

JOIN US IN PRAYER – OCTOBER 2023

Week 1:	OCTOBER 2-6 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC
MON 2	PRAY for David as he visits a key partner in Asia during the first week of October. Pray for the ability to encourage these diligent media teams and gain further insight into how to best serve the partner and the gospel in this unreached country.
TUE 3	PRAY for three partner stations that are currently off-air. Ask God to provide two reliable, locally available transmitters and that they will be installed quickly and without problems. Pray for wisdom in finding and fixing the issues at the third station.
WED 4	PRAY for Rachel as she continues developing and applying her language skills. Pray for creativity, boldness, and language proficiency as she shares Bible stories with women from an unreached people group. Ask God to soften the hearts and open the eyes of these women.
THU 5	PRAY for Trevor's language study and workload. Ask God to help him effectively balance his time as he studies and assists partners with various technical issues.
FRI 6	PRAY for Sam as he visits Trevor for two weeks to help with engineering projects. Pray this help would be an encouragement and they would be able to make significant progress in many projects.
SAT & SUN 7-8	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Xiang Country: China Population: 35,647,000 Language: Xiang Main Religion: Ethnic Religions Evangelical: 2% The Xiang (Hunanese) are a Han people with a long history and proud traditions. They are known for their operas and hot, spicy dishes. In the past, Xiang women possessed their own writing system which no man could read. Traditionally, the Chinese people recognize the Xiang as the nation's proudest and most stubborn people, and they have strongly resisted the Gospel. Many engage in traditional religious practices, such as superstition and ancestor worship. Today, they constitute China's largest unreached people group and the largest unreached people in the world without a complete Bible translation. In some places, traditional Xiang is still spoken, but in others, it is increasingly influenced by Mandarin. Pray for completion of a Xiang Bible. Ask God to soften the hearts of the Xiang to the Gospel and to give them a spiritual hunger that will lead them to Him.
Week 2:	OCTOBER 9-13 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
MON 9	PRAY for upcoming training opportunities in the Ivory Coast and Zambia. The Sub-Saharan Africa team will be providing various partners with radio and security training as well as an Africa by Radio conference workshop. The team will also work with Allen Graham (HCJB2 in Ecuador) to provide a training course for trainers.
TUE 10	PRAISE God for Joseph's recent radio training trip to Sierra Leone. The students learned about content creation, radio skills, and presentation techniques as well as the connection between Jesus and journalism in the Bible and the fundamentals of journalism and evangelism. Praise God that the church of new believers meeting at the station is outgrowing the space.
WED 11	PRAY as our team works on a solar power project for a partner radio station that broadcasts to the North Betsimisaraka people, an unreached people group in Madagascar. The project will reduce the station's reliance on the expensive and unreliable local power grid. Praise God for a young man who came to faith through listening to the station and has since become one of their announcers. Pray that God would use the station and this young man to help lead many more people to Jesus.
THU 12	PRAISE God for a successful online training course on using smartphones for ministry. Over 20 trainees attended, representing radio ministries from across Africa. "We want to give God all thanks and praises for taking us through this great month of learning amazing things to improve our work daily as we strive to win lost souls for Christ."
FRI 13	PRAY for the ongoing studio construction for a new radio station in Chad. Praise God that the roof is now complete! This new station will be strategically located to proclaim truth and light to a large unreached people group.
SAT & SUN 14-15	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Tigre Country: Eritrea Population: 757,000 Language: Tigre Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.06% The Tigre are a Habesha (Abyssinian) people who are descendants of ancient Egyptians, Bejas, and Arabs. They live in Eritrea's northern highlands and western lowlands. Many are nomads and raise sheep, goats, cattle, and camels, while some farm in small villages. They enjoy tobacco, coffee, and beer, and the women like jewelry made with silver or pearls. Parents arrange marriages for their children, but wedding traditions vary by tribe. The Tigre practice folk Islam. Drought, famine, and civil war have caused suffering and dependence on government aid. Ask God to open their eyes to the darkness around them. Pray that they will find hope in Christ. Pray for the establishment of a deeply rooted and reproducing church. Ask Him to encourage, strengthen, embolden, and protect Tigre Christians. Pray for completion of an audio Bible as Tigre has no written script.

