

JOIN US IN PRAYER - DECEMBER 2019

Week 1: DEC 2-8 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ECUADOR	
MON 2	PRAY for <i>Misión Compartida</i> (Shared Mission), the annual HCJB Radio fundraiser to be held Dec 4-7 in Guayaquil, Ecuador and Dec 12-15 in Quito, Ecuador. At these yearly drives, the stations raise pledges from their listeners to cover the majority of their yearly expenses. The combined goal this year is \$550,000.
TUE 3	PRAY for our missionaries in Quito, Ecuador. The city has recently experienced much civil unrest and violence. Pray for healing and rest from the stress and trauma of that experience.
WED 4	PRAY for our <i>Misión a Bordo</i> (Mission Aboard) team that is in the process of selecting and accepting the candidates for the <i>Misión a Bordo</i> event next April in Peru. Pray that the Lord sends the appropriate candidates for this unique trans-cultural mission experience to get passionate to serve the Lord long-term.
THU 5	PRAY for final editing being done on a new movie, <i>Contigo Voy</i> (I am going with you), which shares Biblical values. This is a film produced by graduates of Reach Beyond's former Christian Center of Communications, and is supported by Reach Beyond and HCJB Ecuador. It will be launched in April 2020.
FRI 6	PRAY for the implementation of a new app for web content as HCJB Radio seeks to provide listeners with a live stream, as well as podcasts to download in a single app. People are connecting to HCJB Radio from all over the world, and we want to better serve them.
SAT & SUN 7-8	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Baiga Country: India Population: 582,000 Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: Unknown The Baiga people are part of a larger group known as Romani, which are all linked linguistically. They have maintained a mystical lifestyle that keeps them somewhat socially separate from their surrounding communities. Although Hindu, many follow folk beliefs and have high moral standards. Many live in poverty. Unsanitary lifestyle has created many physical needs among them. The quality of health care, nutrition and education is poor. Most children do not attend schools because their families are always on the move. Pray that resources and relationships will be made to help the physical and spiritual lives of the Baiga.
Week 2: DEC 9-15 – PRAY FOR MEDICAL MINISTRIES	
MON 9	PRAISE God for the opportunity for Reach Beyond staff to attend the 2019 Global Missions Health Conference and connect with medical professionals and medical students who are interested in missions. There is a clear passion among the attendees to use medical work and discipleship to reach the unreached.. Pray for follow up conversations with individuals that we met. Pray for wisdom and clarity on timing and placement that would meet the needs on the field.
TUE 10	PRAY for medical caravans scheduled next spring to Charapa-Cocha, Kurintsa and Achuar in Ecuador. Pray for astute assessments and precise diagnosis of patients in complex community environments. Pray for personal connections and faithful Bible teaching. Pray for pathways for the medical caravans to collaborate and partner with the Ministry of Health in Ecuador.
WED 11	PRAY for health education workshops in Shell among tribal family groups. As incidents of AIDS and cervical cancers increase in these populations, pray for relevant health teaching and authentic connection to communicate the truth of Christ.
THU 12	PRAY for a team of Taylor University students preparing to go to a creative access country in January to serve alongside our long-term medical team working there. Pray as the students raise their support and prepare for international ministry.
FRI 13	PRAY for missionary appointee Hannah, who has finished her support raising and purchased her one-way ticket. Hannah will be serving in a medical and community development role in Asia Pacific after the new year, specifically working with underprivileged peoples, including the Rohingya. We praise God for Hannah and the way He has equipped her with His heart for the unreached.
SAT & SUN 14-15	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Hazara Country: Afghanistan Population: 3.8 million Language: Hazaragi Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.03% The Hazara are set apart from fellow Afghans by religion and mixed ethnicity, and they have faced persecution and hardships for it. Their traditional homeland lies in central Afghanistan amid rugged mountains - a wildly beautiful, nearly inaccessible region of craggy peaks and rushing rivers called the Hazarajat. Living among a Sunni Muslim majority, they are Shi'ite Muslims. Hazara origins are much debated, but many believe they descend from Mongol soliders left behind by Genghis Khan in the 13th century. Their language is unwritten and contains regional dialects of Arabic, Urdu, Mongol, Turkish and Farsi. Prior to the 19th century, they made up a majority of the Afghan population, but years of persecution have decimated their numbers. Their semi-nomadic life is harsh, and food is usually inadequate. There are no missionaries currently working among the Hazara. Pray for opportunities to serve their urgent needs of basic health care, clean water and education. Pray that they would come to know their worth in the Father's eyes.
Week 3: DEC 16-22 – PRAY FOR REFUGEE MINISTRIES	
MON 16	PRAISE God for a new partnership that will allow us to serve refugees in Lebanon. Lebanon continues to host the largest number of refugees relative to its national populations, where 1 in every 6 people is a refugee. Pray that God would bring us workers. Pray that, with our partner, we would be able to bring hope to this community.
TUE 17	PRAY for teams heading to work in the Moria camp on Lesbos, Greece, in January and February. Pray for their preparation, for their health, and for their spirit to be one of service.

