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■ 1 Muslim Baghban in Pakistan

The Muslim Baghban people are spread far and wide, and as a result, they might speak any of eight languages. You can find them in both the rural and urban parts of India and Pakistan. All Baghban are Muslims.

But he answered, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)

- Pray that today's people group to learn and understand that the Bible comes from the mouth and mind of the one, true God.
- Pray that God will open Baghban hearts to the gospel and will raise up His ambassadors to tell them of Jesus.
- Pray that God will reveal Himself in dreams and visions and send believers who can explain those dreams and visions to them.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Baghban people in Pakistan.

■ 2 Azeri in Moldova

The homeland of the Azeris was first conquered by the Persians in the sixth century B.C. Islam was introduced into the area during the seventh century A.D. and has been practiced there ever since. A small number of them live in what is now Moldova. Islam has been part of the Azeri identity for centuries. That will not change without the Holy Spirit doing what no man can do.

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned. (Matthew 4:16)

- Pray for this people group to see the light of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for dedicated, Holy Spirit-anointed workers to go to the Azeris wherever they live.
- Pray for spiritual hunger and discernment among these Shia Muslims.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among Azeris.

■ 3 Khalka Mongol in Mongolia

In the thirteenth century, Genghis Khan formed the largest empire in world history by uniting all the nomadic Mongol tribes. The Khalkha Mongols consider themselves the direct descendants of Genghis Khan, and they believe they are the true keepers of Mongol culture. They consider their language, Halh, to be the "real" Mongolian language. Many are nomads. The Khalkha Mongols were traditionally shamanists but were introduced to Buddhism in the 16th century.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)

- Pray that this people group to recognize their own spiritual bankruptcy and come to Christ for the riches of His forgiveness.
- Pray for the Mongols to be open to hearing and receiving the gospel message.
- Ask God to send dedicated workers to preach and demonstrate his power among the Khalka Mongols.

■ 4 Balkan Egyptian in Montenegro

The Balkan Egyptians are closely associated with the Ashkali people. They speak the same language in the countries where they live, and they also practice the same culture and traditions. Thousands left the Balkans for Western Europe during the wars following the breakup of Yugoslavia, and others were deported.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)

- Pray for this people group to become a light to the world reflecting the goodness and grace of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Balkan Egyptians in Montenegro to call out to Almighty God to redeem them from their sins. Pray for a movement to Christ to flourish among them.
- Pray for God to speak to the hearts of members of this people group through the many wonders of nature in this beautiful part of the world.



■ 5 Imazighen Berber in Morocco

Imazighen or Amazigh (singular) is the original ethnic group of the Maghreb region in North Africa, also known as the Berbers. These unique people continued to maintain their traditions even after the invasion by Arabs, who brought Islam. There are some who are making an active effort to achieve recognition of the “Moroccan Amazigh identity,” but others are happy to live and mix with Arabs.

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? (Matthew 7:15-16)

- Pray that the Lord gives this people group the discernment to recognize false prophets and the grace to know the true Prophet, Priest and King, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Imazighen believers to have the love and boldness to share Christ with their families.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of Imazighen people.

■ 6 Rif Berber in Morocco

The word “Rif” is an Arabic word meaning “the edge of cultivated area.” The Northern Shilha of Algeria and Morocco, known as the “Rif Berbers,” have numerous tribes of tough and hardened people eking out an existence on the harsh, uninviting slopes of the Rif Mountains. Berbers are indigenous to Morocco and other North African countries.

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

- Pray for believers in today’s people group to be courageous in their witness for Christ and fear God, not men.
- Pray for an abundant harvest this year from the Rif Berbers as a sign of God’s caring heart and power.
- Pray for the Rif Berbers to have hearts that are willing to seek and find Jesus Christ.
- Pray for fruitful efforts to make disciples and plant churches among Rif Berbers.

■ 7 Makuwa in Mozambique

The Makuwa tend towards extremely conservative and suspicious attitudes. They tend to keep to themselves and rarely form friendships with outsiders or other ethnic groups. Although they have an animistic worldview including ancestor worship and divination, the Makuwa root themselves deeply in Islamic tradition; however, many remain unfamiliar with the details of Islamic doctrine.

At that time Jesus declared, I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children. (Matthew 11:25)

- Pray for this people group to humble themselves and come to trust in Christ as little children.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to divinely inspire the handful of Makuwa churches to find a way to reach the hearts of the Makuwa people.
- Pray for teachers and pastors to be available to instruct new believers in the ways of the Lord, leading them to spiritual maturity.

