

## JOIN US IN PRAYER - JULY 2021

Week 1: JULY 1-4 – PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES	
<b>THU 1</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the health of each missionary during the pandemic. Pray for continued protection among workers as there continue to be surges of COVID-19 in different parts of the world, particularly in Asia.
<b>FRI 2</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for one of our appointees who had to pause going to the field because of health concerns. Pray for full healing and recovery and for continued trust in God's unfailing love during this challenging season.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 3-4</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Jat</b> <b>Country:</b> India   <b>Population:</b> 19.3 million   <b>Language:</b> Hindi   <b>Main Religion:</b> Hindu   <b>Evangelical:</b> <0.03% The Jats live scattered around the world among several ethnic groups, yet retain their own identity. A well known Jat proverb says that men may come and men may go, but I go on forever. It has been said that no Jat wants to be ruled. They are brave, hardworking people who possess both the desire and ability to rule. The Jat are known for their military prowess. They place great pride in their ancestry and rarely marry people from other ethnic groups. They can be found in all walks of life including high academic and technical positions. Jats are traditionally nomadic herdsman or settled farmers who grow crops including wheat, corn, millet, and sugar beets. Pray for opportunities for Christian doctors, nurses and other workers to share the love of Jesus with the Jats. Pray that the Jats would know God as the Beginning and the End—who is, and who was, and who is to come. Pray that influential members of the Jat community would believe in Christ and that they would boldly share the Gospel with their people.
Week 2: JULY 5-11 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ECUADOR	
<b>MON 5</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries who are on Home Ministry Assignment during the summer. Pray that the McFarlands, Arnolds, Parkers, McMillans, and Holdens would be able to rest, connect with supporters, and enjoy being with family during this time.
<b>TUE 6</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the successful medical caravan on June 10th. This was our first caravan trip since the pandemic began in March 2020! Many received necessary medical treatment, and a pastor from Macas shared the Gospel with many people during the outreach.
<b>WED 7</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Ian, our medical caravans coordinator in Ecuador. Pray for wisdom in which villages to serve and for understanding of the unique health ministry requirements.
<b>THU 8</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for two girls who were recently seen through the cleft lip program. They are receiving great care and compassion from their doctor and are having major surgery soon. Pray for successful procedures and that they would praise their Creator for His goodness to them.
<b>FRI 9</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for Hermann and Irene Schirmacher completing 20 years of service recently! They have supported our ministries in Ecuador and Germany in many different capacities. We are thankful for how God has used them.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 10-11</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Bouyei</b> <b>Country:</b> China   <b>Population:</b> 3.3 million   <b>Language:</b> Bouyei   <b>Main Religion:</b> Ethnic Religions   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.17% The Bouyei are one of the ancient peoples of Guizhou and one of the 55 official minorities in China. They were once known as the Chunchia, or "people in the middle." Thousands of Bouyei were burned at the stake during the Nanlang Rebellion of 1797, which caused many to flee to Vietnam. The government ended education in the Bouyei language in 1995. Only 12% of the Bouyei have attended high school. The Bouyei are polytheists. Superstitions rule their lives, and shamans are hired to cast out demons of illness or bad fortune. Pray for church planting efforts among the Bouyei. Pray that they would recognize that Jesus has power over all of the creatures of darkness and that they would find hope, life, peace, and freedom in Him.
Week 3: JULY 12-18 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
<b>MON 12</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for his work through one of our partners in Sierra Leone. They recently reported, "The new installation you helped us with has drastically increased the coverage of our radio station. We are blessed to have this partnership because a lot of souls will be won now that we can reach more people."
<b>TUE 13</b>	<b>PRAY</b> as we prepare to help a partner launch a new radio station in northern Sierra Leone! We will be installing a transmitter and working with a team to provide this new station with solar power. We are trusting God with them for the remaining funds necessary for this project.
<b>WED 14</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that we have been able to acquire a new transmitter for the holistic radio and health ministries of Pioneer Christian Hospital, located in Impfondo in the Republic of Congo. Their FM transmitter has had a hard life and now needs to be replaced.
<b>THU 15</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the provision of funds for more clean water projects in West Africa. Please pray as we discern with our local partners where God would have us invest in community development projects in coordination with church planting efforts.
<b>FRI 16</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a partner station that was recently burned to the ground because of problems with the city's power. Pray with us as we work with this partner to re-establish the station and work on new fire training materials for stations and their listeners.

