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Week 1: MAY 4-10 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN ASIA PACIFIC	
MON 4	PRAY for one of our missionary couples who recently suffered the tragic loss of a daughter. Pray for grace and healing.
TUE 5	PRAY for the creation of an online program to train radio announcers in Indonesia. Covid-19 lockdowns have caused a delay in developing materials for the course, but we hope for a pilot test in the near future.
WED 6	PRAISE God that team members in a sensitive area have been granted permission to deliver food and other resources to the Rohingya in their community. Many of these people are left without jobs and no way to provide for their families. Pray for continued efforts to develop relationships with this marginalized and overlooked people group, and for opportunities to share the love of Christ.
THU 7	PRAISE God that over 500 spiritually sensitive people from our Arabic social media outreach have joined online groups for deeper discussion of truths about Jesus and the Scriptures. Please pray for the three local brothers who are guiding the conversations, and for a harvest that will lead to multiplying outreach with the Gospel into unreached Muslim communities.
FRI 8	PRAISE God as our partner radio stations throughout the region are having a lasting impact while providing necessary information and education to their listeners. We are thankful for their willingness to adapt to the changing situation and both proclaim and demonstrate the heart of Jesus in these difficult times.
SAT & SUN 9-10	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Persian Country: Iran Population: 37 million Language: Persian Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 1.90% The Persians come from a rich history of kings and kingdoms, poetry, art and advances in math and science. They were ruled by a king until the late 1970s, when their last king (or shah) was overthrown by Islamic revolutionists. Now Iran is an Islamic nation under the Ayatollah, or religious leader. They are fiercely devoted to family, gathering together almost every day. Iranian law dictates that women are to cover their heads and wear a special dress in public. Regardless of beliefs, most women abide by the rules, since penalties are strict. Although the majority profess to being Muslim, it is speculated that less than 10 percent of Persians strictly follow the practice of Islam. Pray for evangelization efforts among the Persians, as witnessing is illegal and conversion carries an even greater punishment.
Week 2: MAY 11-17 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN EUROPE & EURASIA	
MON 11	PRAY for a group medical interns who have been busy developing patient education brochures on various topics, including coronavirus, depression and anxiety. Pray that it would have an impact and open doors for the Gospel.
TUE 12	PRAISE God for the impact our doctors are having in Central Asia. Currently, their clinic is one of very few that are accepting those diagnosed with Covid-19. Pray for their safety as they use this as an opportunity to demonstrate the love of God
WED 13	PRAY for a team in Central Asia who are supporting local churches in their area with food distribution and outreach. The list of churches and organizations that are actively involved is continuing to grow, as many are embracing the opportunity to serve during the pandemic. We are thankful for the opportunity to be able to come together as Christ-followers serving in a mostly Muslim area.
THU 14	PRAISE God for the influence one of our media teams are having in Central Asia. In a creative access country, where gathering as a believer is already very difficult, being in lockdown has made that almost impossible. Through their online ministry, they not only provide media content, but also a digital meeting space for believers in the country.
FRI 15	PRAISE God for the opportunity He has given us in Croatia to continue broadcasting our TV programs during the pandemic. Due to the lockdown, we have more viewers now than ever before. Croatian authorities are mandating that people stay inside their homes. We are using the current situation to broadcast 15 hours of evangelistic programming per week, covering the entire country.
SAT & SUN 16-17	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Ravidas Chamar Country: India Population: 47 million Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hinduism Evangelical: 0.00% The Chamar people live primarily in India's western states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Bihar. They are among the largest untouchable, or Dalit, communities in the Hindu world. This translates into frequent joblessness, lack of education and lifelong poverty. Day labor and petty business are main sources of income, along with the manufacture of shoes and chappal, an Indian sandal. The origins of the name "Chamar" come from their leather work. The Chamar are Hindu and follow the spiritual teachings of Ravidas. They recite mythological tales and sing songs from the religious epics. There is a slightly higher degree of responsiveness to the Gospel among the Chamars than among other Dalits. Pray for the ongoing church planting movement underway among Chamars in several districts across India, and for openness of heart and mind to the Lord.

