

## JOIN US IN PRAYER – AUGUST 2023

| Week 1: AUGUST 1-4 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE-EURASIA            |  |
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| <b>TUE 1</b>  | <b>PRAY</b> for our media ministry in a sensitive country whose two online radio stations are the most popular Christian resources in those languages. Pray that God would continue to use their programming to encourage believers in their daily walk with God. Pray for the media team as they respond to unbelievers' comments and questions. Ask God to use these conversations to help soften people's hearts so that they would see the truth of the Gospel and choose to follow Jesus.   |
| <b>WED 2</b>  | <b>PRAY</b> for a family who recently moved to a new city to expand our reach within a sensitive country. The two physicians want to use their medical profession to reach that community with the Gospel. Pray for them and their two children as they adjust to life in a new place. Pray for wisdom and the Lord's leading as they evaluate the many opportunities and begin their ministry there.  |
| <b>THU 3</b>  | <b>PRAY</b> for the listeners of our Russian shortwave broadcasts. Pray that the people serving in our media initiatives will stand strong in their faith during some very trying times. Ask God to end the war and bring peace to Russia and Ukraine.   |
| <b>FRI 4</b>  | <b>PRAY</b> for the annual medical caravan to a remote community that will take place next week in a sensitive country. Pray for the team as they pack everything and prepare for the trip. Ask God to watch over them as they travel. Pray also for protection from religious leaders and people who would oppose their presence in that community. Pray that God would open people's eyes and hearts so that they would see the light of the Gospel shining through the medical team and the believers in their midst.   |
| <b>SAT &amp; SUN 5-6</b>  | <b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Dargin</b><br><b>Country:</b> Russia   <b>Population:</b> 442,000   <b>Language:</b> Dargwa   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.01%<br>The influential Dargin make up the second-largest ethnic group in Russia's Dagestan region. They were originally a collection of multiple tribes and their language has many distinct dialects. Most Dargin work in agriculture, but many use carving, woodworking, tanning, and metalworking to supplement their incomes. The Dargin were introduced to Sunni Islam in the 8th century and officially adopted it six centuries later, although animism and other pre-Islamic beliefs still heavily influence their worship. To escape alcoholism, violence, and other social ills, many have moved to urban areas surrounding the Caspian Sea. Pray for the Dargwa Bible translation to be completed. Ask God to connect faithful Christians with men and women of peace in each town and village. Pray for dreams, visions, and tender hearts among the Dargin. Ask God to grow the tiny Dargin church. |
| Week 2: AUGUST 7-11 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST |  |
| <b>MON 7</b>  | <b>PRAY</b> for more people to join one of our North Africa/Middle East social media groups. Ask God to help us make connections with people who will become open to hearing the Good News of Jesus. Pray that God would use this social media group to grow His church and bring Him glory. Pray that God would disrupt government efforts to slow down the internet.   |
| <b>TUE 8</b>  | <b>PRAY</b> for peace in Cameroon. Construction of the Mbingo radiotherapy building is currently on hold due to road closures caused by ongoing civil conflict in the area. Pray that roads would reopen so both patients and construction materials can get to the hospital.  |
| <b>WED 9</b>  | <b>PRAISE</b> God for the ongoing evangelistic campaign being led by pastors in southern Spain. Every weekend a group goes out to a different neighborhood or surrounding town and reaches out to the residents. Pray that God would lead many people to follow Him. Radio Vida is airing programs with interviews and testimonies about the outreach.   |
| <b>THU 10</b>   | <b>PRAY</b> for one of the members of the Ephraim Project who is facing persecution. Pray as he attempts to get legal paperwork done that would allow him to leave one difficult country and go to another that could be marginally better for him as a believer.  |
| <b>FRI 11</b>   | <b>PRAY</b> for our North Africa/Middle East team as they enter the planning and budget season. Ask God to lead them as they seek His will in the region. Praise God for His faithfulness. Pray that He would continue to provide everything they need.  |
| <b>SAT &amp; SUN 12-13</b>  | <b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Bajalan</b><br><b>Country:</b> Iraq   <b>Population:</b> 78,000   <b>Language:</b> Bajalani Gurani   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.03%<br>The Bajalan of Iraqi Kurdistan likely originated near the Caspian Sea in Iran. The first Bajalan earned a reputation for military prowess. They fought for the Ottomans in the 1600s, then settled in modern-day Iraq among the Kurds. Today, the Bajalan live near Mosul (ancient Nineveh) and mainly work as farmers, raising grain crops, cotton, olives, sugar beets, and tobacco as well as livestock. They now identify as Kurds rather than a distinct ethnic group. The Bajalan are Muslims. Some practice simple, formal Sunni Islam, while others are Shi'ites, focusing on ecstatic worship and man's free will. Pray for the completion of a Bajalani Bible. Pray for open hearts among the Bajalan. Ask God to send witnesses to them, just as He sent Jonah to Nineveh many years ago. Pray that they would respond to the Gospel message and choose to follow Jesus.                |
| Week 3: AUGUST 14-18 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES AND STAFF   |  |
| <b>MON 14</b>   | <b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries who are returning to the field after their Home Ministry Assignment of connecting with churches, supporters, friends, and family. Pray that they will return rested, encouraged, and ready for the year ahead. Pray for their children as they prepare to go back to school.  |

