

JOIN US IN PRAYER - DECEMBER 2022

Week 1: DECEMBER 1-2 – PRAY FOR HCJB RADIO - ECUADOR	
THU 1	PRAY for HCJB Ecuador's <i>Misión Compartida</i> (Shared Mission) taking place in Quito next week, Dec 8-11. Pray that God would continue to bless this event where listeners participate in the station's ministry through their gifts and prayers. Praise God for what He provided for radio station HCJB-2 in Guayaquil during its 50th anniversary celebration and share-a-thon in November.
FRI 2	PRAY for the annual concerts being presented this weekend by HCJB Radio that celebrate the founding of the city of Quito and the birth of our Savior. Pray for Michio Ozaki as he directs the <i>Vozandes</i> choir and orchestra. Pray for the support team and especially for all of the attendees. Pray that the message presented through words, notes and songs will bring hope to every heart.
SAT & SUN 3-4	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Dangi Country: India Population: 840,000 Language: Hindi Main Religion: Ethnic Religions Evangelical: 0.00% The Dangi live in the rocky hilly forests of west central India. They are hard-working but live largely in poverty since they expend much effort acquiring food. Dangis are also called 'children of nature' since they respect animals and treat them as equals. They live in one-room bamboo huts with thatched roofs. The Dangis enjoy singing and animated tribal dances. They believe in good and evil spirits, and their fear of spirits drives much of their daily lives. They hold magic rituals to worship trees, animals, serpents, demons, the Hindu tiger god, and all sorts of spirits, including those of their ancestors. Pray that the Dangi would learn that Jesus created the world they live in and realize that He is above all of the spirits they worship and fear. Pray that all Dangis would soon choose to follow Jesus.
Week 2: DECEMBER 5-9 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
MON 5	PRAISE God that Alfred and Wim had an extremely fruitful visit with existing and potential media partners in West Africa. They discovered a new opportunity for us to supply solar audio players for UPG church planters in Benin, did consulting and made technical improvements to a radio station in Togo, inspected a new 230 ft. tower for a radio station in northern Ghana, and reconnected with clean water well ministry opportunities in the same area.
TUE 6	PRAY for the 100 pastors and community development workers in Benin and Togo that Wim and Alfred were able to encourage and train in community development principles. Pray for each one as they apply what they learned to better demonstrate and share the Gospel in villages where they are working and in those communities they hope to reach.
WED 7	PRAISE God that Alex was able to work on the system that protects broadcast equipment from lightning at Radio Lilanguka in Malawi. Pray that the work done will prove effective during the rain and thunderstorms that typically arrive at the end of each year.
THU 8	PRAY for the large shipment of acoustic materials that Reach Beyond is sending to Liberia from the US this month by shipping container. Thank God for providing these materials to help complete several studios of radio partners in the country.
FRI 9	PRAISE God that the entire Sub-Saharan Africa team was able to meet together for a time of great teaching, sharing, laughter, tears, and lots of food! This was the first time that the entire team had been able to meet together in-person.
SAT & SUN 10-11	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Biali Country: Benin Population: 179,000 Language: Biali Main Religion: Ethnic Religions Evangelical: 1.00% The Biali (or Burba) are considered a Somba people, often described as "castle people" for their distinctive two-story mud houses. Biali culture is individualistic, and men often have multiple wives. Many families live on scattered homesteads, although a few compact villages do exist in certain regions. The Biali farm, hunt, fish, and gather food, and they maintain a barter-based market system. Men take responsibility for hunting and farming, while women primarily focus on navigating the market and gathering wild plants. Both men and women fish. While some are influenced by Islam, most adhere to tribal religions, believing in many gods, reincarnation, and the supernatural powers of the stars. Pray that the Biali would embrace the one true God of creation. Pray for a completed translation of the Bible in their heart language. Ask God to grow, strengthen, and multiply the Biali church.
Week 3: DECEMBER 12-16 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC	
MON 12	PRAISE God that Trevor has been able to travel around Thailand to meet station managers and evaluate their engineering needs. Praise God for these great conversations with our partner stations and all of the connections that he has made.
TUE 13	PRAY for one of our Indonesian partners who is in the process of trying to buy a radio license for a station on a popular tourist island. Pray for God's direction and provision and that the ultimate outcome would accomplish His will.
WED 14	PRAISE God for the great response Rachel is receiving from unreached women as she begins to share Bible stories with them. Ask God to move in each women's heart and give them understanding as they hear these stories for the first time
THU 15	PRAY for our ministry partners in Thailand who are finding it difficult to continue ministry after the long challenges of COVID. Pray as plans are made for a gathering of radio station managers in early 2023.
FRI 16	PRAISE God for the impact of our Indonesian partners through the many radio stations in their network. Pray for them as they face continual challenges with licensing and relicensing stations to comply with government regulations.