Week 3:	OCTOBER 16-20 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA
MON 16	PRAY for the development of a clinic in the capital of a Central Asian country. Ask God for wisdom to develop a sustainable business and ministry model. Pray for funding and more patients. Ask God to provide the right physicians and medical personnel from among local believers.
TUE 17	PRAY for our team in Central Asia that conducts regular medical caravans into the countryside. Pray for new opportunities and the ability to travel to places to use medicine to support local believer fellowships.
WED 18	PRAY for God's favor as the Central Asia team navigates legal and governmental challenges. Pray for the right documents to be approved speedily and for favor from local officials.
THU 19	PRAY for a Central Asia clinic as they pursue the ability to provide Western-style physical therapy to their patients. This is a rare treatment method in Central Asia. Ask God to bring the right people to make this a reality.
FRI 20	PRAY for God to open doors for a Central Asia clinic to be accepted in the local community. Ask for favor, openness, and curiosity about Christianity among residents in the surrounding neighborhoods as the team engages with them.
SAT & SUN 21-22	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Avar Country: Russia Population: 1,012,000 Language: Avar Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.01% The Avar call themselves "Ma'arulal", meaning "free mountaineers who inhabit the highest lands" and are the largest, most powerful people in Dagestan. Both before and after the Russians came, they have been the leaders of Dagestan's 34 people groups. Imam Shamil, probably the most famous Avar, led Dagestan in the Islamic resistance against a Russian invasion in the first half of the 1800s. Like their neighbors, the Muslim Avar possess a strong sense of honor and shame with little understanding of grace. This has led to an increasing cycle of violence between Muslim power factions, thwarting economic prosperity. While still Muslims, many Avars mix traditional religious practices into their worship. Pray that a desire for peace will open the door for God's grace to take root among the Avar. Ask God to establish a bold, reproducing Avar church. Pray for completion of an Avar Bible.
Week 4:	OCTOBER 23-27 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST
MON 23	PRAISE God for a good turnout for the Inspira 2023 evangelistic event. Pray for the 40 to 50 people who made commitments or re-dedications to Christ and for the follow-up of local churches.
TUE 24	PRAY that God will grant Janine safe travels to Spain this month. Pray that God will go before her and that her visit will be productive as she works with the North Africa/Middle East team.
WED 25	PRAISE God for a Canadian couple that will be volunteering with us this month on a short-term basis. Ask God to position and use them mightily and strategically.
THU 26	PRAY for the Ephraim Project volunteers as they engage daily with Muslim friends seeking to know more about Jesus. We are thankful for the trust they have in us to share about their daily lives.
FRI 27	PRAISE God for a volunteer from Mexico as she serves with the team for three months starting in October. Ask God to grant her wisdom and discernment as she considers full-time ministry with us.
SAT & SUN 28-29	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS Shawiya Berber Country: Algeria Population: 2,939,000 Language: Tachawit Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Shawiya, a Berber people, call themselves "Imazighen," or "free and noble men." They are a shrewd, proud, and independent people who often show great persistence, loyalty, and hospitality. They live in close-knit villages, and most are shepherds or farmers. The Shawiya live on the Aures Plateau in the Atlas Mountains of Algeria and Tunisia, the part of North Africa known as the Maghrib. From their mountain home, they successfully repelled invasions by the Romans, Vandals, Byzantines, and Arabs. A Muslim conquest in the late 7th century finally succeeded, and today, most Shawiya practice Islam mixed with traditional religious practices. After Algeria gained independence from France, Christian missionaries were expelled, and evangelism was banned. Opposition to the Gospel is still intense. Pray for God to open the doors of Algeria to the preaching of the Gospel. Ask Him to raise up a strong Shawiya church and for completion of a Shawiya Bible translation.
Week 5:	OCTOBER 30-31 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES AND STAFF
MON 30	PRAY for Robbyn who faithfully manages the finances of the Sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa/Middle East regions despite different health challenges that she is facing. Pray for healing as she recovers from major surgery.
TUE 31	PRAY for Alfred in Ghana as he invests in training Leslie, a young believer and aspiring technician. Ask God to give him wisdom as he teaches her. Praise God for his willingness to invest in the next generation.

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