

JOIN US IN PRAYER – AUGUST 2024

Week 1: AUGUST 1-2 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES AND STAFF	
THU 1	PRAISE God for Gavin and Heather Falconer who returned to Scotland last month after serving two years in Ecuador as short-term missionaries. Pray for them as they build a support team so they can return to Ecuador as long-term missionaries. Gavin is an IT specialist and Heather uses hippotherapy (horse-riding) to provide physical therapy to severely disabled children.
FRI 2	PRAY for missionary kids Noah Salazar, Luke Saavedra, and Zachary Pinho who returned to the U.S. this summer after graduating from high school in Ecuador. Pray for them as they adjust to life in the U.S. and begin their jobs and/or studies. Pray too for their families as they parent from a distance.
SAT & SUN 3-4	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Changgar Country: Pakistan Population: 386,000 Language: Punjabi Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Changgar are found among the poor and the rich, the educated and illiterate, landlords, and religious leaders. There is no way to generalize their lifestyles. Some practice Purdah, which is the seclusion of women. Women often live separately from their husbands and do not go outside the home without a male family member. They are often required to cover their entire body, with only a small screen around the eyes. This is done to protect the honor of both her husband and her father's family. The Bible has been translated into the Changgar language, and the Gospel message is being broadcast, but there are few, if any, Changgar Christians or churches. Pray that they would receive the message of hope and come to know Christ.
Week 2: AUGUST 5-9 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC	
MON 5	PRAY that God would grant our Thai radio partners favor with the government. At least four of our stations are slated to lose their licenses in 2025 and will need to apply for new ones. Pray for the people within the government who are currently drafting new radio rules and regulations. Pray that God would use this process to further advance the Gospel throughout the country.
TUE 6	PRAY for the urgent replacement of an AM radio transmitter for a key broadcast ministry in a highly Muslim place. The transmitter is over 50 years old and replacement tubes are no longer available. Ask God to provide a new transmitter in the next six weeks.
WED 7	PRAY for Janice as she prepares to teach an audio production workshop in Indonesia at the end of the month. Pray that this training would help these more experienced radio announcers gain advanced skills so they can expand their ministry impact.
THU 8	PRAISE God for what He has been doing through radio in Nepal. Pray for the new radio station that we are helping to plant. Ask God to advance the final paperwork and approvals so we can begin construction of the new station.
FRI 9	PRAY for Trevor as he travels throughout the region to help our radio partners with technical issues and equipment repairs. Pray for three stations in Indonesia that need to have their radio towers repaired or replaced. Pray for God's protection for the people at the stations and the local workers as they repair and rebuild these tall towers.
SAT & SUN 10-11	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Mangala Country: India Population: 2,300,000 Language: Teluga Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: unknown In the Teluga language, "Mangala" means happiness. The name was given to the Mangala people because they traditionally played flutes at weddings. Today, they read and write in Teluga. They have a low regard for literacy, although they believe in education for their children. They work as barbers, musicians, midwives, hairdressers, and some work in government. They have one spouse and prefer cross-cousin marriages. It is very difficult, if not illegal, for a Mangala to change religions, as Hinduism is so tied to their cultural identity. Pray that spiritual barriers will be broken, and the Mangala people will come to know Christ.
Week 3: AUGUST 12-16 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
MON 12	PRAY for Joseph, Tess, Benjamin, and Andrew as they give a Training of Trainers course to 15 participants on August 26-31 in Arusha, Tanzania. Pray too for Sandy and Mary as they help the course run smoothly. This training is part of our strategy to equip key Christian media leaders with additional skills and techniques to better train others for more effective ministry.
TUE 13	PRAY that the radio equipment for the new training studios in Ivory Coast would arrive safely and quickly. The shipment is taking longer to arrive than expected, so please pray that we will be able to install the equipment in time for the start of the new semester.
WED 14	PRAISE God for the water pump renewal project that we were able to fund in Ivory Coast, working with Foundation Emmanuel. The pump and water storage tower will provide a reliable clean water source and demonstrate God's love to this community.
THU 15	PRAISE God for Alfred's trip to Vox radio in Liberia in July and the progress made in restoring a much larger radio coverage, allowing millions more people to access this popular station which strives to reach the unreached youth of the country.
FRI 16	PRAISE God for providing funding so that Mary and Joseph could give training to partner radio stations in Sierra Leone. Pray for these radio ministries that are well-positioned to reach areas where many people are ready to accept the Good News of Jesus.

