

JOIN US IN PRAYER - JANUARY 2023

Week 1: JANUARY 2-6 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA	
MON 2	PRAY for peace between Russia and Ukraine. Ask God to bring an end to conflict. Pray that the church would reflect Christ's image of love, peace, and forgiveness. Pray that many would seek the reason for the hope our Christian brothers and sisters have found.
TUE 3	PRAY for the production of the Super Bible programs in Ukrainian which are in the final stage of recording. Pray God would use these to impact Ukraine for Jesus. Pray also for the team that is producing the entire Super Bible series in Croatian.
WED 4	PRAY for a staff couple in Central Asia as they move into a house with space that will allow them to have greater ministry impact. Pray this space would glorify God and provide many new opportunities for transformed lives.
THU 5	PRAY for the radio broadcasts that are being aired into Russia via shortwave each week. Pray for wisdom for our partners as they produce Russian language programs. Pray too for the team that is producing content in another sensitive local language. Pray that these programs would encourage believers with peace and that God would use them to draw many people to find hope in Christ.
FRI 6	PRAY for ongoing training of medical workers in remote Central Asian villages. Pray that the relationships built through this training will lead to more opportunities for spiritual conversations.
SAT & SUN 7-8	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Nogai Country: Russia Population: 94,000 Language: Nogai Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.02% The Nogai are a Mongol-Turkic people that live in and around the Caucasus Mountains and claim descent from Nogai Khan, a general of the Golden Horde and the great-great-grandson of Genghis Khan. These patriarchal people were once nomadic warriors but now live in small villages where they farm and raise livestock. Much like their Mongol ancestors, the Nogai enjoy horse racing, archery, wrestling, and falconry. They are famous for Nogai tea, a hot black tea prepared using boiling milk, butter, salt, and pepper. The Nogai practice Sunni Islam influenced by folk religion. They believe that to be Nogai is to be Muslim. There are only about 20 known Nogai Christians. Pray that God would raise up men and women of peace to listen to the Gospel. Pray that the Nogai would desire to read the New Testament and explore Jesus' claims. Pray for those who are faithfully translating the Bible into Nogai.
Week 2: JANUARY 9-13 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND UK MINISTRIES	
MON 9	PRAY for the UK team as they meet for their annual vision day. Pray for a fruitful time together in fellowship as they give thanks for what God has helped them to achieve last year and as they look to what He has for them in the year ahead.
TUE 10	PRAISE God for new short-term opportunities for the UK office to send people to work with migrants, refugees, and other unreached peoples in Europe. Pray for Martin, Ruth, and Alan as they head up this ministry.
WED 11	PRAY for PRAYERZONE live on Zoom and Facebook on the second Thursday of each month. The event starts with a guest being interviewed about their ministry with Reach Beyond, followed by a time of prayer, ending with a question-and-answer session. (Contact the UK office at prayerzonelive@reachbeyond.org.uk to receive a link for the event.)
THU 12	PRAISE God that missionaries Gavin and Heather have completed their first year serving in information technology and hippotherapy (physical therapy utilizing horses) in Ecuador. Pray that God will continue to guide and bless them in their ministry.
FRI 13	PRAY for producer Bruce Gulland as he writes poems on a range of topics for broadcasting on secular radio stations and posting online. The aim is to make people think about spiritual matters and seek the true God. Pray for outlets for the productions and that the message would reach into people's hearts.
SAT & SUN 14-15	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Tiwa Country: India Population: 303,000 Language: Tiwa, Assamese Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: Unknown Tiwa means "the people who were lifted from below." They have lived in northeastern India since at least the 17th century. Rice, meat, fish, and eggs are Tiwa staples, which they season with sesame, mustard, ginger, and chilies. Rice beer is popular, although the educated prefer tea. The Tiwa live in two distinct groups: the Assamese-speaking Plains Tiwa and the Tiwa-speaking Hill Tiwa. The Plains Tiwa cultivate rice and practice a form of Hinduism. The Hill Tiwa are "slash and burn" farmers who practice a tribal religion. Hill Tiwa religious and political life centers around seven old villages, each home to a chief who oversees a network of smaller villages. The Tiwa honor many festivals, including Christmas, but there are very few Christians. Pray for intense spiritual hunger to drive them to Christ. Pray that God reveals Himself as the one true and just Chief who offers them eternal life with Him.