■ 8 Makonde in Mozambique

The Makonde like to carve household objects, figures and masks, and their traditional religious practices are an animistic form of ancestor worship. While this practice still continues, today the Makonde of Mozambique mainly subscribe to Islam, at least nominally. While a number of Catholic Christians exist among the Makonde, there are few Evangelicals.

Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. (Matthew 13:8)

- Pray that today's people group would become fertile soil and produces much fruit for God and His kingdom.
- Pray these Christ followers would become mature enough in the faith to represent Christ well and to make a positive impact.
- Pray for an improved literacy rate among this tribe.
- Pray for Makonde disciples who will make more disciples who will make even more disciples.

■ 9 Rakhine in Myanmar

Centuries ago, the most feared pirates and sailors in the Bay of Bengal terrorized communities along the seacoast and far up the river channels of what is now Bangladesh. They were called "maghs" or pirates. They now speak the Arakanese language, and are known as the Arakanese or Rakhine, from the Arakan region of Myanmar.

Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find. And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. (Matthew 22:9-10)

- Pray that many in today's people group to accept the Lord's invitation to become part of His kingdom and join His great feast at the end of the age.
- Pray for trained storytellers to use the JESUS Film and other stories to share the gospel.
- Pray for the few believers among this people and for pastors to teach the Scriptures accurately and faithfully to them.



■ 10 Kaman in Myanmar

The Kaman converted to Islam over six centuries ago but they share the customs and cultures of Buddhist Rakhines. They believe that Allah is the supreme God of the universe, but on a day-by-day basis, they depend on spiritual forces. The Kaman need help from those who will insist they receive fair and humane treatment. Mission workers can bring the good news that God sees their needs.

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' (Matthew 25:21)

- Pray that many in this people group become good and faithful servants of the Master and celebrate with Him in the coming kingdom.
- Pray that the Church would gain entry to minister within Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps and stand alongside the Kaman.
- Pray that God's Spirit would use their difficult situations to bring about a people movement to Christ.

■ 11 Hindu Dagi in India

Musical farmers? That is the Dagi people. Their traditional occupation was to play musical instruments at festivals and celebrations, but many of them are now farmers. Economically they are not doing well, partially because they have a low literacy rate.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:14-15)

- Pray for this people group to get the opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the good news.
- Pray for God's Spirit to move them to repent and believe in Christ.
- Pray for Dagi elders and patriarchs to see and understand that Jesus Christ has power over all spirit beings, and he can provide them with life to the full.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Dagi people to redefine them as a community.

■ 12 Nubri in Nepal

In Nepal's Nubri Valley, a beautiful yet harsh setting, the Nubri herd animals, make beer, grow wheat, welcome a few tourists, seek out a location for their cell phone signals, and celebrate their traditional Buddhist festivals. Each village has a temple and the lamas do rituals to bless houses and fields, heal the sick and appease local mountain spirits with offerings. Up to 70 percent of their young people are being sent to Kathmandu and India for education.

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, If you will, you can make me clean. Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, I will be clean. (Mark 1:40-41)

- Pray for this people group to feel the healing touch of Christ and be cleansed from their sins.
- Pray for spiritual hunger that would lead the Nubri people to the foot of the cross and the empty grave.



■ 13 Yakthumba Limbu in Nepal

Many of the Yakthumba Limbu men are in military service and leave their families for long periods. Consequently, women have much responsibility and influence within their families, although they are patrilineal (line of descent is traced through males) in structure. Ministry to women and children may be welcomed in the absence of husbands/fathers. Introduction to Christian fellowship and values may open doors to the good news of eternal life provided by almighty God for Yathumba Limbu in Nepal.

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Peace! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)

- Pray that the Lord brings His peace that passes all understanding into the hearts of this people group.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth vigorous Limbu churches that will plant others for the glory of His name.

■ 14 Dutch Jewish in the Netherlands

Because of the uniqueness of their history and culture, all Jews have a strong sense of identity. Persecution of and discrimination against the Jews have been the historical reasons for their settlements around the world. Yet they are relatively safe in most European countries like the Netherlands. Outreach in Jewish communities that shows empathy for their struggles as well as connecting the teachings of the New Testament to the Abrahamic Covenant might open their eyes to see Jesus.

And he did not permit him but said to him, Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. (Mark 5:19)

- Pray for those who have been blessed among today's people group to boldly and lovingly tell others of God's abundant mercy.
- Ask the Lord to send forth loving Christians to work among the Jewish communities.
- Pray for a movement to Christ within Netherland's Jewish community.

■ 15 Muslim Bahna in Pakistan

The Bahna trace their roots to Persia and modern-day Afghanistan. Though they used to process cotton, the advancement of technology has led them to abandon that work in favor of agriculture, manufacturing, and trade. Many Muslim Bahna left India and relocated to Pakistan, mainly in the Sindh Province.