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| <b>TUE<br/>15</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for a missionary candidate who feels called to North Africa/Middle East and will be going to the region for three months this fall. Ask God to provide support and a long-term visa in Spain. Pray the Lord of the Harvest would send more workers to the field.   |
| <b>WED<br/>16</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for Earl Hartwig as he serves with SonSet Solutions. Ask for God's wisdom as he designs and makes recommendations for solar power systems for partner ministries around the world who struggle with poor and unreliable electricity. Ask God to provide these partners with the necessary funds for these systems which will help them better share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  |
| <b>THU<br/>17</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries, retirees, and staff who are currently facing medical challenges. Ask God to heal their bodies, mend their fractured bones, destroy their cancer cells, and give them relief from pain. Pray that God's will would be done and that He would be glorified through their lives. Ask God to overwhelm them with His presence and peace and give them grace for each day.  |
| <b>FRI<br/>18</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for Mario and Suzi as they begin production of new television programs in the fall. Pray that all of the employees of the TV stations and viewers of the programs would experience the risen Christ through the shows and testimonies.   |
| <b>SAT &amp; SUN<br/>19-20</b> | <b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Harari</b><br><b>Country:</b> Ethiopia   <b>Population:</b> 56,000   <b>Language:</b> Harari   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.05%<br>The Harari come from the city of Harar in eastern Ethiopia. Known as the "City of Saints" with 99 mosques and shrines, Harar is considered to be the fourth most important city in Islam, and many people travel to study there. For centuries, the Harari have worked as traders, and even today, they host busy markets serving neighboring peoples. Many also tend fields outside the city walls, growing citrus, tropical fruit, and cash crops. Harari women have a high degree of independence compared to many Muslim women. Despite heavy outside influences, the Harari have maintained a strong cultural identity, only speaking Harari to each other and rarely marrying outsiders. Pray for completion of the Harari Bible. Ask God to move among family and community leaders and instill a strong hunger within them for the Truth. Pray that He will raise up faithful laborers who will share the Good News with the Harari.                       |
| <b>Week 4:</b>                 | <b>AUGUST 21-25 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC</b>  |
| <b>MON<br/>21</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for our partner in Nepal who is in the process of renewing their radio licenses with the government. Pray for favor with the authorities and that all the licenses would be renewed. Christianity is allowed in Nepal but is under restrictions from the government. Pray that these radio stations would continue to be a way for the Good News of Jesus to be shared broadly.  |
| <b>TUE<br/>22</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for the small group of believers from a very unreached country that Janice has been training to produce effective Christian programming. Pray that the young team would quickly become skilled in creating content that is interesting and presents Jesus. Their programs will be broadcast into the country from Reach Beyond Australia's shortwave facilities.   |
| <b>WED<br/>23</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for several partner stations in Thailand who have experienced being off the air because of transmitter problems. Pray that our engineers would be able to receive the necessary parts quickly so they can help keep the stations broadcasting.   |
| <b>THU<br/>24</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for Rachel and her local church as they continue to develop a learning center in a high-rise apartment complex for families of an unreached people group. Pray as they try to expand the center's outreach to two days a week. Pray that the additional day would open up many more doors to build relationships and share Christ.   |
| <b>FRI<br/>25</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for the Asia Pacific team as they set goals and objectives for 2024. Pray that these would be from the Lord. Pray that the team would have wisdom on how to grow in reaching the unreached. Ask God to send more people to serve in the region.  |
| <b>SAT &amp; SUN<br/>26-27</b> | <b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Xiangtang</b><br><b>Country:</b> China   <b>Population:</b> 108,000   <b>Language:</b> Dongshanba Lalo   <b>Main Religion:</b> Ethnic   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.12%<br>The Xiangtang live farther south than any other Yi people in China. Government efforts to encourage assimilation into mainstream Han culture have largely succeeded, but small, remote pockets of Xiangtang still follow the old ways. Traditionally, their diet consists of maize, buckwheat, bean curd, pancakes, and sour or dried vegetables. At meals, important guests sit by the hearth with the host to their right, while those of lower rank sit close to the door. Xiangtang beliefs combine ancestor worship with animism. They revere the dragon and the "spirit of the ravine." Very few Xiangtang have encountered Jesus, and no known missionaries have ever lived or attempted to plant a church among them. Ask the Father to defeat the dragon who oppresses the Xiangtang. Pray for Scripture to be quickly and accurately translated into their heart language. Ask God to burden and raise up faithful laborers for this harvest. |
| <b>Week 5:</b>                 | <b>AUGUST 28-31 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA</b>  |
| <b>MON<br/>28</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for Wim as he works on a potential community development project with a media partner in a sensitive country. Pray that God would guide their steps and remove any roadblocks from their path.   |
| <b>TUE<br/>29</b>              | <b>PRAISE</b> God that Alex was able to assist FEBA UK with sorting through years of accumulated radio equipment. Give thanks for all of the radio gear that is destined to help many media partners throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.  |
| <b>WED<br/>30</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> for several projects that we are hoping to complete before the end of the year, which include two new stations, a new recording studio, and a solar system upgrade. Ask God to make His will and timing clear to everyone involved. Pray that He would remove every obstacle and barrier that would delay these projects.  |
| <b>THU<br/>31</b>              | <b>PRAY</b> as the Sub-Saharan Africa team explores new opportunities for ministry. Ask God to give us discernment as we look for ways to encourage and work alongside each of our partners. Pray that God would show us how to best help them as they determine strategies to better engage with their listeners and impact their communities with the Gospel.  |

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