

## JOIN US IN PRAYER - OCTOBER 2021

<b>Week 1:</b>	<b>OCT 1-3 – PRAY FOR COUNTRY OFFICE MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC</b>
<b>FRI 1</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our Asia Pacific team and for our national ministry partners. Pray for boldness and for perseverance in getting the Gospel to the region. Praise God for providing many unique ministry opportunities to use social media and radio to proclaim His message.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 2-3</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Gadaria</b> <b>Country:</b> India   <b>Population:</b> 6.6 million   <b>Language:</b> Hindi   <b>Main Religion:</b> Hindu   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Gadaria were literally named for their traditional occupation as shepherds of sheep. While some Gadaria continue to raise goats and cattle for milk, most are hardworking day laborers in construction and masonry work. Few Gadaria are able to read and write, so they rely on Brahmin priests to conduct rites of passage and teach traditions. There are no known Gadaria followers of Jesus. Pray that Gadaria would hear the Gospel by radio. Pray that believers in India would reach out to them so they would be able to hear the Gospel in person or watch the story of Jesus. Pray that the Gadaria would choose to follow the Good Shepherd who loves them and longs to care for them, not just as His sheep, but as His children.
<b>Week 2:</b>	<b>OCT 4-10 – PRAY FOR RADIO MINISTRIES</b>
<b>MON 4</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that our newest radio station plant is now on the air in Central Africa. Celebrate that the station's broadcasts are reaching into three countries in the region.
<b>TUES 5</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for governments who are establishing new media laws in some of the creative access countries where we are ministering (or are hoping to minister). Pray that God would keep these laws from becoming too restrictive, and that instead, they would open up new opportunities for ministry. Pray for our missionaries and partners as they determine ways to work within these new laws and regulations.
<b>WED 6</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our team in Sub-Saharan Africa as they plan for a trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to explore a radio planting opportunity. Pray that God would direct conversations and hearts as they pursue this new possibility.
<b>THU 7</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for opportunities to meet face-to-face with listeners in a creative access country! During these meetings our missionaries and partners were able to encourage listeners spiritually and hear feedback on how the station can better help spread the Gospel in this area.
<b>FRI 8</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Alfred as he travels to northern Ghana to complete the electrical installation and lightning protection for a partner radio station. Pray for physical protection for Alfred as well as for the station, which was severely damaged by fire earlier this year.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 9-10</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Isan Tai</b> <b>Country:</b> Thailand   <b>Population:</b> 18.5 million   <b>Language:</b> Northeastern Thai   <b>Main Religion:</b> Buddhism   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.27% The Isan Tai, or Lao Isan, are found throughout northeastern Thailand. This region is primarily a flat arid plain with few natural resources. Infrequent rainfall limits the production of their crops and many Isan suffer from poverty. Originally forcefully relocated from Laos, the Isan retain much of their language, beliefs, and culture. The Isan are world-reknown for their exquisite mudmee process of repeatedly dyeing silk threads, which are woven into fabric. Most follow the teaching of Buddha and seek happiness and prosperity in this life, and in their future lives through merit, with the hope of someday achieving Nirvana, or perfect peace. The Isan believe that they can earn merit by doing good deeds including feeding Buddhist monks, donating to temples, and frequent worship. Many of the Isan combine Buddhist teaching with traditional folk religion practices, including the worship of spirits and objects. Pray for God to open the Isan to hearing the Gospel. Pray for Thai believers and others who are actively seeking to share Christ with them. Pray that the Isan would choose to follow Jesus—the Prince of Peace who offers them His peace in this life, and eternal life in His presence.
<b>Week 3:</b>	<b>OCT 11-17 – PRAY FOR U.S. OFFICE MINISTRIES</b>
<b>MON 11</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for wisdom and discernment for the U.S. Leadership Team as they make day-to-day decisions concerning ministry, personnel, policy, finance, and compliance with ever-changing regulations of governments around the world. Pray for God's guidance as they consider each situation, and for His unity throughout every decision-making process.
<b>TUE 12</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our Communications Team as they convey relevant stories and reports of God at work through the ministries of our missionaries and staff. Pray for clarity, creativity, unity, and blessing as they do this work.
<b>WED 13</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our Donor Support Team as they interact with donors, churches, foundations, and trusts. Thank God for each of these partners in ministry and pray for His blessings upon them. Pray that as a result of these partnerships, God would greatly expand and build His Church around the world in the places and ways that would bring Him praise and glory.
<b>THU 14</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for staff who are committed to serving Him and serving others. Thank God for bringing together a small group of highly capable people—each with diverse skills, abilities, and perspectives to work together as a team.
<b>FRI 15</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our staff as they begin the annual budget process this month. Praise God for entrusting resources to us and allowing us to seek what God is and will be doing through the ministry of Reach Beyond in the coming year. Pray that this decision-making process will result in a budget that accurately reflects God's heart for the world and His vision for the year ahead.