And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak. (Mark 7:37)

- Pray that this people group comes to understand that the wisdom, power and goodness of God are found only in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Bahna would hear the gospel in impactful ways and have ears to hear God speak to them.
- Pray that Disciple Making Movements would be started in Bahna communities and grow mightily.

■ 16 Kanarese in New Zealand

Many states in India have their own language and Karnataka is no exception. The Kanarese are Kannada speakers who blend in well with other South Asians who have migrated to New Zealand. Such South Asians in New Zealand are seeking abundant life from sources that cannot offer it. Only Jesus Christ offers abundant life.

And he asked them, But who do you say that I am? Peter answered him, You are the Christ. (Mark 8:29)

- Pray that this people would believe and proclaim, like Peter, that Jesus Christ is their Savior and Lord.
- Pray for spiritual hunger to come to the Kanarese and other Hindu South Asian people groups in New Zealand.
- Pray for believers to lovingly reach out to the Kanarese in New Zealand. Pray for reproducing disciples among them.

■ 17 Jat Gil (Sikh) in India

A name that crops up time and again in Bollywood is the surname Shergill. A number of Shergills are prominent in India's entertainment industry. The Shergill name comes from the Gil Jat clan, mostly from India's Punjab State.

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? (Mark 8:36-37)

- Pray for today's people group to come to realize that all the spiritual riches of life and true wisdom are found in Jesus Christ alone.
- Pray for God to anoint and appoint workers to create relevant, culturally sensitive Christ-centered radio, TV and films that will be appropriate for the Gil Jats of India.
- Pray for the Gil Jats, even those who work in the entertainment industry, to see their need for Jesus Christ.



■ 18 Zarma in Niger

The Zarma are farmers who use simple tools; they do not have access to modern farming equipment. They live in the Sahel Desert which makes farming very difficult. Some are fishermen, businessmen or teachers. Though Islam was introduced to them by outsiders, the Zarma have embraced it as their own.

For he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise. (Mark 9:31)

- Pray for today's people group would comprehend that Jesus died for their sins and rose again demonstrating His power over sin and death.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers to the Zarma people in Niger.
- Pray for the Lord to show Himself loving and powerful by providing adequate rain for the Zarma people, who live in a dry land.
- Pray for spiritual hunger and openness to the teachings and ways of Jesus Christ.

■ 19 Wodaabe Fulani in Niger

The Fulani have several subgroups, one of which is the Wodaabe people. The Wodaabe people are noted for their art and their unique traditions, such as beauty contests for the men.

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. (Mark 10:14-15)

- Pray that this people group humbles themselves and comes to God with child-like trust and thereby enter into His kingdom.
- Pray that the few Wodaabe who follow Christ would be filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit so they can lead others to the cross.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers who are willing to brave the harsh lifestyle of Niger's Wodaabe people.
- Pray for Wodaabe people to become disciples of Christ who will make disciples of others.



■ 20 Manga Kanuri in Nigeria

The Kanuri have been Muslims since the eleventh century. Though they blend their form of Islam with their ancient beliefs, Islam is their identity. It will be difficult to present Christ to them in such a way they won't see it as a threat to their identity. Throughout Africa, people love music and dance. If the gospel message is presented musically, the Manga Kanuri might find it acceptable.

And Jesus said to him, What do you want me to do for you? And the blind man said to him, Rabbi, let me recover my sight. (Mark 10:51)

- Pray for the Lord to heal the spiritual blindness of today's people group.
- Pray that these people see and recognize Jesus for who He truly is, the Light and Savior of the world.
- Pray that God would grant favor to mission agencies currently focusing on the Kanuri.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a movement of Manga Kanuri disciples making more disciples.

■ 21 Baangi in Nigeria

Nigerian followers of Christ from other tribes can reach the Baangi tribe with the good news. The Lela and the Dakakari live close by and they already have a Christian presence.

Jesus said to them, Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? (Mark 12:24)

- Pray that this people group hungers for and learns the Scriptures.
- Pray that these people begin to experience the miraculous power of God.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up workers from among the Lela and the Dakakari tribes to reach out to these Muslims.
- Pray that workers would not stop until there is a powerful movement to Christ that would bless them spiritually and socially.
- Pray for workers to find "persons of peace" who will give them the opportunity to speak into this people group.

■ 22 Bole in Nigeria

The Bole are known for their hard work, educational advantage, and connections. The region where the Bole people reside includes the terrorist group Boko Haram. The presence of terrorist groups in the home area of the Bole brings an extra measure of danger and difficulty in taking the gospel to the Bole people. The presence of terrorist groups can potentially be an impetus for the Bole to seek the Lord's protection and blessing.