SAT & SUN 17-18	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Gaaliin Country: Sudan Population: 3,945,000 Language: Arabic Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.80% Like many other Sudanese people groups, the Gaaliin follow the Islamic faith and are generally very committed Sunni Muslims. The Gaaliin consider themselves to be direct descendants of the prophet Mohammed. They live in small villages and cities along the banks of the Nile River. The area is very hot and dry, with an average yearly rainfall of about three inches. They are easily recognized by their facial scars, many of which are in the form of a T or H. The scars are a sign of tribal pride and are even more common on women than on men, for they are considered a sign of beauty. Pray for the Gaaliin to recognize the true beauty of Christ and accept His love.
Week 4:	AUGUST 19-23 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA
MON 19	PRAY for the medical caravan ministry as they bring care to people living in remote parts of Central Asia during the next two weeks. Praise God for providing medical teams to serve at these clinics and ask God to protect them as they travel. Pray that God would continue to use this outreach to open communities to hearing the Good News of Jesus and that many would follow Him.
TUE 20	PRAY for Milan and the team in Slovakia as they translate and produce episodes of “Ask Pastor John,” which are aired on local radio and the internet. The programs are based on Pastor John Piper’s podcasts and provide answers to tough theological questions.
WED 21	PRAISE God for the opportunities He has given us to use medical care to share the Gospel. Pray for our doctors as they mentor physicians and staff professionally and spiritually. Pray for the local believers who engage with patients and their families.
THU 22	PRAY for Mario, Suzi, and their family as they are on Home Ministry Assignment in the US. Pray for the rest of the Balkans’ Media Team as they complete ongoing projects including television programs that are aired on 12 local stations.
FRI 23	PRAY for our people and national partners who are experiencing ever-increasing restrictions, scrutiny, and pressure from authorities. Ask God to give them the wisdom, strength, and grace they need for each day. Pray that every attempt to persecute believers and wipe out the Gospel would instead result in many more people choosing to follow Jesus.
SAT & SUN 24-25	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Gheg Country: Albania Population: 2,676,000 Language: Gheg Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.58% Albanians are divided into two major groups: the Gheg and the Tosk. During Communist rule, it was decided that the Tosk dialect would be used in all publications. Communism further erased the Gheg identity, as tribal differences, religion, and even dress were restricted to achieve national unity. In 1967, Albania declared itself as the world’s first atheistic state, closing borders to outside influences. After the fall of Communism in 1991, Albania was left with an identity crisis as the poorest and least developed European country. Rising crime caused the government to encourage people to embrace religion. As a result, there has been a resurgence in the practice of Islam, Catholicism, and the Orthodox church. Pray that the Gheg would discover Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
Week 5:	AUGUST 26-30 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ECUADOR
MON 26	PRAY for two families who are recipients of our social assistance program. Efrain had a catastrophic accident while harvesting lumber and is now healthy enough to return to his community. Ilda is blind and needs help adapting her home so it will be a safe place for her and her daughter to live. Pray that God would work in their hearts and that these families would fully follow Jesus.
TUE 27	PRAISE God for the 100 young Ecuadorian adults who participated in the two-day “Digital Missions” conference held by HCJB Radio at the end of May. Workshops included videography, photography, branding, and the use of artificial intelligence. Pray for the attendees as they work together to implement what they learned and better utilize social media for evangelism and missions.
WED 28	PRAISE God for the successful completion of a clean water system for a Shuar community in the jungle. Praise God for opportunities like this to share the Gospel and demonstrate God’s love while we help meet their need for clean water.
THU 29	PRAISE God for the growing ministry of Hospital VozAndes Quito. Pray for the safety of the dozens of construction workers as they work on the new building expansion project. Praise God for the opportunities for our people to have regular Bible studies with these workers. Pray that the spiritual conversations and time in God’s Word would have a deep and lasting impact.
FRI 30	PRAY for the Apoyo pastoral team as they provide training courses for pastors and church leaders throughout the highlands and jungle regions of Ecuador. Pray that God would help our team know how to best equip, mentor, and encourage each one of these pastors so they can better shepherd the people in their churches.
SAT & SUN 31-1	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Hani Country: China Population: 758,000 Language: Hani Main Religion: Ethnic Religions Evangelical: 0.30% The Hani are a poverty-stricken people who are ranked among the lowest on China’s quality of life index. They practice ethnic religions, believing in a sky god who sent a water buffalo to earth to teach man how to grow crops. The water buffalo is still revered among the people today. When a Hani man dies, his buffalo is slaughtered and buried with him, so that the animal can guide him to the next world. Their language consists of three tones and five dialects, but efforts to introduce an alphabet were never widely embraced by the Hani, who today have a low literacy rate. As such, communicating the Gospel can be difficult. The Hani have traditionally been one of the most Gospel-neglected of China’s minorities. The few efforts to evangelize them were met with resistance. Pray the Hani would come to know the one true God who sent His son Jesus to show us the way to eternal life with Him.

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