

JOIN US IN PRAYER - SEPTEMBER 2021

Week 1: SEP 1-5 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN NORTH AFRICA / MIDDLE EAST	
WED 1	PRAY for us and our national ministry partners. Pray for boldness and for perseverance in getting the Gospel to the nations. God has provided many unique ministry opportunities for this team to use social media and radio to proclaim His message.
THU 2	PRAISE God for several interested candidates for the position of station manager at Radio Vida. Pray for God's wisdom and direction in this process.
FRI 3	PRAISE God for His provision through generous partners during a time when many have faced burdens because of COVID-19. Praise God that we are able to continue the work He has given us.
SAT & SUN 4-5	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Hazara Country: Afghanistan Population: 3.8 million Language: Hazaragi Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.03% The Hazara are set apart from fellow Afghans by religion and mixed ethnicity, and they have faced persecution and hardships for it. Their traditional homeland lies in central Afghanistan amidst rugged mountains. It is a wildly beautiful, nearly inaccessible region of craggy peaks and rushing rivers called the Hazarajat. Living among a Sunni Muslim majority, they are Shi'ite Muslims. Many believe the Hazara are descendants of Mongol soldiers left behind by Genghis Khan in the 13th century. Their language is unwritten and contains regional dialects of Arabic, Urdu, Mongol, Turkish, and Farsi. Prior to the 19th century, they made up a majority of the Afghan population, but years of persecution have decimated their numbers. Their semi-nomadic life is harsh, and food is usually inadequate. There are no missionaries currently working among the Hazara. Pray that they would come to know their worth in the Father's eyes.
Week 2: SEP 6-12 – PRAY FOR COUNTRY OFFICE MINISTRIES IN EUROPE	
MON 6	PRAY for the Reach Beyond team in the UK who are just starting a new Befriending Project for some of the most isolated and vulnerable people in their community. Give thanks that the Lord has provided a very gifted coordinator for the project. Pray that those with the greatest needs can be helped first and that the compassion of Christ will draw them to Him.
TUES 7	PRAY for the UK Millside Centre team as they work with asylum seekers who have been waiting for a number of years for their claims to be processed. Unfortunately, some of them develop mental health problems or even resort to taking their own lives during the waiting period. Pray for wisdom for the team as they try to bring hope in the midst of such difficult situations.
WED 8	PRAISE God that people are inquiring about service with Reach Beyond through the UK office. Pray for the Mobilization team as they help discern God's will with those who are expressing an interest to serve.
THU 9	PRAY for missionary candidates César and Margarita Geiser in Switzerland who are currently making contacts to raise prayer and financial partners. The Geisers will be serving with the <i>Apoyo</i> , a pastoral mentoring and biblical training program in Latin America.
FRI 10	PRAY for the Sweden office as they offer ongoing support to media and ministry partners in Russia. Pray also for their team members who have recently experienced health issues as well as the death of a spouse.
SAT & SUN 11-12	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Banjar Country: Indonesia Population: 4.4 million Language: Hindi Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.08% The Banjar people live on the southern coast of Kalimantan (the Indonesian part of Borneo). They tend to marry and settle near parents or relatives, seldom moving to other parts of Indonesia. They are devout Muslims, and Islam influences every aspect of their identity and daily life. Yet they hold on to traditional animistic beliefs of supernatural beings living in stones, trees, and mountains. The Banjar do not look positively on modern methods or technologies. They do not mix much with other groups and are suspicious of outsiders' intentions. Pray that the Banjar would be open to hearing the Gospel. Pray for church planting efforts and that these fellowships of believers would flourish and grow. Pray that the Banjar would find their true identity in Christ, who is their Creator and Savior.
Week 3: SEP 13-19 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
MON 13	PRAISE God that the station that Alfred helped to put back on the air during Ramadan saw 129 people come to faith in the Lord through their ministry during that period! The station manager said, 'Thank you elephantly!' (That means "a lot!")
TUE 14	PRAISE for the new transmitter that is being carried to the Republic of Congo. Pray for the training and upgrades that are being carried out at the radio station at Pioneer Christian Hospital in Impfondo in partnership with Radio Africa Network.
WED 15	PRAISE God for all of the progress with the well projects in Benin despite very difficult circumstances. The wells are being commissioned, and we are hearing very encouraging testimonies of Gospel impact because of them!
THU 16	PRAISE God that the project to provide solar power to our partner station in northeastern Madagascar has been a success! The equipment has already kept the station on-air during power cuts and is reducing the ministry's electricity bill!
FRI 17	PRAY for the solar power equipment that we have ordered to arrive safely in Sierra Leone. This equipment will provide electricity to a new radio station in an area that has no grid power or radio station of its own.