And he said to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2)

- Pray for an abundance of Holy Spirit-led workers to disciple this people group.
- Pray for peace throughout the homeland of the Bole tribe, as well as all of northeastern Nigeria.
- Pray also that gospel recordings (which are available in this language) would be widely circulated.

■ 23 Norwegian Jewish in Norway

Norway is home to a small Jewish population. Jews in European countries associate Christianity with persecution since much of the persecution through the centuries was church sanctioned.

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, (Luke 24:45)

- Pray that the minds of this people group will be opened to understand God's word by the Spirit Himself.
- Pray that the few Jewish background believers in Europe would be filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the Jewish people in Norway towards Christ so they might hear and receive the message of salvation.
- Pray that God would grant Jewish believers favor as they share their faith in Christ with Jewish people.



■ 24 Omani Arab in Oman

Omani Arabs were among the first people in the Middle East to accept Islam. They are averse to change in general, especially when they think it could threaten cultural traditions. The Omani Arabs are strongly committed to Islam. To follow Jesus in this environment would be difficult, as it would break their traditions of "puritanism."

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

- Pray for the Lord is to help today's people group to understand that apart from Him they can do nothing of spiritual and eternal value.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus would bring whole Omani families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessings.

■ 25 Awan in Pakistan

Many Awan serve in the Pakistani military. Violence and feuds are common in north Pakistan, where the Awan live. Many resources are available in the Awan's primary language of Western Punjabi, including the New Testament and the JESUS Film.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

- Pray that today's people group looks to the Lamb of God, Jesus, to have their sins taken away.
- Pray for peace in the area where the Awan live.
- Pray that Awan would be led by the Spirit to listen to radio programs and connect to Christian resources on the internet.
- Pray for the Lord to do miracles and raise up a body of believers among the Awan of Pakistan.

■ 26 Muslim Kumhar in Pakistan

Though they are traditionally potters, many Kumhars in Pakistan are now landowners. They have two different communities; one group is made up of local Pakistani Kumhars and the other migrated from India.

Jesus answered him, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)

- Pray that many in this people group are born again and enter into the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that God would give Muslim Kumhar dreams & visions leading them to salvation and abundant life.
- Pray that gospel materials on the internet would lead many Kumhar people to Christ.
- Pray for entire Kumhar families to have the chance to hear and respond to the only Savior.

■ 27 Muslim Mochi in Pakistan

If you were to purchase any sort of saddle or leather shoes in Nepal, northern India or Pakistan, chances are good that it was put together by a Mochi. The name "Mochi" comes from the Sanskrit mochika and the Hindi word mojna which mean "to fold." Pakistan is a Muslim culture heavily influenced by Hinduism. Educational standards are low for Mochi people.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. (John 4:23)

- Pray that this people group soon begins to worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Mochi people have enough resources in their language to understand the gospel.
- Pray their hearts would be drawn to them.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up and thrust out disciples to go to the Mochi people.

■ 28 Jalbani Baloch in Pakistan

Baloch Jalbani people are traditionally farmers and shepherds. Agriculture is limited because of the harsh climate. Baloch Jalbani people have been isolated due to harsh climate, the difficulty of the mountainous terrain, and their former reputation as bandits.

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (John 5:24)

- Pray that today's people group listens to God's message and believes in the good news of their salvation.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-led workers to go to every Baloch subgroup and lead them into movements to Christ.
- Pray for Baloch elders to have dreams of the risen Christ that will lead them to open the doors of their community to hear about His provision for the penalty of their sins.

■ 29 Palestinian Arab in the West Bank

Palestinians are predominantly adherents of Sunni Islam with a minority Christian community. The Holy Land, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, is also the birthplace of the Palestinian Church. Turmoil in Israel and the West Bank / Gaza makes Christian witness to the Palestinians challenging, but turmoil sometimes makes people more open to change.

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:35)

- Pray that this people group hungers for God & begins to feed spiritually on the Bread of life, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Palestinians to increasingly experience peace, with political stability and improving economic conditions.
- Pray for a movement to Christ that will transform Palestinian society, bringing them economic and spiritual prosperity.

■ 30 Jabal Nafusah in Libya

Lying southwest of Tripoli, the rocky Jebel Nefusa Plateau rises to an elevation of about 3,000 feet. A unique aspect of Nafusah villages is the famous troglodyte houses. These are underground homes carved vertically or horizontally into the soft limestone and marls (a mixture of clay, sand and limestone). Libya is currently experiencing much turmoil and the dangers are many.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. (John 7:37-38)

- Pray for this people group to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the overflowing, gracious love of God.
- Pray for a stable and effective government that will be able to protect the people and provide stability in the country.
- Pray for an abundance of vibrant Christ followers among the Jabal Nafusah people of Libya.

