

## JOIN US IN PRAYER – MAY 2023

Week 1: MAY 1-5 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
<b>MON 1</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Andy as he travels to Mozambique this month as a short-term volunteer to train a media partner in recording and production techniques. The studio is located at a YWAM base in Nampula and currently records Scripture and teaching materials into local languages. Andy will be helping them improve their ability to record local Christian music.
<b>TUE 2</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the new church started in northern Sierra Leone where most of the congregation have come to faith through the ministry of our partner radio station. Tess and Benjamin visited the radio station in April and gave training to their staff. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen the team at the station and grow that wonderful ministry.
<b>WED 3</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Wim, Alfred, Adeline, and Alex who will be facilitating a community development conference in northern Ghana later this month. The conference will help our media partners in the Sahel region who wish to develop or begin working in community development. The group will also be visiting Islamic communities in the area where new water well projects are being planned.
<b>THU 4</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the Sub-Saharan Africa training team who will be attending a Christian media conference in Asia. Pray this would be a great time of encouragement and skill development. Pray it would also lead to opportunities for new ministry relationships and partnerships.
<b>FRI 5</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the station upgrades that we are planning for our partner in Madagascar. The improvements will help them broadcast longer during cyclone-related power cuts and enable them to broadcast with a stronger signal.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 6-7</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Digo</b> <b>Country:</b> Kenya   <b>Population:</b> 451,000   <b>Language:</b> Chidigo   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.05% The Digo are one of nine Bantu tribes that make up the Mijikenda (“nine towns”). They live along the southern coastal strip of Kenya, between Mombasa and the Tanzanian border. Most Digo are farmers or fishermen. For many years, the Digo traded with Arab merchants, resulting in a comparatively high standard of living. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, the Digo experienced major famine and began the practice of giving themselves or their children as temporary collateral for food. Many could not pay back their debts and became slaves. Many Digo slaves taken to Mombasa converted to Islam to obtain their freedom. Today, the Digo practice folk Islam with animism, ancestor worship, and blood sacrifices heavily influencing their practice. Few have studied Islam or the Koran closely. These beliefs combined with economic self-sufficiency and materialism make them difficult to reach. Ask God to soften their hearts and set them free from sin and death. Pray that God will embolden and equip the Kenyan church to reach the Digo.
Week 2: MAY 8-12 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC	
<b>MON 8</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for God’s protection over our partner’s radio stations in the region. Pray that God would keep equipment from failing and grant wisdom to our team as they determine when and how best to repair things. Pray for one station whose radio tower was downed because of a groundskeeping accident. Pray that their insurance would cover the cost of rebuilding the tower.
<b>TUE 9</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our Asia Pacific team as they meet together in the region. Ask for God’s wisdom and direction as they pray, prepare, and plan for ministry in the coming year. Praise God for the opportunity they will have to personally interact with other Reach Beyond teams and like-minded media ministries from around the world. Pray that God would divinely reveal opportunities to work together in partnership to use radio and digital media to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to unreached people.
<b>WED 10</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for David and Trevor as they travel to Nepal for the first time since the pandemic. Ask God to protect them during their trip. Pray that their meetings with media partners would renew and strengthen relationships for ministry.
<b>THU 11</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that Janice was able to do in-person radio training with several stations in Indonesia last month. Pray that the announcers would be encouraged and return to their stations with a renewed passion to share the Good News with their listeners.
<b>FRI 12</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for all of our partner radio stations including “Radio Blessings” in Thailand. Pray that their team of announcers and producers would be encouraged in the Lord, provide content that glorifies God, and demonstrate His love to their audience.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 13-14</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Hbrogpa Amdo</b> <b>Country:</b> China   <b>Population:</b> 743,000   <b>Language:</b> Amdo Tibetan   <b>Main Religion:</b> Buddhism   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.05% Cecil Pohill of China Inland Mission began reaching the Amdo of Tibet in 1888 through a mission station in Xining. Hbrogpa Amdo is the largest of the four Amdo Tibetan dialects. It is considered the “purest” form of Amdo Tibetan and is used in most literature, publications, and media. “Hbrogpa” means “nomad” or “herder” in Tibetan. Most Amdo are seminomadic herders who tend sheep, yaks, and goats, finding new pastures once new grasslands are needed. Traditionally, the vast majority of Hbrogpa Amdo are Tibetan Buddhists, but in recent years, some have started practicing Bon, a shamanistic religion that predates the introduction of Buddhism to Tibet. Multiple missions agencies existed in Amdo before the Communist takeover of China in 1949, but today, only about five small churches are known to exist in the region. Pray for the church to reach their lost brothers with news of the Good Shepherd. Pray that God would free the Hbrogpa Amdo from wandering in spiritual darkness.

