

JOIN US IN PRAYER – DECEMBER 2023

Week 1: DECEMBER 1 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
FRI 1	PRAY for the team as they travel throughout West and Central Africa. Ask God to grant Alex wisdom, direction, and open doors as he explores a ministry opportunity in a new country. Pray for good connections as Wim and Alfred conduct community development ministry follow-up visits with radio partners in Ghana and Togo.
SAT & SUN 2-3	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Wollo Amhara Country: Ethiopia Population: 6,492,000 Language: Amharic Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.2% The Amhara, a Habesha (Abyssinian) people, represent one of Ethiopia's two largest ethnolinguistic groups. Those living in Wollo are different than other Amhara. Instead of Orthodox Christianity, the Wollo Amhara practice Islam infused with traditional beliefs. Like the neighboring Tigre and Tigray people, the Amhara are descendants of ancient Egyptians who moved south and established new kingdoms, such as Sheba. Many are subsistence farmers who raise crops and livestock. Most lack access to modern farming tools and techniques. For centuries, the Amhara lived in peace with their neighbors, but in the past 100 years, ethnic tensions have led to civil war and persecution of the Amhara. Pray that God would bring peace to the region and that the Wollo Amhara would become friends with the Prince of Peace. Pray that the Amhara church would faithfully proclaim the Gospel to their Wollo brethren.
Week 2: DECEMBER 4-8 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA	
MON 4	PRAISE God for faithful Reach Beyond missionaries serving in Latin America. Thank Him for their dedication and obedience to help proclaim and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ among the nations. Ask God to grant grace, peace, strength, and rest.
TUE 5	PRAISE God for blessing Radio HCJB with a brand-new building and studio space. Pray that the new space would allow the ministry's impact to grow. Pray for wisdom as the team develops new strategies to proclaim the Gospel to audiences in Ecuador and around the world.
WED 6	PRAISE God for providing Voz y Manos with a new executive director. Give thanks for Scott who has been serving as both finance director and interim executive director. Pray for a smooth transition as the new executive director starts on January 1.
THU 7	PRAISE God for His provision during HCJB's annual share-a-thon. Praise Him for the opportunity to meet with visitors and to hear how God has used the ministry to change lives. Pray for His continued provision in 2024.
FRI 8	PRAISE God for the Cusick family from Ireland: Stewart, Anna-Claire, and Erin. Pray that they will settle in well as they integrate with the Reach Beyond and Voz y Manos teams in Shell. Ask God to bless their efforts as Stewart invests his water engineering skills and Anna-Claire uses her skills as a doctor to reach Ecuador with the Gospel.
SAT & SUN 9-10	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Dongxiang Country: China Population: 636,000 Language: Dongxiang Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Dongxiang are one of China's 56 officially recognized ethnic minorities. They are described as being Mongol in race, Muslim in religion, and Chinese (Han) in culture. They are believed to be descendants of Genghis Khan's Mongolian troops posted in the Linxia area who converted to Islam soon after their arrival. Today, the Dongxiang are mainly farmers and are among the least educated people groups in China with only a 12% literacy rate. They are hospitable people and hold elders in high regard. In the 1940s and 1990s, missionaries made brief efforts to reach the Dongxiang, but their progress was short-lived. Pray that God would open the door for new, sustained missionary activity among the Dongxiang. Pray for God to establish a healthy, growing Dongxiang church. Pray for increased education and literacy. Pray for the Bible and other resources to be translated into their heart language.
Week 3: DECEMBER 11-15 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST	
MON 11	PRAISE God for the restart of construction on the Mbingo Baptist Hospital radiation therapy project. Pray that Cameroon's political situation will remain stable enough to allow continued delivery of materials and equipment.
TUE 12	PRAY for the special Christmas programming that will be aired on Radio Vida. Pray that God will use it to impact the lives of audience members and that they will reflect the light of Christ in their communities.
WED 13	PRAY for grace, discernment, and wisdom as Ephraim Project volunteers converse with members in the region. War and unrest can make conversations difficult to navigate. Pray for new opportunities to engage in earnest spiritual conversations.
THU 14	PRAY for the Ephraim Project team as they produce training videos for new volunteers. Pray that God would use these videos to greatly expand this ministry to unreached people in the Middle East.
FRI 15	PRAISE God for our volunteer from Mexico. She is finishing her three-month term this month and is considering returning to the ministry full-time. Ask God to grant her direction and discernment as she explores her next steps.