SAT & SUN 17-18	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Khmer Country: Cambodia Population: 14,086,000 Language: Khmeri Main Religion: Buddhism Evangelical: 1.90%</p> <p>The Khmer ruled much of Southeast Asia prior to the 13th century when they were defeated by the Thai and Vietnamese. Today, they represent the dominant majority in Cambodia. In the late 1970s, the ruling Communists, the Khmer Rouge, killed up to 25% of all Cambodians, deeply scarring the Khmer and other Cambodians. Most Khmer live in rural regions and subsist on rice and fish with many raising additional crops and livestock. Rural families are often large, although many rural children die before turning ten due to malaria, malnutrition, and lack of access to clean water and modern medicine. Many young people are moving to the cities to pursue better jobs and education with unskilled workers taking menial or even demeaning jobs. The Khmer practice Theravāda Buddhism mixed with Hinduism and animism. Pray for the Khmer to find healing and forgiveness through Jesus. Pray for increased growth and strength for the Khmer church. Pray that believers will demonstrate Christ's love in practical ways, opening doors for the Gospel.</p>
Week 4:	DECEMBER 19-23 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES
MON 19	PRAY for the director of Reach Beyond's ministry in Russia as he makes decisions about relocating the rest of his family. Pray for his son, who needed to flee to Central Asia, as he and his fiance' look for work and prepare to get married.
TUE 20	PRAY for Carlos Pinto as he prepares to facilitate two retreats for Latin American missionaries, one for those serving in North Africa/Middle East and the other in Asia. Pray that the retreats would greatly strengthen and encourage these missionaries.
WED 21	PRAY for Marlin Brubaker as he adjusts to additional responsibilities in the IT department in Colorado Springs. Pray that Marlin and Ruth would have a good balance of work and rest so they can continue to serve well in the years ahead.
THU 22	PRAY for our active missionaries, retirees, and their families, who are experiencing significant health challenges. Ask our Great Physician to give them His comfort and healing. Pray that He would give them joy and strength for each day by His grace.
FRI 23	PRAY that God would give our missionaries many opportunities to talk about Christmas with neighbors and people they come in contact with. Pray these conversations would enable them to share about the hope and joy they have found in Jesus.
SAT & SUN 24-25	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Parsee Country: Iran Population: 29,000 Language: Dari, Zoroastrian Main Religion: Zoroastrian Evangelical: 0.00%</p> <p>The Parsee are an ancient people who trace their lineage to the ancient Persian kings, including Darius, Cyrus, and Xerxes. They believe that the magi who visited Jesus were Parsees. The Muslim conquest in the 7th century forced Parsees to flee their homeland, but some remained in Iran. Parsee identity is very closely tied to Zoroastrianism, a religion with many beliefs that parallel Christianity. Zoroastrianism has its own scriptures yet respects other religions, gods, and holy texts. Many Parsees are well-educated but have a distorted understanding of Jesus, the Bible, and the Gospel. Zoroastrianism does not accept converts, and those who marry outside the community are often rejected. Pray that God would overcome the hold Zoroastrian scriptures have on them. Pray for trained believers to engage with the Parsee in a respectful way so that they, like the magi, would see Jesus as the one and only Messiah.</p>
Week 5:	DECEMBER 26-30 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA
MON 26	PRAY for the continuing construction of HCJB Radio's new studios and office building in Quito as it nears the halfway point. Thank God for continued, positive responses from their listeners, especially to online content and podcasts.
TUE 27	PRAY for a long-term Executive Director for <i>Voz y Manos</i> - Ecuador. Pray that God would prepare the right person for that role. Ask God to give the <i>Voz y Manos</i> Board of Directors wisdom and direction in the search.
WED 28	PRAY for the recent graduates of the <i>Corrientes</i> missionary training program as they go to the Middle East (church planting) and Spain (working with migrants and refugees). Pray for the <i>Corrientes</i> team as they begin mentoring the next group in January.
THU 29	PRAISE God for a successful five-day conference on providing integral healthcare, which addresses physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of patients. More than 100 people participated in the seminars and workshops sponsored by Hospital Vozandes - Quito. Speakers included local and international professionals and three doctors who have served as missionaries with Reach Beyond.
FRI 30	PRAISE God for the retreat that the Apoyo Ecuador team recently held for pastors, lay leaders, and their families. Give thanks for the opportunity to spiritually encourage and bless the 50 attendees at the retreat so they will be more effective in ministry.
SAT & SUN 31-1	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Jinuo Country: China Population: 23,000 Language: Jinuo, Youle Main Religion: Ethnic Religions Evangelical: 0.52%</p> <p>The Jinuo are a Tibeto-Burman people living in the thickly forested mountains of Yunnan in southeastern China. They are descendants of soldiers of Kong Ming, a famous Chinese war hero. They eat rice, corn, and fresh spicy dishes. The Jinuo wear bright, colorful clothing and women wear distinctive triangular hoods. "Jinuo" means "uncle's descendants," and in their culture, the mother's brother holds almost as much influence in a child's life as his or her father. The Jinuo lack a written language and instead rely on a strong oral tradition. During the Iron Forging Festival, they beat a large drum and remember the story of a massive flood that destroyed all of humanity except for their ancestors who took refuge in a huge drum. Pray for a translation of the Bible that the Jinuo can access. Ask God to soften hearts and make them ready for the Gospel. Pray for the roughly 300 known Jinuo Christians as they often face strong persecution. Pray that God will strengthen and embolden Jinuo believers.</p>

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