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2021

Week 1: FEBRUARY 1-7 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST	
MON 1	PRAISE God for the miraculous funding to continue shortwave broadcasts to North Africa. Pray that God would use these broadcasts, that potentially reach 5.1 million people in their native language, to speak to people and lead them to follow Him.
TUE 2	PRAY for partnership development going on with local churches for Radio Vida FM in Spain. Pray for Ty as he works with local pastors to develop strategies and content. They are hoping to create Spanish content locally that is both valuable and useful in peoples' lives. Pray also for other potential international partnerships that are being developed that can provide personnel and training for this ministry.
WED 3	PRAY for Radio Vida FM as they upgrade to a newer radio automation system that is more widely used. This transition will allow for better online management of content and scheduling and better position the station for the future.
THU 4	PRAISE that through a social media ministry a 17-year-old committed his life to Christ recently! Praise God for his courage, as he lives in a country where becoming a Christian can be a death sentence. Pray for the woman who led him to Christ to have wisdom in how to disciple him online.
FRI 5	PRAISE God for the financial gifts that are allowing the ministry of Radio Vida FM in Spain to continue in 2021.
SAT & SUN 6-7	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Qashqa'i (Kashkai) Country: Iran Population: 967,000 Language: Qashqai Turk Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Qashqa'i are a nomadic people who left Central Asia in the 11th Century and today roam the harsh deserts of southwest Iran. They are probably best known for their expert weaving skills. They are a highly independent and proud minority people group who have resisted forceful attempts to be incorporated into mainstream Iranian society. Qashqai Turk is a spoken language that does not yet exist in written form. However, most Qashqa'i are able to communicate in Farsi. While virtually all Qashqa'i profess to be Muslims, in reality very few observe Muslim traditions outside of marriage and death. The Qashqa'i live in a constant state of political unrest. Pray that the Qashqa'i would have opportunities to hear the Gospel. Pray that their desire for inner peace would open their hearts to hearing about Jesus and that they would choose to follow Him.
Week 2: FEBRUARY 8-14 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN EUROPE AND EURASIA	
MON 8	PRAISE God that 2 staff families have just returned to Central Asia after Home Ministry Assignment and meetings with supporters. Pray for them as they recover from their travels and adjust back to life and ministry in another country.
TUE 9	PRAY for the over 8,000 refugees quarantined in Greece. They have minimal facilities and resources and are losing hope. Our partners and staff in Greece are not allowed to be with them due to local COVID-19 related restrictions. Ask God to miraculously lift restrictions that would allow refugee ministry outreach to happen.
WED 10	PRAY for John and Hannah from the UK who are raising funds to join our field team in Central Asia. Pray as they pursue a team of financial partners during lockdown. Pray that they would be encouraged and strengthened in God's provision.
THU 11	PRAISE that our team can continue holding medical caravans in partnership with local churches in a closed country. Thank the Lord for how He is opening doors and showing His love and mercy during these difficult times.
FRI 12	PRAISE for the way God has opened doors to minister to refugee populations in the Balkans. Ask that God would continue to bring the right opportunities amidst the overwhelming needs in this area.
SAT & SUN 13-14	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Uzbek, Northern Country: Uzbekistan Population: 25,000,000 Language: Uzbek, Northern Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.01% The Uzbeks were traditionally semi-nomadic shepherds who roamed Central Asia. However, most today farm or work in larger towns and cities. Uzbeks are primarily Sunni Muslims but are not generally considered Orthodox as they have mingled many traditional beliefs into their Islamic practices. Uzbek believers are highly persecuted and threatened with arrests and fines since no religious activities outside of state-run and state-controlled institutions are allowed. Pray that God would soften hearts and attitudes towards believers. Pray that the fruits of the Spirit would be so evident in believers' lives that others would want to know more about Jesus and learn how to follow Him.

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Week 3: FEBRUARY 15-21 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN LATIN AMERICA	
MON 15	PRAISE for the nearly 3,400 audio devices that have been given to people living in the Amazon River Basin of Brazil through our Players of Hope program. Each player represents a person or family who now has access to Gospel-centered resources.
TUE 16	PRAY for the relationship between our missionaries in the Amazon River Basin and Brazil's government. Pray that officials would allow us to continue working to build relationships with these tribes.
WED 17	PRAY for our small team that makes the Players of Hope program possible. Ask God to unleash encouragement and strength through His Holy Spirit so that they can continue His work.
THU 18	PRAISE God that He is raising up believers among the people groups of the Amazon River Basin. Pray that these believers would connect with one another and strengthen each other in their faith.
FRI 19	PRAY for the people in Brazil with Players of Hope devices. Pray that the Lord would use these audio players to speak to them and that those who don't know Jesus would be saved! Pray that they would tell others about what they have heard.
SAT & SUN 20-21	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Minangkabau Country: Indonesia Population: 6,600,000 Language: Minang Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.01% The Minangkabau or Minang are the fourth largest ethnic group in Indonesia and have a great deal of influence. They come from West Sumatra and their name literally means "winning water buffalo." The Minang outsmarted their Javanese neighbors in an ancient war that was eventually decided by a battle between two water buffalo. They are famous for their cuisine and they run restaurants all throughout the country. The Minang are orthodox Muslims, and those who leave Islam are disowned by family and will lose their jobs. Pray for those believers who are actively trying to share the Gospel with the Minang. Pray that God would open the hearts of the Minang so that they would follow Jesus who has won and triumphed over sin and death.
Week 4: FEBRUARY 22-28 – PRAY FOR HEALTH AND COVID-19-RELATED ISSUES	
MON 22	PRAY for the health of our missionaries. Ask God to protect those who are still able to physically meet with people and to extend that protection to people who need to hear the Gospel from them.
TUE 23	PRAY for healing in Asia so that COVID-19 restrictions can be lifted. Our missionaries there are only allowed to leave their homes for groceries. Pray that they would be encouraged by God's strength and be able to find creative solutions to continue their ministry and spread the Gospel.
WED 24	PRAISE God for technology that allows our missionaries to connect with one another and the people they're serving. We have been incredibly thankful for unity among our missionary staff worldwide during video chats and prayer sessions.
THU 25	PRAY for long-term healing for those who have had COVID-19 and protection for their families.
FRI 26	PRAY for missionaries who have been stuck in Athens because of COVID-19 restrictions. They are not currently able to reach out to local partners to further their ministry work. Ask God to make a way for them to return and reach more for the sake of Christ.
SAT & SUN 27-28	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Yao, Muslim Country: Malawi Population: 2,000,000 Language: Yao Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.5% The Yao trace their history to the area surrounding Yao mountain in Northern Mozambique. Famine and tribal conflicts in the 1800s caused many Yao to flee. Most Yao are now found in Malawi and live as subsistence farmers and fisherman. The Gospel was brought to Malawi in the mid-1800s by the likes of David Livingston and other missionaries who were instrumental in Britain ending slavery. However, contact with Swahili-Arab slave traders led to the majority of the Yao converting to Islam between 1870 and 1920. Muslim Yao have insulated themselves from their Christian Yao neighbors by maintaining their unified language, cultural and religious differences including learning Arabic. Pray for those who are trying to share the Good News with Muslim background Yao. Pray that they would accept the Bible as Holy Scriptures and God's Word to them. Pray that they would recognize Jesus as their Savior and that they would find their hope in Him.

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