

JOIN US IN PRAYER – JUNE 2023

Week 1:	JUNE 1-2 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES
THU 1	PRAY that God would give our missionaries rest. Living in different and often difficult cultures can be emotionally and spiritually draining, even when the culture becomes familiar. Pray that our people would maintain strong habits of regular rest and time to engage with the Lord. Pray that He would profoundly nourish and restore their souls.
FRI 2	PRAY for our many missionaries and retirees who are facing significant health challenges. Pray that God would bring healing to their bodies and relief to their pain. Ask God to give His divine wisdom to the doctors as they search for answers and determine treatment plans. Pray that in the midst of uncertainty, God would fill them with peace and remind them of His goodness and care.
SAT & SUN 3-4	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Chinese Buryat Country: China Population: 168,000 Language: Buryat Main Religion: Buddhism Evangelical: 0.90% The Chinese Buryat live in the remote grasslands of Hulunbuir in northeastern China. The Buryat first arrived in China in 1917, migrating from nearby Siberia. Historically, the Buryat are a nomadic people, but today, most Chinese Buryat have given up that lifestyle and live in mud and wood houses instead. They speak two distinct dialects of the Buryat language: New Bargu and Old Bargu. Neither dialect is spoken by Russian or Mongolian Buryats. During traditional holidays, they perform the yokhor, a traditional round dance with elements mimicking horses and birds. Traditionally, the Buryat practiced shamanism, but in China, Tibetan Buddhism is more prevalent. Some practice Burkanism or atheism. A few have come to Christ thanks to Chinese house church efforts. Ask God to remove the Buryat's spiritual blindness. Pray they will hunger for truth and freedom. Pray for completion of a Buryat Bible and a bold, equipped church.
Week 2:	JUNE 5-9 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA
MON 5	PRAY for Tim and Onilda Broach as they spend most of June in Santiago de Cuba facilitating major transitions within the Apoyo Cuba team and mentoring the new Cuban ministry director. Pray that God would continue to use the Apoyo team to strengthen church leaders and help grow His Church all throughout the island.
TUE 6	PRAISE God for the 39 participants whose passion for missions grew through Mission Aboard, Apoyo's transcultural missions training experience along the Ucayali river in Peru. Praise God for the opportunities they had to share the Gospel and touch lives through a medical team. Pray for each participant as they apply what they learned to impact their church and community.
WED 7	PRAY for our missionaries in Ecuador who will be on Home Ministry Assignment this summer: Scott and Jody Arnold, Patrick and Jennifer Pinho, Jeremy and Sara McMillan, and Vinicio and Dawn Salazar. Pray that God would give them good connections with their ministry partners. Ask God to give them rest and wonderful times with family and friends.
THU 8	PRAY for the Voz y Manos board as they select a new executive director for ministries based in Ecuador. Pray that God would guide their decisions and give them wisdom and unity all throughout the process.
FRI 9	PRAY for the Corrientes program as they help prepare Latin Americans for cross-cultural missionary service. Pray that God will give insight to each of the mentors on how to best help the residents in this cycle get ready to serve in Turkey and Korea.
SAT & SUN 10-11	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Balkar Country: Russia Population: 111,000 Language: Karachay-Balkar Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.04% The Balkars are a Turkic-speaking people. They practice folk Islam and are known as mountain-dwelling shepherds and herdsmen. Boys learn to care for livestock at a young age, learning the skills from their fathers. Girls often learn to become skilled seamstresses. As in biblical times, a Balkar man's fortune is directly linked to the number of animals he owns. Balkar villages consist of a village square, a mosque, and two-story stone or brick houses. Every home features at least one guest room. In 1944, Stalin deported the entire Balkar population to Central Asia in a single day after accusing them of collaborating with the Nazis. The first known Balkar Christian accepted Christ in 1957, but very few have followed his example. Ask God to build a strong, vibrant, and discerning Balkar church. Pray that Balkar hearts will soften to the Gospel. Ask the Lamb of God to reveal Himself to them.
Week 3:	JUNE 12-16 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND AUSTRALIA MINISTRIES
MON 12	PRAY for Brent & Shelley Weeks as they return to Melbourne to tend to things at home and the Kilsyth studios after spending two months at the Kununurra broadcast facility. Thank God for their expertise and skills that enable shortwave broadcasts in over 25 languages to audiences throughout the region. Pray as they make preparations to return to Kununurra in July.
TUE 13	PRAY for Media Manager Jonas Santos as he works with a coalition of Christian broadcasters on a project to expand Reach Beyond's ministry in a closed country of Asia. This project could enable thousands to hear the Gospel in their native language.
WED 14	PRAISE the Lord for the work of the team creating radio programs in Rohingya, a language spoken by a Muslim ethnic group in Myanmar. We are receiving many encouraging testimonies from this region.

