

## JOIN US IN PRAYER - MAY 2022

<b>SUN 1</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Dai Zhuang</b> <b>Country:</b> China   <b>Population:</b> 111,000   <b>Language:</b> Zhuang, Dai   <b>Main Religion:</b> Ethnic Religions   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.14% The Dai Zhuang have a rich and colorful culture with records dating back to the first century. They have their own calendar, which started in 638 A.D., and books showing how to calculate solar and lunar eclipses. The Dai Zhuang typically live in homes built on stilts and are highly skilled in agriculture and irrigation techniques. They are a superstitious people and are careful to not offend the spirit world that surrounds them—in the water, the forest and the mountains. A newly married woman will stay with her parents until after the birth of her first child. Only then does she go to live with her husband in his village. Pray that the Dai Zhuang would recognize Jesus as the Creator of all the world around them. Pray for many opportunities for believers to share their faith with the Dai Zhuang.
<b>Week 1: MAY 2-6 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES</b>	
<b>MON 2</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Andre*, a Russian Reach Beyond worker and his family as they navigate the impact of the war on their ministry. Pray for their future plans and that the Lord would guide them clearly. *Name changed for security reasons.
<b>TUE 3</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Dan and Sheryl Shedd as they seek answers on how to best deal with Dan's cancer treatment since hormone therapy is not working. The Shedd's are thankful they can serve at the Colorado Springs office and still be actively involved with several ministries in Ecuador where they lived and served for many years.
<b>WED 4</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God with Martha Craymer and fellow workers for the group of believers that are meeting as a new church in Chillanes, Ecuador. Pray for Amable, the Ecuadorian missionary pastor, that he will have wisdom in guiding these believers as the church is organized.
<b>THU 5</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the volunteers who will serving at Reach Beyond's North Africa/Middle East office in May and June. Pray that God would encourage, equip and ready their hearts for their time in the region. Pray that God will use them to accomplish all that He has prepared in advance for them to do. Continue to pray that God would send more people of His choosing to serve in this region.
<b>FRI 6</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Toffer and Becky King and their family as they present their ministry and Reach Beyond at multiple services at their church throughout the month of May. Pray for the Lord to bring people to join their prayer team as well as their financial support team.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 7-8</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Yadav Gaoli</b> <b>Country:</b> India   <b>Population:</b> 5,700,000   <b>Language:</b> Hindi (and many others)   <b>Main Religion:</b> Hindu   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Yadav Gaoli are well known as cattle farmers and producers of dairy products that they often deliver directly to people's homes. As devout Hindus, they do not sell or eat beef. The Yadav claim ties to the Hindu god Krishna, who was a herdsman. They are easy to identify since their name always includes "Yadav." Like most people groups in India, young Yadav are increasingly having to look beyond traditional occupations for work. There are no known believers among the Yadav Gaoli. Pray that they would hear the Gospel through radio and mass media, and that God would open doors for believers to share the Good News with the Yadav Gaoli. Pray that they would recognize Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who wants to care for them and loves them more than they can ever imagine.
<b>Week 2: MAY 9-13 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND LEADERSHIP</b>	
<b>MON 9</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for each member of the Reach Beyond Board of Trustees who have given of their time, resources and wisdom to oversee the ministry. Pray for them as they fix their eyes on Jesus and seek His leading as they prepare for the board meetings this week.
<b>TUE 10</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for President Daniel Enns, Vice Presidents Roger Basick and Dave Jolly, as they continually work with the team of directors to discern God's leading for the ministry. Pray as they seek God by faith and that He will strengthen and fill them with His wisdom.
<b>WED 11</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the Board committees that meet today. Pray that they would not lean on their own understanding but trust the Lord to provide guidance and direct their steps.
<b>THU 12</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the Reach Beyond Board as they meet together virtually for the semi-annual board meetings today. Pray for divine wisdom and understanding, and for a spirit of unity as they make decisions.
<b>FRI 13</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for His faithfulness in sustaining the work of Reach Beyond. Pray that He will continue to raise up leaders who know Jesus intimately as the Good Shepherd who leads them as they care for those under them. Pray that they would always hear His voice.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 14-15</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Tegue Bozo</b> <b>Country:</b> Mali   <b>Population:</b> 296,000   <b>Language:</b> Teyaxo   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.0% The Bozo are named for the temporary straw huts they build when fishing along the Niger river in Mali. Besides fishing, many Tegue Bozo work in rice fields along the river delta. The Tegue Bozo are a highly communal group with the clan chief living in the center of the village. They are a patriarchal society. Tegue Bozo bachelors live in special huts until they are married, after which they will go back and live with the husband's family. Islam has only been the main religion for a couple of generations and has largely been in addition to their long-standing animistic traditions and worldview. Colonialism left a poor impression of Christianity on the Tegue. Pray that believers from neighboring tribes would be able to demonstrate Christ's love in a way that would open Tegue hearts to the truth of Jesus Christ. Pray that the Tegue would identify with Jesus's disciples who were fisherman like them, and that they too would choose to follow Jesus.

