

## JOIN US IN PRAYER - FEBRUARY 2023

Week 1: FEBRUARY 1-3 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA	
<b>WED 1</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the frequency allocation process for Radio HCJB2 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The station is currently operating on an extended permit and waiting for the application process to be announced by the government. Pray for wisdom as they look for a new home for the ministry that will allow them to be more centrally located. Praise God for His provision for the station in 2022.
<b>THU 2</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for Apoyo Cuba which recently celebrated 25 years of ministry in the country. Pray for the team as they respond to the new realities of Cuba, which is experiencing a major crisis. Many church leaders have emigrated elsewhere. Ask God to guide the Apoyo Cuba team in selecting several new ministry area leaders/facilitators.
<b>FRI 3</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for HCJB Ecuador as they have reached the halfway point on their new building project. The new studios will enable them to expand online and video content to better engage with current audiences and build new audiences, especially among young people.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 4-5</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Bhisti</b> <b>Country:</b> India   <b>Population:</b> 647,000   <b>Language:</b> Urdu   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Bhisti (from "bihisht", the Persian word for paradise) once served a crucial role in India, but today, their traditional livelihood is threatened by modern plumbing. Like their Hindu neighbors, Indian Muslims employ a strict caste system, and the Bhisti, water carriers, hold a low position within this structure. They claim ancestry from Hazrat Abbas Alamdar who fetched water with his skin-bag for the followers of Husayn ibn Ali, the grandson of Muhammad, as they marched toward Damascus. Years later, another Bhisti saved the life of a Moghul emperor, earning the caste a degree of honor. Today, Bhisti peddle water from traditional leather bags, receiving little pay for their backbreaking work. They practice Sunni Islam, although animism and tribal religions often influence their worship. Pray that God would provide deliverance from economic collapse and fear of evil spirits. Pray that they would receive the Living Water from Heaven to quench their spiritual thirst.
Week 2: FEBRUARY 6-10 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES	
<b>MON 6</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for David and Beth Saavedra, serving in Ecuador, as they navigate significant life changes. Their family is grieving the loss of Beth's father in December. They also are preparing to launch their oldest child, Levi, to college this fall.
<b>TUE 7</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Paul Salzman as he will be adding a new studio and upgrading much of the equipment at Radio KVER in El Paso, Texas this year. Paul will also be doing a lot of equipment upgrades at other Inspiracom stations in Arizona. Pray that all of these projects go smoothly.
<b>WED 8</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for Miriam Gebb's 44 years of ministry as a missionary nurse. Pray for her as she prepares to leave Ecuador at the end of March to begin her final Home Ministry Assignment. Miriam arrived in 1978 as a two-year short-term missionary at Hospital Vozandes Quito. Since then, she has been working alongside village health workers in the Amazon region.
<b>THU 9</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries, retirees, and their families who are continuing to face significant health challenges. Pray that God would give peace and wisdom to them and their families as they make decisions with doctors about treatment. Ask God, the Great Physician, to give His healing and provide comfort and strength for each day.
<b>FRI 10</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for team members living in places with chronically unreliable gas, heating, and electrical service. Ask God to meet their heating and power needs, especially during times of bitter cold in winter months.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 11-12</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Ajuran</b> <b>Country:</b> Kenya   <b>Population:</b> 187,000   <b>Language:</b> Borana-Arsi-Guji Oromo   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.3% Prior to the 17th century, the Ajuran Somali clan ruled much of the Horn of Africa, leaving a legacy that is still felt today. Their sultanate stood for roughly 450 years before other Somalis drove them from power. Today, most Ajuran live in Kenya among the Borana and have adopted the language and customs of their neighbors, although economic realities require them to learn Somali as well. Many live a nomadic lifestyle raising livestock in the semi-arid north, although some have settled in more fertile regions and become farmers. The Ajuran are stalwart Muslims, but most lack a deep knowledge of Islam, resulting in many animistic practices. Ask God to raise up culturally savvy missionaries and prayer warriors to break up hard ground. Praise Him for complete translations of the Bible in both Borana and Somali. Pray that God will soften the hearts of the Ajuran and establish a strong church among them.

