

JOIN US IN PRAYER - JUNE 2020

Week 1: JUNE 1-7 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND USA	
MON 1	PRAISE God for the commitment and generosity of our donors, especially during this unpredictable season. Through our donors, God has provided not only resources, but also prayer and encouragement. Pray that God will bless each donor for their sacrifices.
TUE 2	PRAY for Steve Harling, who stepped down as president of Reach Beyond in May and is now taking time to rest, process and pray for his next steps. We praise God for his leadership over the past four years, and we look forward to seeing how God will use him next.
WED 3	PRAY for Daniel Enns as he steps into the role of President of Reach Beyond. Pray that God gives him wisdom and encouragement as he leads Reach Beyond into the next chapter of ministry.
THU 4	PRAY for wisdom for the members of the newly formed Ministry Continuation Task Force. This group will help identify options and make recommendations to the Board, with the goal of preserving and protecting the ministries of Reach Beyond for years to come.
FRI 5	PRAY for our staff as many continue to work remotely due to COVID-19 precautions. Pray for wisdom as “Safer at Home” orders are lifted. Praise God that we have been able to use technology to connect and be productive during this time.
SAT & SUN 6-7	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Bhil Country: India Population: 16.67 million Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: 0% Today, the Bhil primarily work as peasant farmers, field laborers, and village watchmen. They are experts in handling bows and arrows. In fact, the name “Bhil” was derived from the word <i>billee</i> , which means “bow.” For years, the bow has been a characteristic weapon of the tribe, and the men usually carry their bows and arrows with them. Almost all of the Central Bhil practice ethnic religions that have been highly influenced by Hinduism. Shiva is considered the supreme god. Ancestor worship (praying to deceased ancestors) is also popular. Shamans (priests) are called upon to offer sacrifices to the many gods and mud idols. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts towards Christians so that they will be receptive to learning about the one true God.
Week 2: JUNE 8-14 – PRAY FOR THE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROJECT	
MON 8	PRAISE God that the English Conversation team has been unaffected by COVID-19, as they already work remotely. We are thankful that their ministry has not been impacted too much.
TUE 9	PRAY for wisdom and guidance as the team restructures and rebrands the English Conversation Project. Pray that these changes will allow the project to grow at a sustainable rate into the future.
WED 10	PRAISE God for how He is expanding the English Conversation Project. The team has seen steadily growing numbers and interactions on their website, podcast, and YouTube channel.
THU 11	PRAY for wisdom as they make changes with a shrinking team. Pray for guidance as they decide which parts of the program they want to focus on and change.
FRI 12	PRAISE God for English Conversation Project clubs that have adapted to the COVID-19 situation and have pivoted to hosting online clubs instead. Pray that they can continue to serve their club members even while social distancing.
SAT & SUN 13-14	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Albanian Gheg Country: Albania Population: 2.7 million Language: Gheg Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.58% Prior to Communism, Albanians were a tribal people divided into to major groups: the Gheg and the Tosk. In the 1950’s, it was decided that the Tosk dialect would be used in all publications. Communism then further erased the Gheg identify, as tribal differences, religion, and even dress were restricted to achieve national unity. Following the fall of Communism, Albania was left with an identify crisis, and as the poorest and least developed European country. Centuries ago, many Albanians were converted to Islam, although they practiced a form of folk Islam. In 1967, Albania declared itself as the world’s first atheistic state, closing borders to outside influences. Today, there has been a resurgence in the practice of Islam and Catholicism, but there is pressing legislation to keep other religions out. Pray that the people can find the hope and security that can be found in Jesus Christ.
Week 3: JUNE 15-21 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN ECUADOR	
MON 15	PRAISE God for new ministry opportunities in and around Shell, Ecuador in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Being limited in our ability to do medical caravans and water projects, our <i>Ministerios Comunitarios</i> team has re-focused their efforts to food distribution for needy individuals and families unable to work or generate income. They are working in coordination with local churches for enhanced effectiveness and follow-up.
TUE 16	PRAY for Tim and Onilda Broach, who had been separated since March due to the pandemic, with Onilda in Cuba while Tim and his son, Javier, have been in Quito. Onilda is now in Quito completing a mandatory 14-day hotel quarantine. The family plans to return to Cuba in July for continued work there with the Apoyo ministry. Pray that these plans are not delayed.
WED 17	PRAY for God’s protection and special wisdom for the doctors, nurses and staff at Hospital Vozandes - Quito, as they work and minister through the Coronavirus pandemic. Pray also for the financial condition of the hospital as many out-patient services have been closed during the sheltering-in-place directive.