Week 3: MAY 18-24 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
MON 18	PRAISE God as our first well project of the year is progressing in Burkina Faso. Leaders are beginning the training, and the well drilling will happen shortly after. Water projects are an important way to build bridges with villages that are closed to the Gospel. Pray that the projects would be completed, and villagers would come to know the source of Living Water.
TUE 19	PRAY for the many local pastors who are working to connect with their congregations by radio. In partnership with the Asia Pacific Region, we produced a training guide for new and experienced preaching on-air, with extra detail due to the coronavirus. This was translated into French and Portuguese by our partners at Radio Africa Network and sent to 600 individuals and ministries throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. Reach Beyond New Zealand is currently producing a training video with the same content that will also be dubbed into French and Portuguese. Pray these resources would be a blessing to the pastors and radio stations.
WED 20	PRAY as we continue contacting our partners to show support and check how they are doing. We are also collecting ideas from partners on how they are responding to the pandemic and sharing those ideas with our partners.
THU 21	PRAY for the creation of a training video for pastors on the subject of, "How to share a message with your congregation using your smartphone." Many are doing this when the internet allows them, but often it is not done especially well. Pray that this training will enable pastors to better connect and communicate the Gospel with their congregation.
FRI 22	PRAY for Northern Mozambique, where we have two partner stations. Fundamentalists in the area have warned of impending attacks on people of non-Muslim faith. Pray for softened hearts and protection.
SAT & SUN 23-24	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Serer-Sine Country: Senegal Population: 1.47 million Language: Serer-Sine Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.81% The Serer-Sine, also known as the Sereer, have built their society upon strong family ties and tradition. Farmers and herders, the Sereer live on a subsistence basis, relying on good crop yields for a prosperous year. Most Sereer adhere to traditional beliefs, while some have converted to Islam or Roman Catholicism. All systems of belief among the Sereer, including Muslims, Catholics and Animists, use a type of charm that is worn to bless the wearer. Unlike other people groups in Senegal, Sereer face little persecution for turning to other faiths. Pray that this openness would allow the Sereer to find true freedom in Christ.
Week 4: MAY 25-31 – PRAY FOR THE U.S. CHURCH AND MISSION ENGAGEMENT	
MON 25	PRAISE God for our ongoing church partnerships. We thank the Lord for the different ways we are able to work together with churches to spread the Gospel among the least reached peoples of the world. Pray that God would bless these partnerships and that it would result in more people and resources going to the mission field.
TUE 26	PRAY for many planned upcoming appointee and candidate trips. With these unprecedented and uncertain times, we are having to reconsider many of these trips. Pray for future opportunities to be shown.
WED 27	PRAY for churches that have been heavily impacted by COVID-19. Pray for healing and comfort.
THU 28	PRAY for pastors as they lead through these uncertain times. Pray that God would give them wisdom and encouragement.
FRI 29	PRAY for a spiritual awakening in the United States and a renewed passion for global missions.
SAT & SUN 30-31	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Bashkir Country: Russia Population: 1.6 million Language: Bashkort Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 1.10% The Bashkirs are a Turkic people who primarily live in the Ural Mountains of Bashkirtia, Russia. Some also live in the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. The Bashkirs are very closely related to the Russian Tatars. The only distinction is that their languages differ in dialect. The Bashkirs speak Bashkir; however, even today, many have declared Tatar as their native language. In the past, the Bashkirs were nomadic shepherds. Today, the village itself is regarded as the key to their social structure. The only national schools that are available to the Bashkir children are those within their national boundaries. Similarly, the only printing press in their language is located within their region. Pray for the creation of the Bible and other Christian materials to be translated into their heart language, and for their dissemination.