four classes of people: the wealthy (who trace their decent to the grandson of Muhammad), the townsmen (merchants, artisans, and craftsmen), the tribesman, and slaves. These four classes are easily recognizable by the clothing that they wear. Social life is important and the Yemeni like to share in a daily coffee time by sitting on the floor and drinking from simple round cups. Their diet basically consists of wheat bread and porridge made with boiled meat or chicken. Almost all Yemeni Arabs are Muslims, and those who profess faith in Jesus face severe persecution. Pray that the Yemeni Arabs would recognize Jesus as the Prince of Peace. Pray that God would lead people to reach out and share Christ's love with them. Pray that God would soften hearts and open opportunities for the Yemeni Arabs to hear the Gospel.
Week 4:	APR 19-25 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES
MON 19	PRAISE God for the Reach Beyond missionaries working around the world who have followed God's calling on their lives. Ask God to bring them encouragement through His Word today and that He would provide for all of their needs.
TUE 20	PRAY for the children of our missionaries. Ask God to use their unique family dynamics to shape them into passionate followers of Christ. Pray for our missionaries who face challenges in providing care and support to parents, family, or children from a distance.
WED 21	PRAISE God that Tim and Onilda Broach were finally able to move to Havana, Cuba in February after months of delays due to the pandemic. Pray as they settle into the current reality of Cuba which is much more challenging than before. Pray as they reconnect with the Apoyo Cuba Team and for guidance as they develop their role of training, mentoring, pastoral care and missionary mobilization.
THU 22	PRAY for relational community for our missionaries. Pray that God would use the churches they're a part of, the people they're ministering to, and one another to graft lifelong friendships that help them seek God more wholeheartedly.
FRI 23	PRAISE God for a new missionary who will be supporting our partner radio stations in Asia Pacific! Pray for his training and support raising as he prepares to go.
SAT & SUN 24-25	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Brahmin Country: India Population: 58.8 million Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: 0.00% The Brahmins are the highest of all castes in India's society, known for their influence and affluence. They have long been regarded for their performance of Hindu rituals. Most Brahmin perform some daily rituals, though many are now secularists, and few are actually involved in priestly duties. Brahmins place a high value on education and as a result, many have emigrated to the West. They excel as scholars, educators, doctors, politicians, engineers and computer programmers. Pray that the Brahmin would seek to discover the one true living God who loves them. Pray they will recognize that Jesus is the only one they should worship, and that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and that no one comes to the Father but through Him. Pray for those who are producing radio programs in Hindi, and that God would use them to open Brahmin eyes, minds and hearts to the Gospel.
Week 5:	APR 26-MAY 2 – PRAY FOR RADIO HCJB - ECUADOR
MON 26	PRAISE God for the recent granting of a 15-year frequency concession for Radio HCJB 89.3 FM Quito and its repeater stations.
TUE 27	PRAISE God for a virtual "Zoom" conference held on March 16-18 with the theme "Getting Out of Debt." Over 200 people attended.
WED 28	PRAY for wisdom for radio station HCJB-2 in Guayaquil as they continue to investigate damage caused by their electrical service. Pray that they would be able to diagnose the problems and make the repairs needed so they can broadcast at full power. Pray for protection for this ministry to a city of over 3 million people.
THU 29	PRAISE God for John and Sharon Gowan's arrival back in Quito after serving in Christian television in Guatemala for over a decade. John will be working shoulder-to-shoulder with Radio HCJB's Ecuadorian production staff in areas of video and cinema.
FRI 30	PRAISE God for all the contacts we have made with listeners and the opportunity to be part of their stories. Every day we get testimonies of how God is working in their lives.
SAT & SUN 1-2	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Sama Sindhi Country: Pakistan Population: 2.5 million Language: Sindhi Main Religion: Muslim Evangelical: 0.00% The Sama Sindhi are a group of Muslims in Pakistan, many of whom moved from India during the partition of 1947. All Sindhi were originally Hindu or Buddhist, however many converted to Islam in the early 8th century. The Sama Sindhi claim to be descendants of the Samma Dynasty who once ruled over the Indus Valley and West India. The Sindhi, unlike other Muslims, tend to organize society in castes based on clan and occupation, and do not marry outside their caste. Rural Sindhi combine Muslim and Hindu practices with traditional beliefs in folk spirits. Pray for opportunities for believers to go, work, live and share the Gospel with this unreached people group. Pray for opportunities for the Sindhi to see the Jesus film or hear the Gospel, and that many would choose to follow Him.

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