

JOIN US IN PRAYER - JANUARY 2022

SAT & SUN 1-2	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Kanembu Country: Chad Population: 890,000 Language: Kanembu Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.0% The Kanembu live in the arid desert region of north west Chad and were once the most powerful tribe in central North Africa. The king converted to Islam in the 1200s and then conquered and converted many neighboring tribes. The dynasty went into decline in the 1500s and ended with the arrival of the French in the 1900s. However, there are still sultans and traditional rulers who hold more power and influence than government officials. The majority of Kanembu are farmers while many others work at salt mines. Most are illiterate, or only read and write the Arabic that they learn in Islamic schools. Kanembu is not yet a written language. Pray that God would take away the stony hearts of the Kanembu and give them new hearts and a new spirit in them. Pray that God would call workers to come live among the Kanembu in Chad. Pray that the Kanembu would choose to walk with Jesus and then share their new faith with other tribes.
Week 1: JAN 3-9 – PRAY FOR MOBILIZATION MINISTRY	
MON 3	PRAISE God for the team of five students from Taylor University who are serving with the Reach Beyond team in Central Asia during the month of January. Pray that they would see God's heart for the nations and that they would develop a life long passion for missions.
TUES 4	PRAISE God for several people interested in urgent positions with Reach Beyond and are considering applying. Pray that God would lead them as they seek His will for the next steps in their lives. Continue to ask the Lord of the Harvest for more workers with skills in administration, education, engineering, discipleship, media, medicine, and community development.
WED 5	PRAY for the team of students from Oklahoma Baptist University who are serving in a refugee camp in Greece during the month of January. Pray for strength and stamina to do the physically demanding work well and that they would radiate the love of Christ to each person they serve. Pray for protection against physical and spiritual attacks from the enemy. Pray that this experience would open the hearts of the students towards missionary service and that they would explore how to be involved long term.
THU 6	PRAY for the team leaders who are working with each university team this month. Pray for discipleship opportunities as students often wrestle through personal, emotional, or theological questions that come up as they serve people who live in challenging conditions. Pray that the Lord would give leaders wisdom on how to walk together with the students in these pivotal moments of spiritual growth.
FRI 7	PRAY for clear communication within the short-term teams that are serving this month. Pray for quick Biblical response to conflicts as they come up. Pray for team unity and that people would see the love of God through the love that team members have for each other and ask to know more about this love.
SAT & SUN 8-9	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Lezgin Country: Russia Population: 431,000 Language: Lezgi Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.02% The Lezgi live in the republic of Dagestan in Russia. They are subsistence farmers who also raise sheep and goats. Some engage in skilled work such as leather working or textile production and are well known for their hand woven carpets. The Lezgi have preserved much of their literature and music. They also perform a world-renown ancient folk dance called the Lezginka which portrays the history and culture of the Lezgi people. This dance is performed at small village weddings as well as on stage in front of thousands of people in large cities across Russia and Europe. The Lezgi are Muslim with animistic practices woven into their faith, including tying rags on holy trees or holy graves to bring favor upon their finances, marriages, or health. Pray for the Lezgi to recognize the tree of the cross upon which the Holy Son of God died to set them free from sin and death. Pray that they would receiving the healing power of the resurrected Christ and join His family. Pray that they would dance with joy as they are filled with the Holy Spirit.
Week 2: JAN 10-16 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES	
MON 10	PRAISE God for each person and family who responded to God's call to be laborers in the fields. Pray for missionaries as they look ahead to 2022 and seek His wisdom and guidance in what ministry opportunities to pursue. Praise God for the prayer warriors and the faithful supporters who stand behind each missionary family and strengthen them in the work of the Lord.
TUES 11	PRAY for Trevor who has nearly completed his support raising and is now beginning his training and preparation for joining the Asia Pacific region. Pray that he would gain and retain the knowledge and insight needed to help him be successful on the field. Pray also that he would be able to travel to Asia Pacific soon despite ongoing restrictions related to the pandemic.
WED 12	PRAY for clarity as Janice prepares the online training for a new group of radio announcers. Ask that God would bring the right students to the course, at the right time. Pray for her as she also works on a new online course for media trainers and managers as part of a collaborative effort with the International Communication Training Institute.
THU 13	PRAY for Dianne as she meets with potential partners and churches during her support raising journey. Pray for a network of contacts whom God has prepared to come alongside in supporting her calling to do medical missions ministry in Ecuador.
FRI 14	PRAY for Hannah as she continues in her language learning for an unreached people group in the Asia Pacific region. Pray that she can build trust with the women as she attempts to communicate with them in their heart language. Praise God for more workers set to join Hannah in the new year. They are all from different places, backgrounds, and organizations, but are working toward the same goal.