SAT & SUN 18-19	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Dendi Country: Benin Population: 274,000 Language: Dendi Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.03% The Dendi are one of some 65 ethnic groups in Benin, the least evangelized non-Muslim country south of the Sahara. Farming is a noble profession for the Dendi, but it is only for men. Women have gardens where they grow vegetables and fruits. Villages are comprised of people with a common male ancestor. Over 99% of Dendi are at least superficially Muslims, however spirit possession, magic, sorcery, ancestor worship, and witchcraft are core components of their beliefs and daily practices. Pray that God would open their eyes so they would see that Jesus is above all of the spirits, powers, and rulers of darkness. Pray that the Dendi would recognize the lies they have been told, and would choose to follow Jesus, who offers them the whole armor of God to withstand the evil one. Pray for the Dendi church to thrive and shine the light of the Gospel brightly for all to see.
Week 4:	SEP 20-26 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA
MON 20	PRAY for the anointing of the Holy Spirit as mentors of our missionary training program, <i>Corrientes Misioneras</i> , reach out through personal meetings and use different digital media to prepare and encourage Latin Americans for missionary service around the world.
TUE 21	PRAY for perseverance in following God's call for a number of <i>Corrientes</i> graduates who have been severely affected by the pandemic with the loss of family members and financial support. Pray for God's wisdom as they consider their plans to serve cross-culturally.
WED 22	PRAISE God for the arrival of a new 4x4 vehicle to be used for community ministry around Shell, Ecuador. After a long delay due to the worldwide chip shortage, the vehicle is here and being prepped for delivery.
THU 23	PRAY for the <i>Apoyo</i> team as they provide ongoing biblical and ministry training to the Latin American church. Pray for God's protection for each ministry trip and for the indigenous communities they are serving including Zumbahua, Sigchos, Shell, Pimampiro, and Achupallas.
FRI 24	PRAY for Tim and Onida Broach and the <i>Apoyo</i> Cuba team as the country is experiencing very unsettling times: many COVID-19 related deaths within pastoral families they know, economic hardships, and unprecedented growing unrest in the country. Pray that God will sustain, comfort, guide, and encourage each ministry leader. Pray as <i>Apoyo</i> and the church respond to these many needs and that we may reflect God's love and hope in each community.
SAT & SUN 25-26	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Situ Jiarong Country: China Population: 209,000 Language: Jiarong Main Religion: Buddhism Evangelical: 0.3% The Jiarong were divided into 18 small kingdoms up until 1949. Their language is puzzling to Chinese scholars because of the extreme variations between the five Jiarong languages, which are described as a language bridge between Tibetan and Burmese. The majority of Situ Jiarong are farmers who herd livestock and grow crops along river basins in central Sichuan. Ninety percent of the Jiarong are Tibetan Buddhists, while most of the rest follow the polytheistic practices of the Qiang. Missionary work to learn the Jiarong language began in the 1930's, but all work was lost with the invasion of the Red Army in 1936. Pray for the Scripture to be translated into the Situ Jiarong language. Pray for the few scattered Jiarong believers to grow strong in their faith so that they would be able to disciple others. Pray that the Good News of Jesus would take root among the Jiarong and grow into a strong, active, and vital part of the Body of Christ in China.
Week 5:	SEP 27-OCT 3 – PRAY FOR COUNTRY OFFICE MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC
MON 27	PRAISE God for all of the volunteers who have given their time and energy to help at Reach Beyond Australia's Broadcast Facility in Kununurra (northwestern Australia) assisting with a wide range of activities, including the maintenance of our transmitters, antennas, buildings, and grounds.
TUE 28	PRAISE God for the safe delivery of 100 shortwave radios into a remote area of Myanmar making it possible for an unreached people group to hear the Gospel in their native language for the first time. Pray for wisdom for the producers as they prepare programs which are broadcast from Kununurra.
WED 29	PRAY for the WhatsApp Project in India. Reach Beyond Australia is partnering with Christianityworks to send COVID-19 health updates and encouraging messages of hope in English, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi, and Hindi.
THU 30	PRAY for more workers for the New Zealand office. We are desperate for another Media Trainer and an App Developer. Pray that God, by the power of His Holy Spirit, will speak to the right people and that they will answer His call.
FRI 1	PRAY for wisdom as Reach Beyond New Zealand prepares for a huge promotional event at the country's largest Christian Music Festival in January 2022. We want to engage with a new generation of people who will support and participate in the work of Reach Beyond.
SAT & SUN 2-3	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Gadaria Country: India Population: 6.6 million Language: Hindi Main Religion: Hindu Evangelical: 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.

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