

JOIN US IN PRAYER - APRIL 2023

SAT & SUN 1-2	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Ahom Country: India Population: 1,600,000 Language: Assamese Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: Unknown The Ahom (Tai Ahom) of northeastern India are a proud people who once ruled Assam. In the early 13th century, Tai people from Myanmar settled in the Brahmaputra Valley. Many married local Tibeto-Burmans, and this new people received the Ahom name from their neighbors. They quickly established dominance and ruled Assam for 600 years. In 1838, the British defeated the Ahom and began ruling Assam. The Ahom quickly lost their power and influence, and today, they have low status in Indian society. Most identify as Hindus, although many integrate traditional Tai religious beliefs and practices into their worship. They believe that the dead go to heaven and become gods whom the living then worship. They believe their ancestors will protect them. Praise God that the Bible is available in Assamese. Pray the Ahom will find the true way to Heaven. Pray for God to raise up Assamese-speaking believers to reach the Ahom.</p>
Week 1: APRIL 3-7 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
MON 3	<p>PRAY for Joseph, Benjamin, and Tess as they give in-person training at a station in Malawi (following the recent hurricane), at two stations in Sierra Leone, and then at 2-3 stations in Ghana. Pray for wisdom and insight for the team as they seek to meet the specific needs of each station. Pray that their interactions would encourage and strengthen our partners who are passionate about sharing Jesus in their communities.</p>
TUE 4	<p>PRAY for Alfred as he goes to Malawi to look at some new technical issues at a partner station. Pray that he would be able to resolve the problems quickly and restore the strength and reach of the broadcasts to the unreached Yao people group.</p>
WED 5	<p>PRAISE God for the 100 solar-powered audio Bible players that arrived in Benin. These devices will be used for discipleship and church planting in some very tough-to-reach parts of the country. Pray that the Scriptures and included Gospel programs will be a blessing to all who hear them.</p>
THU 6	<p>PRAY for Wim, Alex, Alfred, and Adeline as they prepare to travel to Tamale, Ghana, in May. The team will facilitate WASH training (Water Access, Sanitation, and Hygiene) for media partners who are wanting to do or are doing community development projects.</p>
FRI 7	<p>PRAY for Andy as he travels on a short-term trip to Mozambique in early May. He will be giving additional training to staff at a YWAM music and speech recording studio that creates evangelistic and discipleship content for use in various parts of the country.</p>
SAT & SUN 8-9	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Argobba Country: Ethiopia Population: 221,000 Language: Argobba, Amharic Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 1.4% The Argobba speak a Semitic language and are believed to be the first Muslims in the Horn of Africa. They claim Arab descent, and in the 9th century, they helped launch the Sultanate of Showa, the first known Islamic state in East Africa. In the 19th century, they fled from central Ethiopia to avoid forcible conversion to Christianity. Today, the Argobba live in networks of isolated villages and towns situated in well-watered, hilly areas in eastern and northern Ethiopia. Most are farmers or weavers, although some are merchants with a reputation for shrewdness. Common crops include coffee, cotton, qat, and food crops. Many are bilingual, but few are literate. Today, some children do not speak the traditional language. The Argobba are Sunni Muslims who feel distant from Allah. Pray God would draw the Argobba close to Himself. Pray for bold yet sensitive laborers to enter the harvest among the Argobba.</p>
Week 2: APRIL 10-14 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC	
MON 10	<p>PRAY for Janice as she has been asked to give radio program production training to a group of people from a creative access country. The group's programs will be broadcast into the country via shortwave by Reach Beyond Australia. Ask God to provide Janice with wisdom and for clear thinking as she makes travel plans and prepares the training materials.</p>
TUE 11	<p>PRAY for our radio ministry partner John* in Thailand who continues to suffer from severe pain caused by injuries in a car crash many years ago. Ask God to give him relief, healing, and renewed joy in faith and in ministry.</p>
WED 12	<p>PRAY for Trevor as he is very busy in Thailand fulfilling the requirements of his visa while learning language at the same time. Ask God to give him extraordinary memory and the ability to quickly acquire and speak the language fluently.</p>
THU 13	<p>PRAISE God for the productive time that Rachel has had with family and supporters in the U.S. Ask God to give her times of rest and refreshment after an intensely busy first term in Asia Pacific working with young mothers from an oppressed refugee group.</p>
FRI 14	<p>PRAY that God would bless every encounter a Reach Beyond worker has with trafficked women from an unreached people group. Pray that God would touch their hearts and soften them to the Gospel. Pray that God would use these interactions to bring many people to find new life in Christ.</p>