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■ 1 Yazidi in Germany

The Yazidis are ethnic Kurds who hold to a hybrid religion that Muslims mistakenly believe involves devil worship. For that reason, many have fled to safe countries like Germany. Yazidis are sometimes hostile to any attempt to convert from their religious beliefs. Leaders have stepped in at times to try to prevent the preaching of the gospel to members of the group.

And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him. (John 8:29)

- Pray for today's people group to begin to please God by trusting in and obeying His Son.
- Pray for true peace among these displaced and traumatized people. A handful of Yazidi have come to faith in Christ.
- Pray they would be free to practice their faith, as the Yazidi have historically persecuted and even stoned to death those who convert.

■ 2 Pajonal Asheninka in Peru

The Pajonal Asheninka of Peru experience cultural dislocation due to the rubber industry, epidemics and terrorists. There are four or five churches, and they have the New Testament in their language. They live in small family units in communities numbering about 100 persons each. They engage in small-scale agriculture of maize and manioc as well as hunting and gathering. Coffee is their only cash crop.

Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. (John 8:58)

- Pray for this people group to understand that Jesus is not just another human prophet but is the eternal God.
- Pray that animists would experience power in the gospel, and that biblical teachings would not become blended with their old religion.
- Pray the people would remain united with minimal disruption.





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3 Maguindanao in the Philippines

The traditional Maguindanao pattern of settlement has been slowly altered by the building of roads that do not follow the natural course of the waterways. Large towns have sprung up along these highways, becoming new centers of commerce. Muslim religious leaders and teachers preside over religious life. They teach schoolboys to read and memorize the Koran.

He answered, Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. (John 9:25)

- Pray that the Lord removes the spiritual blindness of today's people group and they begin to see God's truth revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a strong church among the Maguindanao that will be a blessing to their community.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of the Maguindanao people for the gospel. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

4 Moro Joloano Tausug in the Philippines

The Tausug are the most dominant of the Muslim groups in the southern Philippines. The name Tausug means "people of the sea current." The ideal marriage among the Tausug is still one arranged by the parents, although now young people may select their own mates. First and second cousins are favored as spouses. The Tausug believe that after death a person goes to hell, although eventually he or she can reach heaven.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

- Pray that today's people group would receive God's Spirit and become empowered to tell others about the grace of God in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would use Tausug believers as bold witnesses to their own people leading to an unstoppable church planting movement.

5 Maranao in the Philippines

The word Maranao means "people of the lake." The people are famous for their artwork, sophisticated weaving, wood and metal craft, and epic literature. Small communities of Maranaos, mostly traders, live in all major towns of the Philippines. They are the descendants of Muslim Malays.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

- Pray for this people group to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to proclaim the greatness of God.
- Pray the Lord would reveal Himself to the Maranao people.
- Pray for them to experience a movement to Christ that will bless them economically and spiritually.

6 Polish Jewish in Poland

Polish Jewry constitute fewer than 1% of its people, yet they have played a significant role in Polish history, usually as scapegoats. Indeed, during World War II, Nazis sent Jews to Poland to die in death camps and pogroms continued after the war. Memory of pogroms, the Holocaust and anti-Semitism are the major obstacles to reaching the Polish Jew in Poland, a country labeled as Christian.

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' (Acts 2:28)

- Pray the Lord makes known to today's people group the true path of life.
- Pray they learn to rejoice in God's presence.
- Pray that Messianic Jewish witness would be well received, and that Christian witness would be seen as an act of love.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among Polish Jews that will lead the way to thousands accepting their Messiah.

7 Portuguese-speaking Jewish in Poland

The word Sephard was the name used by Jews in medieval times for the Iberian Peninsula. Sephardim Jews, then, are the descendants of the Jews who lived in Spain or Portugal prior to expulsion in 1492 by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Sephardim also have a distinctive language called Ladino, or Judeo-Spanish, which is a dialect of Castilian Spanish with Hebrew and Turkish elements.



And all the people saw him walking and praising God. (Acts 3:9)

- Pray for the Lord to do signs and wonders among today's people group.
- Pray they trust in God and give Him the glory.
- Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send forth loving Christians to work among this Jewish community.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ.

■ 8 Andi in Russia

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Romans 12:19). Clearly, the Andi people of the mountains of Dagestan would not agree with this statement. Blood vengeance is one of their enshrined values, and cycles of violence, feuds and revenge have continued in their communities for generations. These people live in a remote, mountainous part of the world and they are automatically hostile to outsiders.

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

- Pray for today's people group to come to understand that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ and in no other religion.
- Pray that many from the Andi people would embrace the only Savior and be happily surprised by joy and peace!
- Pray for a people movement to Christ among the Andi people.