<b>SAT &amp; SUN 16-17</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Tunisian Arab</b> <b>Country:</b> Tunisia   <b>Population:</b> 11 million   <b>Language:</b> Arabic, Tunisian Spoken   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% Tunisia has a rich history of Phoenician, Roman, and Byzantine culture. A strong Christian church was established there in the first few centuries after Christ, but disappeared soon after. Virtually all Tunisian Arabs are Muslim, however the country is largely secular and many Tunisians seldom, if ever, go to a mosque. Tunisians place a high value on family. They are friendly and known for their hospitality. Nearly 40% of Tunisians are under the age of 25, and they are highly educated. Lack of employment in the country led to an overthrow of the government in 2011, and the beginning of the Arab Spring. Pray for God to strengthen, encourage, protect, and multiply the small number of Tunisian Arab believers. Pray for completion of Bible translation work in this language. Pray that entire Tunisian families would come to faith and choose to follow Jesus. Pray that God would establish churches in every city and village in the country.
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>OCT 18-24 – PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES</b>
<b>MON 18</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries and the family God has given them. Pray for those raising children and/or parenting from afar. Pray that God would give them wisdom and strength in every situation as they care for, love, and shepherd their family.
<b>TUE 19</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries' relationships with neighbors and members of their community. Pray that as they demonstrate Jesus' love in their everyday lives, God would orchestrate conversations and opportunities to share the hope they have found in Christ.
<b>WED 20</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries' relationships with co-workers and local ministry partners. Pray that God would continue to build unity within each of these diverse teams, so that by working together, they can more effectively spread the Gospel.
<b>THU 21</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries' relationships and communications with churches, supporters and prayer partners. Praise God for His faithfulness, and pray for His continued provision for our missionaries' every need.
<b>FRI 22</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our missionaries who are caring for aging parents, and for those missionaries who are unable to be near family because of their assignments. Pray for God's wisdom and strength in dealing with each of these relationships and circumstances.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 23-24</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Teli (Muslim traditions)</b> <b>Country:</b> Pakistan   <b>Population:</b> 2.47 million   <b>Language:</b> Western Punjabi   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.0% The Teli's name is derived from the Sanskrit word for oil pressed from seeds. The Muslim Teli of Punjab claim to have descended from Baba Hasu, the inventor of the oil press. The Teli trace their ancestral roots back to the Biblical Job, and to Luqman, who they believe was an oil extractor for King David. Some Teli continue to press oil from sesame and mustard seeds, but many have started other small businesses, or work raising cash crops. There are very few followers of Christ among the Teli. Pray that all Teli would come to know God in the way that King David and Job did—a loving God who offers forgiveness and new life in Him. Pray that they would recognize Jesus as God's son and believe in Him as their Personal Savior, and that He would establish a strong church among the Teli.
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>OCT 25-31– PRAY FOR MEDICAL MINISTRIES</b>
<b>MON 25</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the 850 people who were seen during one of our medical caravans in a creative access country. Many more caravans are lined up for the coming months in partnership with churches and ministries. Pray that God would use this ministry to develop relationships and share His truth.
<b>TUE 26</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our team in Sub-Saharan Africa as they visit a community development partner in Northern Benin to train their new staff and visit some clean water well projects. We've been highly encouraged by ministry opportunities in this area and are excited to see how God will continue to use these projects to provide for people physically and spiritually.
<b>WED 27</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our community development partner in Central Asia. Some government regulations are coming that will complicate how we can support them. Pray that God would loosen these restrictions and provide new opportunities to share the Gospel there.
<b>THU 28</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God and join us in thanking Him for Betty Van Engen who will be retiring after 41 years of faithful ministry in Ecuador. Betty served in numerous medical ministry roles at Hospital Vozandes-Quito, and more recently as a counselor to radio listeners, and mentor to prospective Latin American missionaries. Pray for Betty's transition into retirement near family in South Florida, and pray that the Lord would continue to guide her in His perfect path, just as He has done all throughout her life.
<b>FRI 29</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the churches and pastors who are partnering with our medical caravan ministries in a creative access country. Pray that God would orchestrate encounters for these pastors to counsel, encourage and pray for people who are hurting. Pray that God would create opportunities to share the Gospel, and that as a result, many families and even whole communities would choose to follow Jesus.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 30-31</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs   PRAY for the Aimaq</b> <b>Country:</b> Afghanistan   <b>Population:</b> 1.6 million   <b>Language:</b> Aimaq   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.00% The Aimaq people were once known as a nomadic people who were formidable warriors. Drought and war forced them into a semi-nomadic and largely subsistent life as herders, farmers and carpet weavers. The Aimaq people consist of some six tribes and over 250 sub-tribes. Fewer are speaking the Aimaq language today—preferring instead to speak dialects of Dari mixed with words of Mongol and Turkic origin. Tribal customs remain strong, and tribal laws by village leaders usually supersede government and even some Islamic rules. Pray for God to make His Gospel known to the Aimaq in the ways and places of His choosing, whether in Afghanistan or as refugees in other countries. Pray that God would use these uncertain times to communicate His steadfast love and faithful presence.

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