

## JOIN US IN PRAYER - MAY 2021

<b>SAT &amp; SUN 1-2</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Sama Sindhi</b> <b>Country:</b> Pakistan   <b>Population:</b> 2.5 million   <b>Language:</b> Sindhi   <b>Main Religion:</b> Muslim   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Sama Sindhi are a group of Muslims in Pakistan, many of whom moved from India during the partition of 1947. All Sindhi were originally Hindu or Buddhist, however many converted to Islam in the early 8th century. The Sama Sindhi claim to be descendants of the Samma Dynasty who once ruled over the Indus Valley and West India. The Sindhi, unlike other Muslims, tend to organize society in castes based on clan and occupation, and do not marry outside their caste. Rural Sindhi combine Muslim and Hindu practices with traditional beliefs in folk spirits. Pray for opportunities for believers to go, work, live and share the Gospel with this unreached people group. Pray for opportunities for the Sindhi to see the Jesus Film or hear the Gospel, and that many would choose to follow Him.
<b>Week 1:</b>	<b>MAY 3-9 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE EURASIA</b>
<b>MON 3</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a Reach Beyond missionary family who ministers in medical caravans and is beginning preparation for a summer home ministry assignment. Pray for effective ministry among unreached people who live near the local landfill where they earn a living off of what they can find.
<b>TUE 4</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the local school for missionary children that has urgent needs for teachers and staff for the coming year. The school really needs some miraculous things to happen to meet this need.
<b>WED 5</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the ladies group that meets each Wednesday at the home of one of our missionaries for lunch and a time in Scripture. Pray that through discipleship this group would grow in their relationship with the Lord.
<b>THU 6</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for protection and favor for missionaries who are providing medical training to community health workers from clinics in rural areas where there is no doctor.
<b>FRI 7</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the opportunity to train local residents in Western medical practices at a clinic run by Reach Beyond missionaries. Pray for the medical residents who are hearing about Jesus through life-on-life interactions with our missionaries.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 8-9</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Bosniak</b> <b>Country:</b> Bosnia-Herzegovina   <b>Population:</b> 1.6 million   <b>Language:</b> Bosnian   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.03% The Bosniaks have had a tumultuous history having been conquered by the Romans, invaded by the Slavs, ruled by the Ottoman and later Austro-Hungarian Empire, before becoming part of Yugoslavia. Many tragic events throughout their history, including ethnic cleansing, have left deep scars and ongoing hatred between groups that once intermingled peacefully. Wars caused many Bosniaks to flee for safety in the West. While the Roman Catholic and Orthodox church once had great influence, today most Bosniaks are Sunni Muslim. Their Islamic identity however has more to do with cultural roots than religious beliefs. Pray that God would soften their hearts towards Christians and that they would be receptive to hearing the Gospel. Pray for the missionaries working in the country as well as the few believers. Pray that they would demonstrate God's compassionate love and forgiveness that can heal even the deepest hurts.
<b>Week 2:</b>	<b>MAY 10-16 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA</b>
<b>MON 10</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for one of our partner stations in northern Ghana who broadcasts in a predominantly Muslim area. Just before Ramadan, a storm blew off the top half of their radio tower, taking the station off-air. Praise God that our engineer Alfred was able to travel there the next day with some spare parts and get them back on the air. Pray for funding to replace the tower to its optimal height.
<b>TUE 11</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that we have been able to purchase solar power equipment for our partner station in northeast Madagascar. Electricity in rural Madagascar is often unreliable and very expensive. Please pray for the smooth transportation and installation of this equipment that will allow the station to stay on the air broadcasting the Gospel at full power.
<b>WED 12</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the director of our partner station in northeast Madagascar and his family. His young daughter passed away from a brain tumor in April, and his wife is due to give birth this month.
<b>THU 13</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for an invitation by local leaders for one of our partners to start a new radio station in northern Sierra Leone. Pray as we help them complete the installation of the new station. Pray that God's Word, His forgiveness, and His grace would bring transformation to these communities.
<b>FRI 14</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for a listener who contacted one of our partner stations, Radio Divine Grace, to ask for prayer because she was barren. For three years, she sought help and had spent all of her money. One of the station's presenters prayed with her, and God answered. That same month, she conceived. When she went into labor, she called a local church, and they prayed. Her delivery was difficult, but she still gave birth to healthy twin boys. The next Sunday, she came to church where she accepted Jesus. Her whole extended family now recognizes that this was the work of God. Pray that many more will come to follow Jesus through her testimony.