SAT & SUN 15-16	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Newah Country: Nepal Population: 1,514,000 Language: Newar Main Religion: Hinduism, Buddhism Evangelical: Unknown The artistically-talented Newah are one of Nepal's most cultured ethnic groups. They have a patrilineal, caste-based society in which sons are expected to enter their father's occupations, and inter-caste marriage is strongly discouraged. Rice is a staple food typically eaten with soup, vegetables, or meat. Many Newah live in the Kathmandu Valley, the center of the India-Tibet trade route. Most are skillful traders and merchants. They live in elevated settlements filled with three-story brick buildings and ornate Buddhist and Hindu temples, and each settlement is surrounded by farmland. Most Newah see little difference between Hinduism and Buddhism and elevate ancestral traditions above specific creeds or affiliations. They believe in many gods and the spirit world. Pray the Holy Spirit would reveal the Father to the Newah. Pray for completion of a full Newah Bible. Pray that God would give Newah believers boldness to proclaim the Gospel among their people.
Week 3: APRIL 17-21 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES	
MON 17	PRAY that God would go before our missionary appointees who are currently raising funds to serve in different countries. Ask God to provide and help them develop church connections and a community of people to support their ministry financially and in prayer.
TUE 18	PRAY for Joseph as he will be traveling and away from his family for extended periods during April and May. Pray that God would meet their needs while he is in Africa, and provide good internet connections to help them stay in touch.
WED 19	PRAISE God for a recent missionwide virtual conference with a guest speaker who talked about the seven types of rest that are important for our well-being. Pray for each of our workers to find rest as they faithfully engage in their day-to-day ministries.
THU 20	PRAY for one of our missionaries whose sibling is terminally ill and is not a believer. Ask God to work in and through this difficult situation to bring physical and emotional healing. Pray that they would ultimately find hope and salvation in Jesus.
FRI 21	PRAY that God would give our missionaries the wisdom, creativity, and strength they need for each day. Ask God to give them contagious joy as they serve Him and others and that everyone would recognize Christ's presence in their lives.
SAT & SUN 22-23	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Baweans Country: Indonesia Population: 104,000 Language: Madura Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.08% An Indonesian journalist once described the Baweans as a "crystallization of Indonesian ethnic variety." Though mostly descended from Madura travelers, they have a distinct ethnicity and culture. Bawean, their home island in the Java Sea, is sometimes called the "island of women". Traditionally, Baweans are sea traders, and most men travel abroad for work. Those who stay on the island often farm, fish, run shops, sell handicrafts, or quarry onyx. Almost all Baweans are devout Sunni Muslims—a source of great pride. Every village has at least one mosque, and all boys and girls receive traditional Islamic schooling from a kyai, a greatly respected teacher. Pray that Baweans abroad would receive the Gospel and take it home with them. Pray that Christians meeting physical and economic needs will open doors for the Gospel.
Week 4: APRIL 24-28 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA	
MON 24	PRAY for the government officials who are making decisions and considering laws regarding NGOs and the granting of work permits for foreigners. These decisions could significantly impact many ministries. Pray for God's will to be accomplished.
TUE 25	PRAY for one of our team families as they plan to move to a remote city in a creative access country. Pray that God would give them wisdom and guidance and that He would divinely intervene and solve all of the daunting details.
WED 26	PRAY for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for those who are enduring hardship and suffering because of the conflict. Pray that the hurting would find relief and refuge in God, who cares about their pain.
THU 27	PRAY for a team in Central Asia as they look to help local believers purchase property for a clinic sponsored by a local like-minded fellowship. Pray that all of the issues, documents, and requirements would be resolved and completed.
FRI 28	PRAY for protection for our media team members living in difficult places. Pray that God would hide their identities and locations from those who are trying to discover who they are and shield them from people who are actively seeking to do them harm.
SAT & SUN 29-30	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Kumyk Country: Russia Population: 507,000 Language: Kumyk Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.01% The Kumyk are one of only two Turkic-language people groups in Dagestan (southern Russia). They farm, tend vineyards, and raise cattle on the fertile Kumyk Plateau by the Caspian Sea. They are a proud, respected people who once held major political influence in the region. Their art, dance, folk music, and weddings present a unique fusion of cultural and religious traditions. Once a Christian people, the Kumyk have been Sunni Muslims since the 9th century. They rarely marry outsiders, and they see large families as a blessing from Allah. Islam is integral to Kumyk identity, although they tend to mix folk religion into their practice. They see Christianity as a Russian religion which makes it unsafe for the tiny Kumyk church to exist publicly. Pray for boldness and safety for Kumyk believers. Ask God to open the hearts of Kumyk elders and leaders to hear and receive the Gospel.

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