THU 15	PRAISE God for how shortwave radio is able to minister to people in closed countries. Our following is increasing in places like India and Myanmar since their governments imposed stricter control of local media. Praise God for the opportunity to reach these listeners in their heart language. Pray that they will be encouraged and that many will be led to the Lord as they listen.
FRI 16	PRAY for safety and wisdom for the team in Myanmar as they minister to their people in spite of government imposed hardship and fear. Pray that many in their country will turn to Christ as they hear the Gospel via radio in their heart language.
SAT & SUN 17-18	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Gawaria Country: India Population: 105,000 Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: 0.00% Among India's four castes, the Gawaria fit into the lowest caste. They are not Dalits (outcasts), but their traditional roles as nomadic shepherds, goat herders, and traders give them a position of low importance. Literacy rates are low among the Gawaria, so today, many work as handicraft makers, brick masons, or other labor-intensive roles. The Gawaria marry other Gawaria but always from their clan. All weddings include a sacred fire which the bride and groom must circle seven times. After the ceremony, the new couple likely will live with the groom's family. Only the community's caste council can approve a divorce or remarriage. Like all Hindus, the Gawaria worship many gods. Rituals and good works seemingly provide the only escape from the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth. Ask God to raise up faithful workers to reach the Gawaria. Pray that provision of education and medical care will open doors for the Gospel. Pray they will soon discover just how precious they are to Jesus.
Week 4:	JUNE 19-23 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA
MON 19	PRAISE God for faithful media partners in Russia who continue to proclaim the Good News. Pray for the team as they produce programming for the Voice of the Andes' weekly shortwave broadcasts. Pray that God will give these believers creativity and wisdom in how to share with their listeners the hope they have found in Jesus.
TUE 20	PRAY for the details of a new clinic being developed in a sensitive country. Pray for those currently working to bring the clinic building into compliance with government standards. Praise God that this clinic will give local believing physicians the opportunity to practice in a place that glorifies Him and help them reach their people.
WED 21	PRAY for Kitty in Greece as she engages with women from unreached people groups. Pray for Kitty as she teaches them skills in making and selling handicrafts that help provide both dignity and income for their family. Pray that these classes will provide Kitty with many opportunities to demonstrate and share the Gospel with women who have never heard the truth about Jesus.
THU 22	PRAY for Mario as he is experiencing a lot of back pain which is making it difficult for him to do all of his ministries. Pray that he will soon be able to see physicians in his country's socialized medical system. Pray for God's complete healing without surgery.
FRI 23	PRAY for one of our missionary families that is moving to a new area to engage with unreached people. Praise God that they have been able to purchase a home and find schooling for their children. Pray that God would give them meaningful relationships in a place where there are few expats. Pray that God would help them as they move and begin ministering there.
SAT & SUN 24-25	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Bajuni Country: Kenya Population: 94,000 Language: Swahili Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 1.00% The Bajuni reside on Lamu Island, just off the coast of Kenya. They are a Bantu people, but centuries ago, Arab traders settled among them. The settlers intermarried with the Bajuni, introducing them to Islam and other Arab cultural elements. Bajuni life has changed little over the past 1,000 years. Most modern amenities, like cars, electricity, and running water, are almost non-existent on Lamu. Drinking water can be difficult to find. Many Bajuni men spend their time at sea as fishermen, sailors, shipbuilders, or merchants. Others farm coconut and rice. Women spend their days with housework, childcare, and market visits and only visit friends late in the afternoon after all their work is finished. The Bajuni are devout Muslims. Pray that God will soften the people's hearts and lead them to the source of Living Water. Ask God to protect, strengthen, grow, and embolden the tiny Bajuni church.
Week 5:	JUNE 26-30 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
MON 26	PRAY for the installation of a solar power system that we are providing for a radio partner in Northern Ghana where prolonged power cuts and dangerous voltage levels have badly affected the station. Radio stations use quite a lot of power, so this will also help to cut down on their operating costs.
TUE 27	PRAISE God for his protection over a radio partner in an area that has been plagued by kidnapping. Ask God to continue shielding them from those who might seek to harm them. Pray too that more churches within their broadcast area would choose to participate and collaborate in helping reach their communities with the Gospel.
WED 28	PRAY for a partner in northern Kenya who writes, "Our children's program, a result of the recent training from Reach Beyond, is about to be launched. It's a 30-minute, once-a-week production in both Kiswahili and our vernacular here. Pray for us, for apart from airing via radio, we are producing an accompanying podcast which we want to share with the young ones via smartphones."
THU 29	PRAISE God for all of the ministry and training that the Sub-Saharan Africa team has been able to do so far this year. Pray for the team as they spend time this month praying and planning for the rest of the year. Ask God to direct their paths.
FRI 30	PRAY for a radio partner in a strongly Islamic region of Central Africa that is having to knock down and relocate its studio building elsewhere on their property because of questionable demands from the town's authorities. Pray that God would take this situation that was meant for bad and transform it into something that will accomplish eternal good.

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