<b>SAT &amp; SUN 17-18</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Fula Maasina</b> <b>Country:</b> Mali   <b>Population:</b> 1.29 million   <b>Language:</b> Maasina Fulfulde   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.01% The Fula Maasina are much like the Fulani peoples found throughout West Africa. They are largely agricultural-based, raising cattle along with sheep and goats. They farm crops like millet, rice, and peanuts. Fula Maasina villages or communities are typically scattered but include a center court, a mosque, and often an Islamic school. They are very devoted to Islam and view it as part of their identity. The Fula Maasina are very resistant to Christianity as they fear that it will divide their families. Pray that God would open the eyes and hearts of family and village leaders so they would see the truth. Pray for more believers and workers to live among the Fula Maasina. Pray that the Fula Maasina would recognize Jesus as their Savior and that they would choose to follow Him.
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>JULY 19-25 – PRAY FOR MOBILIZATION</b>
<b>MON 19</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for God to send many missionary workers to serve with Reach Beyond around the world. Go to <a href="https://reachbeyond.org/opportunities">reachbeyond.org/opportunities</a> to pray over some of the specific individual needs that we are asking God to provide.
<b>TUE 20</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for our missionaries who are faithfully serving around the world! Pray that God would encourage them and that He would open doors for them to proclaim and demonstrate the Good News of Jesus and make disciples among those who do not yet know Him.
<b>WED 21</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for specifically-skilled laborers to sense God's calling to reach the world. We are trusting God for medical and community development staff, administrators, teachers, information technology personnel, and more.
<b>THU 22</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that we've been able to represent Reach Beyond at several recent conferences and gatherings across the United States! Pray that God would continue to draw people to reach the world through being sent by Reach Beyond.
<b>FRI 23</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for new missionary appointee Trevor, as he continues to share at churches and meet with small groups and individuals to raise support. Trevor will be doing radio engineering work in Asia Pacific.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 24-25</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Java Pesisir Lor</b> <b>Country:</b> Indonesia   <b>Population:</b> 37.5 million   <b>Language:</b> Javanese   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.01% The Java Pesisir Lor are a distinctive people group living in the villages, towns, and cities in the north-central part of the Island of Java. Most are farmers or fisherman, but many are seeking urban occupations throughout Indonesia. The Pesisir Lor's diet consists of a variety of spiced rice and soybean-cake dishes with vegetables, along with an occasional egg or bit of meat that is served with tea or coffee. Nearly all Pesisir Lor people profess to be Sunni Muslims, but Sufi mystical beliefs are widely practiced. The Pesisir Lor travel throughout the year to the burial site of two men who introduced Islam to the island many centuries ago. At these graves, the Pesisir Lor venerate and ask the ancient spirits for health, salvation, and sustenance. Pray for Christians who are working to plant churches in this part of Indonesia. Pray that God would bless and bring fruit from their efforts. Ask God to call more people to go and live and serve among this unreached people group. Pray that the Pesisir Lor would find true salvation that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>JULY 26-AUG 1 – PRAY FOR THE SWEDEN COUNTRY OFFICE</b>
<b>MON 26</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for wisdom in how to shape our message to reach into new areas and to a younger generation. We are eagerly seeking God's leading as some new opportunities have opened for us. Pray that God would guide our words and actions in these pursuits.
<b>TUE 27</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a new potential missionary worker who we have been talking with. Pray for his preparation and development as he is currently studying to be a construction engineer and could be joining us after completing his studies.
<b>WED 28</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for seven women who chose to follow Christ for the first time at a women's conference we partnered with in Central Asia! Pray that God will give them (and their families) firm foundations in their faith.
<b>THU 29</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for one of our partners in Russia who was recently in an accident and is undergoing physical therapy now. Pray that God would restore him to a full recovery of his bodily strength.
<b>FRI 30</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a course on relationships that we are going to be leading in Central Asia. Pray that God would help us in finalizing content that brings glory to Him. Pray that He would lead people to come to the event and that they would be filled by His Holy Spirit.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 31-1</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Shaikh</b> <b>Country:</b> Bangladesh   <b>Population:</b> 136 million   <b>Language:</b> Bengali   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Shaikh are descendants of Arab settlers who arrived after the Islamic Sultanate in South Asia was established in 711 AD. Technocrats, bureaucrats, soldiers, traders, scientists, architects, teachers, theologians, and sufis came from the rest of the Arab and Muslim world to this region where they would settle permanently. The word Shaikh means "elder" or "venerable old man" and is often used as a title to signify wisdom. Shaiks are highly regarded for their business skills and many work in the public sector. There are very few known Shaikh Christians, and believers can face much persecution. Pray that the Shaikh would discover that God is the source of true wisdom. Pray that they would realize that God knows their every hurt and thought and that His love for them is greater than they can comprehend. Pray for God to send more believers to demonstrate and share the Gospel with them. Pray that God would move in a mighty way to establish a strong, vibrant, and thriving church among the Shaikh in Bangladesh.

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