WED 18	PRAY for the changes that the Greek government is considering as to how they process refugees and grant asylum. We pray that they would keep the needs of the refugees in mind while allowing NGO's access to help meet their needs.
THU 19	PRAY for US staff member Lindsey as she prepares to move to Lesbos, Greece in January to serve for three months with a partner community center outside of Moria refugee camp. She will be serving in the learning center teaching refugee teenagers English and math, as well as supporting other activities. The community center provides a place of refuge for women to come take showers, do laundry, participate in hygiene trainings or relax and drink tea. Pray for decisions that need to be made leading up to the move, for a smooth transition and for God's blessing over her ministry.
FRI 20	PRAY for the opportunities before us to reach out to even more refugees on the Greek islands through various partners — that God would provide the people and finances to make it possible to continue meeting more needs.
SAT & SUN 21-22	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Mangala Country: India Population: 1.9 million 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 4:	DEC 23-29 – CHRISTMAS PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS
MON 23	PRAISE God for sending His Son on one glorious night to be born to a virgin, to live a perfect life and to die on the cross for our sins. Because He conquered sin and death, we can now celebrate the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Pray that Christians everywhere would keep Christ as the center of their Christmas, and that others would come to know Him this season.
TUE 24	PRAY for our missionary families serving away from family and friends this Christmas season, that they would be filled with the hope, love and joy of Christ.
WED 25	PRAISE God for all of our prayer partners. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer for the unreached. May you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
THU 26	PRAY for the year-end giving campaign of Reach Beyond. Pray that people who have been encouraged by what God has done through the work and efforts of Reach Beyond, would desire to partner with us in future work.
FRI 27	PRAISE God for new believers celebrating their first true Christmas this year. Praise God for their new life and hope in Christ, and pray for their continued growth dependence on Him.
SAT & SUN 28-29	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Oraon Country: India Population: 4.5 million Language: Kurux Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: Unknown The Oraon call themselves Kurukh, taken from their hero-king Karakh. They speak Kurukh, Sadri and Hindi, but they write using the Devanagari script. They are mainly settled cultivators and also work as wage laborers and industrial workers. Their main deity is taken as Dharmes, and they also believe in a host of spirits. A priest is invited to perform their life cycle rituals. An Ojiha or mati is specially called to cure diseases by appeasing evil spirits. Pray for Christian witnesses to work among the Oraon.
Week 5:	DEC 30 - JAN 5 – PRAY FOR THE NEW YEAR
MON 30	PRAISE God for the way He led Reach Beyond in 2020. We are thankful for the 88 years of ministry we have had around the world, and for the efforts made in 2019 to perfect our processes and refocus our efforts for many more years of ministry.
TUE 31	PRAY for the 60+ new and ongoing projects we have budgeted for 2020. Pray that God would provide the resources and open the doors for each project to be completed. Pray that lives would be changed and God would be glorified through this work.
WED 1	PRAISE God for current appointees that are raising support and preparing to serve overseas. Pray that God would send more workers in 2020 for His harvest.
THU 2	PRAY for wisdom for our leadership in 2020, for unity among our international leaders, and for discernment in collaborating together to reach more people for Christ.
FRI 3	PRAY for stability in the regions where we serve, for safety for our people and partners, for boldness in proclaiming the Gospel, and for open hearts to receive God's Word.
SAT & SUN 4-5	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Ramoshi Country: India Population: 321,000 Language: Marathi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: 0.00% The Ramoshi live primarily in the Maharashtra districts and the northwest districts of Karnataka. The economy of the present day Ramoshi is based on the cultivation of farming lands and tending of cows, buffalo and sheep. They are Hindu and belong to the Lingayat sect. They worship a family deity as well as a village deity. They take part in regional fairs and festivals. Pray that God will provide new contacts and strategies for reaching the Ramoshi, and that their hearts will be opened to the Gospel.