<b>Week 3: MAY 16-20 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA</b>	
<b>MON 16</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for a successful 18-month training project in Central Asia for rural mid-level medical providers that will be completed in May. As a result of this project, God has provided opportunities for our local partners to enter two villages and continue with further community development projects. Pray as they develop and build deeper relationships in these unreached communities.
<b>TUE 17</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that we have been invited to train another group of rural mid-level medical providers in another area in Central Asia. Pray that the government would grant all of the necessary permissions and for good participation that would open even more doors to build relationships in this new rural area.
<b>WED 18</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the situation in Ukraine and the possible effects of economic sanctions and refugees on Central Asia. In one of the countries where we work, 60% of all medications originate in Russia and Ukraine.
<b>THU 19</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for a new ultrasound machine the medical team was able to purchase for use with the mobile clinics in Central Asia. Pray for God to send more medical workers to join the various medical projects in this region.
<b>FRI 20</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for teachers and administrators to come and serve at the international school in Central Asia where Reach Beyond children attend. Pray that God would call those who have a heart for education and working with third culture kids to join long-term.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 21-22</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Lembak</b> <b>Country:</b> Indonesia   <b>Population:</b> 240,000   <b>Language:</b> Col   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Lembak are known by a variety of different names based on where they live. However, people living around them call them the “Cul” people since the word “cul” in the local language means “no”. Lembak society is largely involved in farming rice, coffee, rubber and some local fruits. They tend to give away much of their crops since they would be ashamed to charge relatives for food. If a Lembak chooses to move away from their traditional home for work, they will always take two relatives with them. The Lembak are Muslims but continue to hold to traditional animistic beliefs and practices. They blame the unseen spirits living around them for sickness and turn to rituals to cast out evil spirits. There are very few believers among the Lembak. Pray that this people group would no longer be resistant to the Gospel. Pray for church-planting efforts in areas around where the Lembak live. Pray that the recently translated portions of Scripture would open their eyes to see the light of the Gospel and that they would choose to follow Jesus.
<b>Week 4: MAY 23-27 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES OF REACH BEYOND SWEDEN</b>	
<b>MON 23</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for a young man from Sweden who wants to work in Central Asia. Research and networking activities are ongoing to find the right place for him to take part in growing God’s kingdom in this part of the world. Pray for guidance for him and for Reach Beyond Sweden as they support him through this process.
<b>TUE 24</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a young co-worker in the East whose 1-year-old daughter was just diagnosed with leukemia. They have had to go to the capital city for a two-year treatment. Pray for full healing of the daughter. Pray for emotional and financial support for the family who are somewhat isolated due to travel challenges.
<b>WED 25</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for our partners in Central Asia who are planning women’s conferences this summer in parts of the country where they have not worked before. Pray that these conferences will provide encouragement to both the participants and our partners.
<b>THU 26</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the new radio contract signed with a local FM station in Russia. Pray that the radio programs will guide people into understanding God’s love during these difficult times.
<b>FRI 27</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our partners in Russia, that they may stay faithful to the Gospel despite the fact that we are currently unable to meet them or provide any financial support. Pray that we can find new ways to support them, both financially and as brothers and sisters in the Lord.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 28-29</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Socotran</b> <b>Country:</b> Yemen   <b>Population:</b> 113,000   <b>Language:</b> Soqotri   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Socotran live on the island of Socotra off the east coast of Somalia and the Horn of Africa. They descended from a mix of Greek, Portuguese, African and Arab people. The Socotran speak a version of a language used for centuries in pre-Islamic Arabia. Tradition says that the apostle Thomas originally brought the Gospel to the island, but Christianity had completely disappeared by 1680. Portions of Scripture were translated in the early 1900s, yet sharing the Gospel is extremely difficult since the island is only accessible by permission from the Yemeni military. In addition, there are no regular flights and the island is inaccessible by boat for four months each year. Pray that God, in His miraculous way, would open a door for believers to live and work on the island. Pray that God would re-establish a thriving and vibrant church among the Socotran that would be a beacon of light in the region.
<b>Week 5: MAY 30-31 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES</b>	
<b>MON 30</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Reach Beyond children who are continually adapting to the joys and challenges of being third culture kids. Pray that they have the support and encouragement of their families and communities as they navigate identity challenges and various emotional needs.
<b>TUES 31</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the opportunity Robbyn has to care for her mother while still being involved with the work in Spain, Middle East and Africa. Pray for Robbyn and her mother, Imogene, whose Parkinson’s and dementia are becoming progressively more challenging to care for and resolve in every day issues. Praise God for hospice that cares for Imogene a couple hours every week and for weekly nurses visits so she doesn’t need to be transported for medical care. Please pray for wisdom and stamina for the family during this stage of life.

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