SAT & SUN 15-16	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Moor</p> <p>Country: Mauritania Population: 3.8 million Language: Hassaniya Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.1%</p> <p>The Moor people group are a subset of Berber people who are descendants from an Arab/Tuareg tribe. When the Arabs conquered North Africa in the 600s and 700s, the Tuareg helped them spread Islam across to the west coast of Africa. The Moors and other Berber tribes grew in influence and took over the Iberian Peninsula where they ruled until 1492 when Spanish rulers kicked them out. The Moors retreated to North Africa where they were persecuted for following their particular form of Sunni Islam. The Moors fled to the desert where they took up the nomadic lifestyle as skilled tradesmen. Pray that Moors would see Jesus as more than a prophet and receive Him as Lord and Savior. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open their minds and hearts to the truth of the Gospel. Pray for opportunities for missionaries to live and work among the Moors.</p>
Week 3:	JAN 17-23 – PRAY FOR THE REACH BEYOND UK OFFICE
MON 17	PRAISE God for the success of our 'Reach Beyond at 90' birthday appeal at the end of 2021. Supporters were very generous, and the Lord was faithful in his provision.
TUE 18	PRAY for the UK team as they are raising funds to turn an empty space in their building into emergency accommodation for homeless people in their city. The plans are finished, and volunteers have done some of the work already. Pray that the Lord will supply the £20,000 (\$26,500) needed to complete the project.
WED 19	PRAY for Josh Gee who manages all the IT projects in the UK office. He has a lot of demands on his time helping locally but also with global IT ministry projects. Also pray as two of his kids undergo medical investigations.
THU 20	PRAISE God that the UK team's community center for vulnerable people has managed to stay COVID-free throughout the pandemic. Pray for everyone who visits the Millside Centre, for protection from COVID, that their needs will be met, and that they will recognize the presence of Jesus in the space.
FRI 21	PRAY for the UK team as they would love to connect with more churches to share about the ministry of Reach Beyond. Pray for more openings in church services and gatherings, and for more 'champions' who will advocate the mission to congregations across the UK.
SAT & SUN 22-23	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Panika</p> <p>Country: India Population: 1.1 million Language: Chhattisgarhi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: Unknown</p> <p>The Panika live in central India in the fertile river basins of the Maikal Mountains. The Panika tribe is divided into two broad groups: the Kabirpanthi, who follow the strict teachings of Saint Kabir, and the Sankta, who live more freely and are more tribal. The Karbipanthi Panika are wealthy farmers who own large fields and numerous cattle. Their children are educated and they value literacy so that they can read the holy books which contain the messages of Saint Kabir. These teachings place high value on sanctity and purity in daily lives. Meanwhile, the Sankta Panika worship numerous village gods and rely on hunting and gathering for survival. Ask the Lord of the harvest to bring laborers among the Panika. Pray for people from the Karbipanthi and Sanktu groups to leave behind their old selves and false beliefs and become followers of Jesus. Pray for fellowships of believers to be established among the Panika.</p>
Week 4:	JAN 24-30 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN ASIA PACIFIC
MON 24	PRAISE God for a new radio station for an unreached people group in Nepal! For years our partner prayed for this opportunity, and now they are on-air. Please pray for the ongoing work of licensing, staffing, and programming to help introduce listeners to Jesus.
TUE 25	PRAY for our social media course to be ready soon, so radio stations in Indonesia would be able to extend their ministry and attract new listeners with effective online strategies.
WED 26	PRAISE God for a new radio station in a highly unreached area of Indonesia. The station went on-air in late 2021 amidst the many challenges of the pandemic. Pray for our partner, who is deeply committed to sharing the truth of Jesus.
THU 27	PRAISE God for continuing relationships with refugees from a focus people-group in Asia Pacific. We are grateful that through social media we can continue to encourage, grow in friendship, and exchange faith stories even at a distance.
FRI 28	PRAISE God for the ten refugee women in the perinatal program who have recently delivered babies or are expecting to give birth. Pray for the health and safety of moms and babies. Pray for relationships and connections to develop out of this program that would allow our workers to share the Gospel with them.
SAT & SUN 29-30	<p>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Rawat</p> <p>Country: India Population: 780,000 Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: 0.0%</p> <p>The Rawat people traditionally have been the landowners of farms in their communities. The word Rawat signifies royalty such as "prince" and is a title used by those related to a king. They worship multiple gods including Ashapridebi (the family deity), Bherujee (the village deity), and Matajee (the regional deity). The Rawat do not have a concept of one Creator God who loves them personally. Pray for the Rawat to recognize that the deities they worship are not true gods and they would turn to the One God who is true and faithful. Pray for Christian workers to go and do educational and medical programs among the Rawat as they gladly accept these types of programs. Pray for more avenues for the light of the Gospel to come into their communities and for many churches to be planted.</p>
Week 5:	JAN 31 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN EUROPE/EURASIA
MON 31	PRAY for Reach Beyond missionaries who are attending the Refugee Highway Partnership Round Table in Athens. Pray for God to highlight specific partners and opportunities where we can utilize our expertise in media, medicine, and community development. Pray for connections with people who have a passion to serve unreached refugee populations and want to join Reach Beyond long term.