■ 9 Muhamasheen in Qatar

Akhdam (or Muhamasheen) people mostly live in big city slums in extreme poverty. Men work as street sweepers, and women collect cans and bottles and beg. Sometimes people who have known only severe poverty cannot see past their circumstances to a better future. There is a need for every kind of practical help for this poverty-stricken, unreached people group. Followers of Christ can help them with both physical and spiritual needs.

But Peter and John answered them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:19-20)

- Pray for this people group to listen to and to obey God.

- Pray that they hear God's message and tell others about His marvelous works. Pray for many to seek and find Almighty God, leading to a movement toward Christ.
- Pray for many Muhamasheen families to be blessed spiritually and financially as they allow Jesus to transform their community.

■ 10 Romanian Jewish in Romania

There is a Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania, which publishes a newspaper. Reluctance to follow Christ is largely because of historic antisemitism on the part of traditional Christians. Emigration is reducing the number of Jews in Romania.

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts 4:29-30)

- Pray for boldness and love among the workers who go to today's people group.
- Pray the church in Romania would seek to win Jews in hopes of starting a movement to Christ.
- Pray that the church in Romania would publicly apologize for its anti-Semitism.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to create in Romanian Jews such a desire for truth that a people movement results.
- Pray that Jewish leaders would be more open to the gospel and its advocates.

■ 11 Nogai in Romania

The Nogai Tatar are part of a very small population of Tatar people living in Romania. Larger groups are scattered across Russia. Today, virtually all of the Nogai profess to be Sunni Muslim. Islam is part of their identity. To them, following Christ means switching to a foreign religious system.

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. (Acts 5:41)

- Pray that believers in this people group are willing to endure persecution for the name of Christ.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to live and work among the Nogai Tatar of Romania.
- Pray for their hearts to be receptive to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ among the Nogai Tatar people of Romania.

12 Botlikh in Russia

The Botlikh people have had some close calls with the gospel! According to estimates, less than one in 500 of them have responded to God's invitation to salvation and are evangelical believers. While that might seem like a small number, it is much greater and holds far more potential for church growth than an absolute zero. However, the vast majority of the Botlikh people believe in a "folk" version of Islam.

So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, Do you understand what you are reading? (Acts 8:30)

- Pray that the Lord gives today's people group a desire to hear and to understand God's words.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to put this people group on the hearts of those equipped to accomplish the task of Bible translation for them.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among the Botlikh people this decade.

13 Kaitag in Russia

Some Kaitag towns are built so high in the mountains that they can seldom be reached except by helicopter! Kaitags follow a Sufi form of Islam combined with local tradition. Some seek protection from evil forces by wearing charms and a few use a form of black magic. They are known for their unusual, embroidered textile art form. They are loyal and friendly, and they love music.

Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord. (Acts 13:12)

- Pray for many from this people group to be amazed at what Christ can do to bless their families and communities.
- Pray that God would work in the hearts of Russian believers and thrust them out to reach the Kaitag people.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.



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14 Kumyk in Russia

The Kumyk are historically a proud people, respected in Dagestan for their literary, artistic and economic accomplishments. This pride, however, is tempered by disillusionment stemming from the destabilizing elements of violence. Islam spread among the Kumyk people of Caucasian Dagestan in the eighth to twelfth centuries. Prior to that time, both Christianity and traditional religion were widespread. They worshiped Tengri and various spirits and demons. Islam is an overlay to these beliefs which remain today.

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth. (Acts 13:47)

- Pray that the believers in today's people group become God's light to their own group and to the nations of the world.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Kumyk people that will spread to other Muslim peoples in the Caucasus region.
- Pray for an eagerness for spiritual nourishment that only comes from submission to Jesus Christ.

15 Khvarshi in Russia

The Khvarshi people living in the southwest mountains of Dagestan in Russia have lived a hard life for decades. From 1944-1957, the Soviets forcibly relocated them out of their mountain homeland and into the lowlands of Chechnya. In the years following, they were allowed to return, but those who did found their villages in ruins. Though some houses have been rebuilt, many ruins remain.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, Come over to Macedonia and help us. (Acts 16:9)

- Pray that the Lord sends messengers to this people group to tell them the good news about Jesus.
- Pray that the Khvarshi would find peace, refreshment, and even economic recovery from the God whose name is Jehovah Jireh, the provider.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Khvarshi people.

16 Akhvakh in Russia

The literature calls them Akhvakh, they call themselves Atluatii or Ashvado, the Russian government classifies them as Avars, but God calls them lost people in need of a Savior. The Akhvakh are almost entirely folk Muslims who seek out shamans and use the Koran like a talisman.