<b>SAT &amp; SUN 15-16</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Sakalava</b> <b>Country:</b> Madagascar   <b>Population:</b> 1.9 million   <b>Language:</b> Sakalava   <b>Main Religion:</b> Ethnic Religions   <b>Evangelical:</b> 1.8% The Sakalava are semi-nomadic cattle ranchers, fisherman and rice farmers who live on the west coast of Madagascar. The Sakalava were known for their seafaring skills and were the first to receive firearms from the Europeans in exchange for cattle and slaves. During the 18th and 19th centuries the Sakalava captured slaves from Madagascar and East Africa. Sakalava culture revolves around the respect and honor of both living and dead Sakalava royalty. They believe that their ancestors live on a nearby sacred island. The Sakalava believe in a remote creator god, who can be reached through ancestral spirits and human mediums. Spirit possession is sought after and witchcraft and sorcery are widely practiced. Pray that God would open their eyes to see Jesus—who conquered death and offers them freedom from all of the taboos and fears that rule their daily life. Pray that the Sakalava will find new life through Christ.
<b>Week 3:</b>	<b>MAY 17-23 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC</b>
<b>MON 17</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for a government permit for a new radio station in Indonesia. Pray for this station as it begins reaching a key people group who need to hear the message of hope and truth.
<b>TUE 18</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the AP media team as they explore media strategies to reach refugees from an unreached people group. Pray for wisdom in finding the right producers, media content, and delivery platforms.
<b>WED 19</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that one of our partners in Nepal was granted a permit by the government for a new radio station. This station will create programming specifically for a marginalized people group in the country.
<b>THU 20</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that one of our missionaries, Hannah, was able to get a visa from the government that allows her to stay longer in that country. Praise God that she was also able to get vaccinated for COVID-19, which is essential for her healthcare ministry serving among refugees.
<b>FRI 21</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for favor from governments for pending applications for new radio stations. Pray that our missionaries would be able to help with the planning of new stations remotely, and for the ability to continue support of existing stations throughout the region.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 22-23</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Sasak</b> <b>Country:</b> Indonesia   <b>Population:</b> 3.5 million   <b>Language:</b> Sasak   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.01% The Sasak are predominately found on the Lombok Island, which is just east of Bali. Most are farmers, while others work as fisherman or craftsman. Some Sasak are highly skilled in making weavings or earthenware items that are sold to tourists and exported abroad. Almost all Sasak are Muslims. Each year, many of them will go to great lengths and personal sacrifice to travel to Mecca. They know that by completing the Haj, they will be highly honored by family and neighbors for the rest of their lives. Many Sasak people continue to worship spirits of ancestors and spirits who live in the forest, mountains or rivers. They also try to appease evil spirits with offerings of food, flowers and incense. Pray for church-planting efforts among the Sasak. Pray that they would recognize that Jesus is more powerful than the evil spirits that they fear, and that He alone is the one they should worship.
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>MAY 24-30 – PRAY FOR U.S. CHURCH PARTNERS</b>
<b>MON 24</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our church partners across the United States. COVID-19 has affected all of our churches in various ways. Pray that God would give church leaders the perseverance and clarity to continue leading their congregations well through these unique times.
<b>TUE 25</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for unity in the churches with whom we partner. Where the enemy wants to divide and break apart, pray that these communities come together, seek to understand, and move in their cities to be the voice and hands of Jesus.
<b>WED 26</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the upcoming trips we're hoping to take with one of our church partners. We are beginning to plan two mission trips with them this fall to Greece. Pray for travel to be possible, for health, and for the necessary financial partners to join them.
<b>THU 27</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for Sunday School classes that support the work of Reach Beyond! Many groups are gathering in churches to grow closer to God, learn about world missions, and engage in the Great Commission together. Pray that God would bless their communities.
<b>FRI 28</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the Gospel to continue to move into the neighborhoods and cities surrounding our churches in America. Pray for laborers from these churches to come together to reach people through service and relationships.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 29-30</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Maratha (Maharatta)</b> <b>Country:</b> India   <b>Population:</b> 30.8 million   <b>Language:</b> Marathi   <b>Main Religion:</b> Hinduism   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Maratha are a proud people who consider themselves as belonging to the upper class of rural society. The Maratha live throughout all of India, with the largest concentrations around Mumbai. As members of the "kunbi" (farmer) caste, almost all Maharatta own land and raise crops. They are somewhat liberal in comparison to other castes in India. Arranged marriage is not strictly enforced as long as they marry someone who is Maratha or from the higher Brahmin caste. Most Marathas worship Shiva "the Destroyer" who they believe is the supreme lord who creates, protects and transforms the universe. Pray that the Maratha would come to know our heavenly father who created and sustains the world. Pray that they would choose to follow Jesus and that they would find eternal hope in Him.
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>MAY 31 – PRAY FOR SHARE ENGLISH</b>
<b>MON 31</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the huge increase in the number of downloads of the ShareEnglish mobile app by people from the Middle East. Pray that these new listeners would not only improve their English language speaking and listening skills, but that they would also experience hope as they listen to programs created from a Christian worldview. (ShareEnglish is the new name for the English Conversation Project.)

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