THU 18	PRAY for God's direction in the lives of Latin Americans who sense the leading of the Holy Spirit to prepare for cross-cultural ministry through the Corrientes mentoring in missions' program. While there is no session going on this trimester, due to the pandemic, we are hopeful that the program can be offered and residents will be interested in participating again in early September.
FRI 19	PRAY specifically for wisdom and understanding in how best to follow-up on the increasing physical and spiritual needs of people during this uncertain time.
SAT & SUN 20-21	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Khandait Country: India Population: 1.7 million Language: Odia Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: 0.00% For generations, the Khandai, or Kandayat, have been soldiers and landowners. "Khandai" means "man of the sword" or "landowner," and this still applies today. The Khandai are landowners who have lower castes farm their property. They also serve in the Indian Army and in the police forces. Education is a high priority. Almost all are Hindus. They worship and serve the gods of the Hindu pantheon. Pray that the Khandai would humble themselves and realize their need for a Savior.
Week 4:	JUNE 22-28 – PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY OFFICES
MON 22	PRAY for Reach Beyond Sweden, as current Country Office Director, Sture Nordquist, is retiring. Praise God for his many years of leadership and heart for the unreached. Pray for Jan Korpegård and Ingela Tauson as they step in to serve as the new co-directors.
TUE 23	PRAY for Reach Beyond Sweden's radio partners in Russia, as they face ever-increasing difficulties and pressures from officials because of their religious broadcasting. Pray that God would protect them and multiply their ministries.
WED 24	PRAY for Ruth Harrison in the UK Country Office as she works to help Reach Beyond develop its global pastoral care for missionaries. Ask the Lord to guide Ruth and the team in their planning, to find effective ways to care for mission workers.
THU 25	PRAY for James Totton in the New Zealand Country Office as he helps develop a training curriculum for future radio missionaries. Pray that God would use this curriculum to attract new missionaries to the field.
FRI 26	PRAY for Bruce Gulland in the UK Country Office, as he is producing short, positive audio messages to inspire radio listeners through this health crisis. Pray for significant radio and media doors to open so we can bless and encourage more people during this hard time.
SAT & SUN 27-28	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Pingdi Country: China Population: 1.48 million Language: Chinese Main Religion: Ethnic Religions Evangelical: 0.04% The Pingdi area is rarely visited by outsiders. As a result, they have minimal interaction with other people groups. The majority of Pingdi are farmers engaged in rice cultivation. In the ancient past the Yao had a legend of a creator god. The Yao claim, "Ages ago ... before we crossed the sea, we worshiped someone called Tin Zay, who lives in heaven and is a holy god." In the 1990 national census, about half of the Pingdi were included under the Yao nationality. For centuries the Pingdi have lived and died without any knowledge of Christ and without a strong church in their midst. Although there is a Yao New Testament available in the Lu Mien language, the Pingdi speak a different language from Lu Mien. Pray for a translation of the Bible to be made into their heart language and distributed.
Week 5:	JUNE 29 - JULY 5 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES
MON 29	PRAY for Reach Beyond missionaries all over the world, as they navigate the pressures of a lockdown in a foreign country. Pray for peace and protection amidst this uncertain time. Praise God that restrictions are starting to lift and families are able to go outdoors.
TUE 30	PRAY that our missionaries would be encouraged by the continued grace God is showing through the pandemic. Praise God for ministry that has continued, and for encouraging stories shared by our partners.
WED 1	PRAY for the financial status of our missionaries. As everyone is struggling in this area, pray that support stays strong and steady, and that it may even increase!
THU 2	PRAY for our missionaries who were planning to go on Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) this summer. Pray that they would soon be able to travel back to the U.S. to reunite with family and meet with supporters.
FRI 3	PRAY that doors would soon open for our projects that have been on hold during the pandemic. Pray that our missionaries would be patient in the wait. Pray that God would use this time to strengthen and encourage their faith.
SAT & SUN 4-5	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Dhanuk Country: India Population: 4.2 million Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: Unknown Dhanuks reside primarily in India, although they also live across Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Their looks, language and culture are similar to the Tharus. They mainly serve as household help for wealthy landlords, and they are heavily influenced by the Hindu religion and Indian culture. While it is unknown how many Evangelicals live among the Dhanuk, we praise God that there are several churches and quite a few believers among them. Pray that these believers would be bold in sharing their faith, and that more would be transformed by the Gospel.