SAT & SUN 16-17	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Awan Country: Pakistan Population: 5,680,000 Language: Punjabi Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Awan were among those considered by the British to be “martial races,” and as such, they formed an important part of the British Indian Army. During both world wars, they served as the core of Muslim recruits in the British military. Historians describe them as valiant warriors and farmers. The Awan belong to the landowning class (Zamindar). Many families still live on and farm the same land that their ancestors worked in past centuries. The Awan have been exclusively Muslim since the 10th century, and there are no known Jesus followers within this people group. Pray that the Lord will begin to move among the Awan and that they will have opportunities to hear the Gospel message. Pray that translators would successfully complete a Bible in the Awan’s heart language. Pray for a thriving Awan church to take root.
Week 4:	DECEMBER 18-22 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA
MON 18	PRAY for Ray and Kitty as they work with local partners to begin expanding their ministry. Praise God for the new teachers who will help Kitty run multiple classes. Pray that God will provide students with hearts open to hearing the Gospel. Ask God to open doors for a new outlet for students to sell their work and begin earning a living.
TUE 19	PRAISE God for Brendon and Kathryn’s trip to Greece in November. Praise Him for the opportunity they had to assist our local partners in preparing for future changes. Praise Him for blessing our partners as they continue to grow in impact and numbers.
WED 20	PRAY for a brand-new believer in Central Asia who has entered compulsory military service. Pray that he will encounter other Christians during his time in service. Pray that he receives discipleship and encouragement as he grows in the faith.
THU 21	PRAISE God for a successful medical seminar at the end of November in an unengaged region of Central Asia. This was the first in a series of seminars. Pray for relationships to grow and doors for the Gospel to open as the seminars continue.
FRI 22	PRAY for our media partners in the former Soviet Union. Ask God to give them favor in the eyes of their national and local governments. Pray for God to multiply their efforts as they engage with their audiences through various forms of media.
SAT & SUN 23-24	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Digor Country: Russia Population: 103,000 Language: Digor Ossetian Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.02% The Digor people live in southern Russia, mostly in the mountainous northwest section of the province of North Ossetia. Their language comes from an ancient Ossetian branch, descending from the Scythians mentioned in Colossians 3:11. A high percentage of Digor Ossetians have been Muslim since the 17th Century, whereas most other Ossetians identify as Russian Orthodox. Their ways are deeply rooted in Islamic tradition, making it difficult for the Gospel to break through. Additionally, there is a great need for Gospel resources in written and audio form to be created or translated into Digor Ossetian. Praise God that a Digor Ossetian Bible was completed in 2022. Pray for more resources to be developed. Ask God to soften the hearts of the Digor to receive the Good News and to connect Christians with Digor men and women of peace. Pray for a strong, growing Digor church.
Week 5:	DECEMBER 25-29 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES AND STAFF
MON 25	PRAISE God for Jesus’ coming and the gift of salvation He offers to all mankind. Thank Him for the many Christians who have proclaimed the Gospel and advanced His Kingdom from Jesus’ disciples until now. Praise Him for His goodness toward us.
TUE 26	PRAISE God for the Asia Pacific team. Pray for God to strengthen and encourage them. Ask God to give them His rest and to keep them from burnout. Pray that God would provide more workers to increase the team’s ability to proclaim and demonstrate the love of Christ in the region.
WED 27	PRAISE God for the Sub-Saharan Africa team. Praise Him for the many opportunities they have to work with new and established partners throughout the region. Pray that God would continue to sustain them as they travel across the continent.
THU 28	PRAISE God for the North Africa/Middle East team. Praise Him for the many volunteers working with the Ephraim Project. Ask God to raise up new laborers to allow the team to grow their current ministries and to have the capacity to launch new ones.
FRI 29	PRAISE God for the Europe/Eurasia team. Praise Him for our missionaries and partners who must work in anonymity to further the spread of the Gospel. Ask for God’s favor and protection for those working in creative access countries.
SAT & SUN 30-31	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS North Korean Country: North Korea Population: 103,000 Language: Korean Main Religion: Non-Religious Evangelical: 1.56% Prior to the Korean War, the majority of Korean Christians lived in the north, but growing Communist rule caused many to flee south. Since 1953, the people of North Korea have lived in isolation from the rest of the world. The Communist-run government exerts strict control over daily life, including education, work, and entertainment. Traditional aspects of Korean life, such as strong family ties and marriage commitments, have begun to break down, especially in the cities. Anything perceived as challenging Communist rule is strictly forbidden. The country has experienced many severe famines over the past 70 years. Most North Koreans practice no official religion, although many view the nation’s leader as a godlike figure. Christians are heavily persecuted, and missionaries are strictly prohibited. Pray for God to remove government barriers to the Gospel. Ask Him to protect, strengthen, and encourage North Korean Christians. Pray for safe, creative, and effective ways to proclaim the Gospel in North Korea.

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