Week 3: JANUARY 16-20 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES	
MON 16	PRAY for our missionaries as they learn to speak the languages of unreached people in the places where they are serving. Pray that God would make these difficult languages easy for them to understand and speak. Pray that they would quickly gain fluency which is essential for effective ministry and building relationships where they can share Christ and make disciples.
TUE 17	PRAY for Kitty in Greece as she helps displaced women learn to make handicrafts they can sell as an additional source of income. Pray that this project will present opportunities to share the Gospel during one-on-one interactions.
WED 18	PRAY for the children of our missionaries as they begin a new semester of school. Pray that they would be like Jesus and grow in “wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” (Luke 2:52 NIV)
THU 19	PRAY for our missionaries, retirees, and their families who are continuing to face serious health issues. Pray that God would give wisdom to families as they make decisions and to doctors as they provide treatment. Pray that God would abundantly give His healing, comfort, and peace.
FRI 20	PRAY that God would give Janice wisdom as she works on difficult aspects of online courses for our Indonesian media partners. Pray also for Janice as she helps her sister and brother navigate complex health challenges.
SAT & SUN 21-22	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Bonan Country: China Population: 12,000 Language: Bonan Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Bonan (“I protect you”) are one of China’s smallest ethnic groups. They are believed to have descended from Mongol imperial troops who settled in China in the 13th century. The Bonan converted to Sunni Islam in 1750 and coexisted with the Buddhist Tongren Bonan until they split in 1862 over religious and economic disputes. They resettled in the mountains to the east, becoming a distinct people group. Most Bonan work as farmers or loggers, but they are famous for making durable, ornate knives with ox horn handles. Traditional clothing is very colorful. Single women typically wear a green veil or hijab, while married women choose black. Men usually wear white skull caps. No Bonan churches, Christians, or Bible translations are known to exist. Pray for bold, loving Christians to heed the call to take the Gospel to the Bonan. Pray that those who answer the call will encounter men and women of peace. Pray that God would reach Bonan university students through Christians who demonstrate Christ’s love.
Week 4: JANUARY 23-27 – PRAY FOR THE EPHRAIM PROJECT	
MON 23	PRAY for The Ephraim Project team as they interact with unreached people in the Middle East who want to improve their English. Pray for creativity as the team seeks new ways to engage with people and begin spiritual conversations.
TUE 24	PRAISE God for the meaningful friendships being built through the Ephraim Project. Ask God to give wisdom, boldness, zeal, time, and energy to each of the volunteers. Pray that God would continue to prepare each member of the team with what they need to engage with our social media friends.
WED 25	PRAY for spiritual resilience for The Ephraim Project team as they repeatedly confront spiritual darkness. Pray they would be clothed with the full armor of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them the right words to say in each and every conversation.
THU 26	PRAISE God for the people in the Middle East who have come to know Jesus through The Ephraim Project. Pray for the team of missionaries and volunteers as they continue to disciple these new believers and study Scripture with them.
FRI 27	PRAY that God would bring to The Ephraim Project more volunteers with a heart for people in the Middle East. Pray that God would remove any doubts, barriers, or hesitations that would keep them from following His leading to serve in this ministry.
SAT & SUN 28-29	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Sahrawi Country: Western Sahara Population: 248,000 Language: Hassaniyya Arabic Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Sahrawi are North African desert nomads with mixed Berber, Arab, and black African ancestry. This desert people once had a caste-based society with warriors on top and slaves at the bottom. Today’s Sahrawi work as herdsman, traders, and warriors, but drought, plagues, and warfare have encouraged robbery, fighting, and revenge. Throughout history, the eight Sahrawi tribes often battled for supremacy, but today, their conflict is with non-Sahrawis. Violence has forced many, mainly women and children, to flee to refugee camps, dividing families. Sahrawis consider themselves pure Sunni Muslims, but they also practice some pre-Islamic beliefs. Pray for peace in Western Sahara. Pray that the Sahrawi would see Jesus as the Prince of Peace and that they would run to him for salvation. Pray for ambassadors of Christ to bring the Gospel of Peace. Pray for completion of a Hassaniyya Arabic translation of the Bible.
Week 5: JANUARY 30-31 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA	
MON 30	PRAY for David Luzuriaga and the Apoyo Ecuador team as they equip pastors for Bible study and training. They are currently raising funds to purchase a laptop for each of the 38 participating churches (about \$5,000 is still needed). Every church is raising \$85 for Logos software, which will include an in-depth theological library. The Apoyo team will train church leaders to effectively use these resources.
TUE 31	PRAY for safety and wisdom for Vinicio Salazar and the Community Ministries team as they do community development work in Ecuador. Pray as they travel and work on potable water systems and latrine projects, as well as cacao seedling follow-ups.

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