Week 3: FEBRUARY 13-17 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC	
<b>MON 13</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for one of our partners in Nepal who is launching a new station in a new area of the country. The station is currently broadcasting music while they await final government permissions. Pray for all of these documents to be completed so they can begin airing Gospel programming.
<b>TUE 14</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Janice as she cares for family in New Zealand and prepares for upcoming radio training and manager meetings in the Asia Pacific region. Ask God to give her wisdom and grace as she balances many responsibilities.
<b>WED 15</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a key radio partner manager in Thailand who is struggling with health issues as well as pain caused by an auto accident many years ago. Pray that God would give him healing and the ability to continue using his skills in radio ministry.
<b>THU 16</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the one-on-one conversations that Rachel is continuing to have with women from an unreached people group. Praise God for a local church in that country who is enthusiastically joining with Rachel to engage with these families.
<b>FRI 17</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for safety for Trevor as he lives and travels in the region. Pray that he would develop encouraging relationships, build deep friendships, and receive God's wisdom in choosing a local church he can call home.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 18-19</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Madura</b> <b>Country:</b> Indonesia   <b>Population:</b> 7,625,000   <b>Language:</b> Madura   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.05% The Madura trace their origins to the island of Madura, off the northeast coast of Java, but today, they have spread throughout Indonesia and become the third-largest ethnic group in the country. They are said to be the fiercest of enemies and most loyal of friends. Today, most Madura live on Java. They have earned a reputation as a harsh yet hard-working people, but most live on one third the median income of their countrymen. The Madura live in close-knit farming communities, yet most must find supplemental work due to the arid, salty land they farm. Due to limited education access, many work as fisherman, salt farmers, and sailors to supplement their small rice and tobacco harvests. Most Madura are devout Sunni Muslims, yet many incorporate elements of animism into their worship. Pray for better education and vocational training. Pray that God would prepare their hearts to receive His salvation and rest.
Week 4: FEBRUARY 20-24 – PRAY FOR SHARE ENGLISH	
<b>MON 20</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our writers and program producers as they seek creative ways to introduce spiritual concepts. Pray especially for the team as they also create programs and content specifically for people in places where openly talking about Jesus is forbidden.
<b>TUE 21</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the nearly 2,000,000 views of Share English content on one popular media platform this past year. Pray that God would use this content to impact even more lives this year.
<b>WED 22</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the conversation club leaders who directly engage with Share English listeners in small groups online or in-person. Pray that Jesus's love would shine brightly through each leader's conversations and actions. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide them as they engage publicly with their group and during private conversations where they can talk more freely.
<b>THU 23</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for all of the listeners who are interacting with Share English content and really appreciate it. Praise God for the people who have chosen to follow Jesus because of what they discovered through this outreach.
<b>FRI 24</b>	<b>PRAY</b> that God would use Share English programs, content, and materials to point English learners to Him. Pray that He would guide learners to people and places where they can safely discover the truth of the Gospel.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 25-26</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Axi</b> <b>Country:</b> China   <b>Population:</b> 118,000   <b>Language:</b> Axi   <b>Main Religion:</b> Ethnic Religions   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.08% The Axi, a Yi people of Yunnan Province, are one of the best-known indigenous peoples in China. They live deep in the Qui Mountains, avoiding assimilation into Chinese culture. They are world famous for the Axi Tiaoyue, a traditional dance depicting a great fire that burned for nine days and nights. The Axi had to hop up and down on one leg to avoid being burned by the hot ground. This dance also initiates courtships between young people from different villages. Those looking for a spouse from their own village will visit the Gong Fang, a dedicated meeting place. The Axi practice tribal animism, engaging in animal sacrifices, dances, and other rituals to pacify offended demons. There are very few Axi Christians. Pray for the Bible to be fully translated into Axi. Pray that the few believers will be bold in their faith and that their daily lives would point people to the one true God. Pray that all of the Axi would meet Jesus and choose to follow Him—the One who even demons obey.
Week 5: FEBRUARY 27-28 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
<b>MON 27</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the team as they discuss and plan new clean water and community development projects in West Africa with existing radio partners who also want to help meet the practical needs of their audiences.
<b>TUE 28</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the 50 people who applied to attend our upcoming training to help media ministries more effectively reach children in Africa. The online course will run through February, and we trust it will greatly expand the ministry impact of everyone attending.

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