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead. (Acts 17:30-31)

- Pray for today's people group to repent of their sins and to believe in the God of the Bible.
- Pray for the two or three believers in one family, for their protection and growth in faith and witness.
- Pray for Christian linguist-teachers to translate the Bible, collect local lore and teach literacy to the people in their heart language.

17 Uyghur in Kazakhstan

The Uyghur people of northwest China have been in the news in recent years. Thousands have been placed in "reeducation camps" by the Chinese government. Some Uyghurs from China have been able to escape Chinese oppression and relocate to Kazakhstan. In Kazakhstan, the Uyghurs are permitted to practice Islam and live out their Turkic culture.

So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily. (Acts 19:20)

- Pray that the word of the Lord spreads and prevails in this people group.
- Pray that the Lord would call missionaries to go to Kazakhstan and share Christ with the Uyghurs.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint the gospel as it goes forth via radio. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of Uyghurs.



18 Nigerian Fulani in Cameroon

Scattered mostly in Nigeria and Cameroon, the semi-nomadic Nigerian Fulani people fiercely reject anything they perceive as contrary to their lifestyle of roaming with their cattle herds. This includes education and permanent homes. They are widely regarded as troublesome impediments to the large cattle ranchers. Their inability to read and intense independence have placed them on unequal footing with those who have education and power.

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:24)

- Pray that today's people group would experience God's wonderful grace and begin to tell others about Him.
- Pray the Fulani would be able to care adequately for their families and be led to be better prepared for the rapidly changing conditions of the 21st century.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

19 Shahari in Saudi Arabia

Speakers of the Shehri language reside in southwest Oman, on the border with Yemen, which is a mountainous area. Historically, this area was the largest producer of frankincense in the world. The people are said to be increasingly bilingual in Dhofari Arabic, and the Ethnologue lists Shehri as a threatened language. A small number live in Saudi Arabia.

To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. (Acts 26:18)

- Pray for God to send spiritual light and truth to this people group.
- Pray for Disciple Making Movements among them, with the hope that new believers will return to their nomadic roots and share Christ with others in Saudi Arabia.
- Pray for the youth of these tribes to be able to make needed adjustments to a rapidly changing world.

■ **20 Hijazi Arab in Saudi Arabia**

Arabia once had a large Christian population, but they were expelled when Islam gained control 1,300 years ago. Today, Saudi Arabs see themselves as preservers of the Islamic faith. The Hijazi Arabs speak one of the variants of the Arabic language.

Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen. (Acts 28:28)

- Pray for this people group to hear and to accept the message of God’s salvation.
- Pray that the religious zeal of the Hijazi Arabs would soon be redirected toward serving Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to establish His Church among them.
- Pray for the Lord to send dreams and visions to Hijazi Arab elders, so they will be ready to accept Christ on His terms.

■ **21 Pulaar Fulani in Senegal**

Most Pulaar Fulani call Senegal home. As rural people, they excel at farming, fishing and animal husbandry. They divide society into four main social classes, each with twelve castes. The Pulaar proudly acknowledge themselves as the first black Africans to convert to Islam although spiritism and magic play a significant role in daily life. They also believe themselves to be defenders of the Muslim faith.

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give new believers among today’s people group victory their spiritual battles.
- Pray for discipling that leads to maturity for Pulaar Fulani believers and for rapid multiplication of home groups that leads to a strong movement to Christ.



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■ **22 Wolof in Senegal**

The Wolof people are the dominant group in Senegal. They are known for their well-dressed women. The Wolof follow a complex code of behavior that is based on their social status.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, (Ephesians 1:3)

- Thank the Lord that He is giving His spiritual blessings to this people group. The Wolof generally have not been open to the gospel.
- Pray this would change. Christian believers living to the south of Senegal may have access to the Wolof.
- Pray they be given a heart to attempt this.
- Pray for the few Christian believers among the Wolof, that they would grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray they would represent him faithfully.

■ **23 Serbian-speaking Jewish in Serbia**

Serbian Jews have been recognized throughout their history in Serbia for their participation in various wars in this region. Their lives remained stable in times between wars, but during the Holocaust they were placed into prison camps where they were used as forced labor. Today, some are involved in political and national affairs. Jewish people often don’t give Jesus a chance because of abuse by Christians.

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saint. (Ephesians 1:17-18)

- Pray for spiritual wisdom and light for the leaders of today’s people group.
- Pray for loving ambassadors of Christ to go to them.
- Pray for a movement to Jesus Christ among Serbian Jews in Serbia.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give Serbian-speaking Jews hearts that are soft toward their messiah.