<b>Week 3:</b>	<b>MAY 15-19 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA</b>
<b>MON 15</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that media partners from a closed country are able to attend a conference where we can meet in-person, something we have not been able to do in over three years. Pray that our people will be able to encourage and build up these partners who live under constant pressure because of their faith and their ministries.
<b>TUE 16</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for those who are teaching language skills to our team in a sensitive country. One of our missionaries wrote, “During my lesson today, I was able to share about Christ and how we can know God through Him. She is very open to listening and is in a bit of a crisis point in her life at the moment.”
<b>WED 17</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for providing space for a new medical clinic in a sensitive country. Thank God for a believer who purchased the entire building where local like-minded doctors can practice medicine and use the clinic as a place of influence for the Gospel.
<b>THU 18</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for two families who are planning to travel to the U.S. for Home Ministry Assignment. Pray that God would resolve all barriers that would hinder their plans. Ask God to give them rest and joyous times with their family, friends, and ministry partners.
<b>FRI 19</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Mario and the team in the Balkans as they produce various television programs. Pray for the volunteers serving as sign-language interpreters. Ask the Lord to give them the capacity to complete the remaining “My Story With God” episodes.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 20-21</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Ingush</b> <b>Country:</b> Russia   <b>Population:</b> 426,000   <b>Language:</b> Ingush   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% Since possibly before Jesus’ time, the Ingush (and their Chechen and Vainakh brothers) have built stone towers in the mountains of southern Russia. Ingush families built these three-story towers as a refuge from foreign invaders. However, these towers could not prevent Stalin from deporting the Ingush and Chechens to Central Asia during WWII nor could they stop Ossetians from settling in their traditional homelands. In 1957, the Ingush were allowed to return home but not all their lands were returned. In 1992, war between the Ingush and Ossetians failed to settle the land dispute, and a 2009 Islamic insurgency against Russia further unsettled the region. Today, the Ingush work as farmers, but unemployment is high despite a strong tourism industry in Ingushetia. Most Ingush are Sunni Muslims, and there are virtually no known Christians. Pray the Ingush find salvation and refuge in God Almighty. Pray for more workers to enter the fields and reap a bountiful harvest.
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>MAY 22-26 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST</b>
<b>MON 22</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that Robbyn was able to have knee surgery. Ask God to give her complete healing and that He would greatly improve her mobility. Pray that she would continue to be a blessing to the regions she serves.
<b>TUE 23</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a group who are preparing to launch a Trash 2 Treasure plastic recycling system in Athens, Greece. Pray also for our team who will be giving them hands-on training in Spain on setting up and operating the equipment.
<b>WED 24</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a young believer who came to Christ through the Ephraim Project, our social media outreach in the Middle East. He proclaimed his faith to his family and was thrown out and threatened. Ask God to help him find a way out of the region and to a safe place where he can freely practice his new faith.
<b>THU 25</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a team from Quest Academy who are visiting our partners in Ceuta and looking at opportunities for Arabic language media and training.
<b>FRI 26</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for those who want to engage with the Ephraim Project on social media. Governments often slow down the internet to prevent their people from meeting and befriending Christians. Pray that God would thwart their efforts and miraculously allow more people to connect and discover the truth about Him.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 27-28</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Meskhetian Turk</b> <b>Country:</b> Azerbaijan   <b>Population:</b> 109,000   <b>Language:</b> Turkish   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% A Turkish military expedition in 1578 established a permanent Turkish settlement in Meskheti, a mountainous region in southwestern Georgia. The Meskhetian Turks were highly productive farmers that provided Georgia with much produce. During WWII, Joseph Stalin ordered the Meskhetians deported to Uzbekistan, an increasingly hostile and foreign land. In 1989, anti-Meskhetian violence forced many to flee to Azerbaijan and other countries. Jobs are difficult to find despite their excellent farming skills. Meskhetians have maintained ethnic cohesion since the deportation with marriage traditions playing a significant role. Marriage partners must be from within the family community, and adoption is a common practice that introduces new blood into family communities. Most Meskhetians are Sunni Muslims who sprinkle superstition, sorcery, and magic into their practice of Islam. Pray that they would meet the Father who wants to adopt them into His family. Pray that believers would be bold and obedient in reaching Meskhetians.
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>MAY 29-31 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES</b>
<b>MON 29</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that one of our missionary kid’s friends came to know the Lord at a camp last summer. Pray for our missionaries as they continue to try engaging with his parents, who are not believers. Pray that they would soon choose to follow Jesus.
<b>TUE 30</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Alex and his family as they begin the process of renewing their three-year visas for South Africa. Ask God to give Alex wisdom and strength as he continually engages with local ministry partners all throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.
<b>WED 31</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the Cusicks as they prepare to go to Ecuador as new Reach Beyond UK missionaries serving in community development and medicine. Stewart is an engineer, and Anna-Claire is a doctor. Ask God to provide them with a team of prayer and financial partners.