■ 24 Susu in Sierra Leone

The Susu tend to live where there are many marshes and waterways. They often favor marriages between cousins, and they live as an extended family group. The Susu combine their Islamic faith with traditional beliefs. They believe that ghosts, spirits and gods all inhabit the same land, and that witches have the power to change into animals and cause harm to their villages.

That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (Ephesians 3:16-17)

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray that God would release the people from bondage to spirits and that they would recognize Jesus as the One with the power to give them freedom from wicked spirits.
- Pray for improved health care and good schools for the Susu people in Sierra Leone.

■ 25 Madurese Bawean in Singapore

The Madurese Bawean people come from Indonesia in search of a better life in prosperous Singapore. Those who live and work in Singapore send money back to relatives in Indonesia who struggle economically. The Madurese Bawean are Sunni Muslim.

That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:26-27)

- Pray for an emerging, spotless and pure church among this people group.
- Pray for the Bawean who work in Singapore to make authentic Christian friends who will share their lives and faith with them.
- Pray God would raise up disciples among those who work in Singapore through strong believers.
- Pray they would return to their island home with the gospel.
- Pray for the Baweans to become "Bereans" who study and apply God's word and share it with others.

■ 26 Slovak-speaking Jewish in Slovakia

Through the centuries most Slovakian Jews moved to cities and acquired skills as artisans, merchants and shopkeepers. Jewish people in Slovakia need the opportunity to understand the perfect justice of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who loves them and laid down His life for them. Their spirituality is largely inward-looking. They seldom discuss spiritual matters with outsiders.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11)

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give His armor to the believers among today's people group.
- Pray that when Slovakian Jews hear the gospel, they would respond with heart-felt obedience.
- Pray for a mighty movement of this people group starting within families and growing into strong Bible teaching fellowships filled with disciples who will reach others.

■ 27 Shihuh in Oman

The land in which the Shihuh live is rocky and arid, with very little vegetation. Their stone houses are called bayt al qufl, which means "cave house", since they are partly underground. Until about the early 1970s, the tribe was isolated from the outside world. They did not trust outsiders, and it was common for visitors at that time to have stones thrown at them by tribesmen. Nowadays, the Shihuh are no longer hostile to outsiders, but neither are they particularly friendly.

...filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:11)

- Pray for righteous character for those who find the Lord among this people group.
- Pray for sufficient rainfall to provide for livestock and to grow grain needed for food.



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■ 28 Jiiddo in Somalia

The Jiiddo are said to be a sub-group of the large Digil people group in Somalia. The dress of both men and women closely resembles a Roman toga and is typically white or gray in color. The Jiiddo are virtually all Muslim. Although they are quite orthodox in their religious practices, few have a deep understanding of their faith.

Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; (Colossians 1:11-12)

- May new believers among this people group walk in joy and love in the Holy Spirit.
- Pray Jiiddo Muslims of Somalia will not gain satisfaction from their religion.
- Pray they will begin to desire to know the creator God in a personal way and will come to understand this is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ.

■ 29 Garre in Somalia

Although the Somali are all Sunni Muslim and share a common cultural heritage, they are divided by language distinctions and clan conflicts. One of these is the Garre sub-tribe. Most Garre are nomadic herdsmen, seasonally migrating with their camels, sheep, and goats. They live in portable huts made of bent saplings covered with animal skins or woven mats.

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (Colossians 4:5-6)

- Pray for new believers in this people group to have Holy Spirit-led words to say to their elders as they explain their new faith.
- Pray for the Lord to give the Garre people healthy livestock as a testimony of His goodness and love.
- Pray for the Garre people to be blessed physically and spiritually by the Lord's people.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out His children to the Garre people and empower them to win souls.

■ 30 Tunni in Somalia

The Tunni are in southern Somalia, between the Juba and Shebelle Rivers. This region has the richest agricultural land in the country. The Tunni are primarily farmers. They live in round huts with mud walls and cone-shaped grass roofs. The Tunni are completely Muslim. Somalia is a harsh land, and the Tunni people are strongly committed to the Islamic faith. There are no known Christians among them.

So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:12)

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray for peace in Somalia, that all peoples of the country may be blessed.
- Pray for a stable, effective government.
- Pray for workers to go to the Tunni community, leading to an unstoppable movement to Christ.

■ 31 Bhojpuri Bihari in South Africa

The world is truly a melting pot of peoples. Migration is common. Such is the case of the Bhojpuri Bihari. During and soon after colonial days, a large number of people from the Bihar Province of British India moved about to work as indentured laborers. Some went to South Africa, where they found employment and were able to establish themselves by working on sugar cane, cocoa, rice and rubber plantations. Today, they are most likely to be businessmen.

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

- Make this your prayer for this people group.
- Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ among the Bihari of South Africa.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out loving workers to them.