



WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE



*“and [pray] also for me,
that words may be given to me
in opening my mouth boldly
to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,
for which I am an ambassador in chains,
that I may declare it boldly,
as I ought to speak.”*

- Ephesians 6:19-20 (ESV)

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FROM THE MISSIONS PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

As we launch this annual prayer guide to facilitate increased and focused prayer for world missions, I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of serving as your Missions Pastor. This congregational prayer guide will lead us through (1) the heartbeat of the Frontier People Groups (FPGs) and Unreached People Groups (UPGs), (2) the needs of our own missionaries, and (3) help extend our intercession to people from various countries and world religions! We will also pray for other global mission needs and our church's ministries. Our heart's desire is for the name of Jesus to resound and be revered across the diverse nations of the world! To this end, sustained corporate prayer must be our utmost priority!

In Ephesians 6:19-20, the Apostle Paul implores us to pray for the proclamation of the gospel. He teaches us to be prayer warriors, actively interceding in the Spirit for those who boldly carry the light of the gospel into spheres of spiritual darkness, ignorance, and sin!

Let this be our rallying cry, echoing through the very spirit of our church as a body! As we widen our prayer scope, let us remember that the impact of our supplications knows no bounds.

God is at work! Are you?!

Praying with you,

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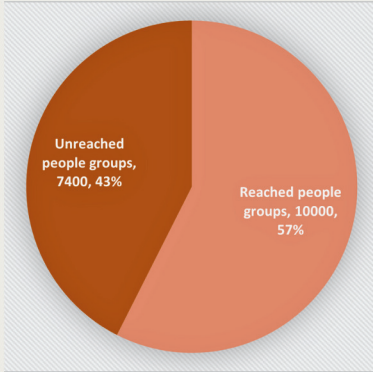
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THE STATE OF WORLD MISSIONS

People Groups in the world: 17,400

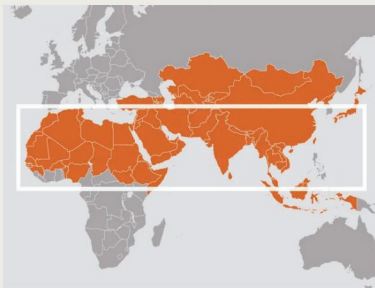
Unreached People Groups: 7,400 (42.5%)

Population in Unreached Groups: 3.3 billion (42.1%)



Countries with the most Unreached People Groups

Country	Total PGs	Unreached PGs		Frontier PGs	
India	2,373	2,135	90%	1,790	75%
Pakistan	835	828	99%	805	96%
China	545	443	81%	275	50%
Bangladesh	311	289	93%	242	78%
Nepal	270	259	96%	194	72%



What is an Unreached People Group (UPG)?

An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside assistance. It has less than or equal to 5% Christian Adherent persons AND less than or equal to 2% Evangelical presence.

The 67 countries of the **10/40 Window** are home to nearly 6,200 unreached people groups. 5 out of every 6 unreached people groups are in the 10/40 Window.

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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Here's a quick guide on using this annual prayer resource, with prayer points for each week of the year. We encourage you to focus on the given set of prayer points for the week. Start any time you like, and enjoy the prayer journey experience for a whole year.

Before you dive into this guide, some frequently used terms are defined below:

Reflection: A portion of scripture each week traces the heart of God for the nations through missions from Genesis to Revelation, *informing* us of his grand plan of salvation, while also *inspiring* us to obey and join him in the privilege of sharing the good news with the world!

Frontier People Groups (FPGs): A Frontier People Group (FPG) is an Unreached People Group (UPG) with virtually no followers of Jesus and no known movements to Jesus, still needing pioneer cross-cultural workers. Joshua Project approximates Frontier People Groups as 0.1% or fewer Christian adherents and no confirmed, sustained movement.

Met Missionaries: The Met supports 44 missionaries, living in 13 countries, who serve across 33 countries around the world.

Country: Every week, attention is directed towards an evangelically needy country, prioritizing those with the highest number of unreached people groups.

World Religions: Each week, we will pray for people from a particular world religion so that many would turn to the Lord.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO BESIDES PRAYING?

"You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed."

- John Bunyan

Volunteer: Offer time and skills and serve with The Met Missions ministry.

Do a Course on Missions: Equip yourself with knowledge and skills by taking a course on missions.

Connect with Missionaries: Establish communication with the missionaries, providing encouragement and practical assistance where possible.

Learn different cultures: Learn about diverse cultures to enhance your cross-cultural interactions.

Offer Hospitality: Open your home to visiting missionaries or international guests for fellowship and support.

Give financially: Give regularly for the work of mission.

Reach Out to the Diaspora Community in Ottawa: Connect with and support immigrant communities in your city, sharing the love of Christ and meeting practical needs.

Go on a Short-term Missions Trip: Immerse yourself in a different culture, serving and learning alongside missionaries in a short-term mission experience.

Discern your call to long-term missions: Reflect on and seek God's guidance regarding a potential long-term commitment to missions.

REFLECTION

*"Now the Lord said to Abram,
'Go from your country.....and
in you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'"*

Genesis 12:1-3

Bengali Muslim Shaikh (Bangladesh, 134, 244, 000)

The Bengali Muslim Shaikh live in South Asia, the majority of which belong to the Sunni sect of Islam. Pray that as the Shaikh read the Koran, they will be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa-al-Masih) and to the Bible.

Frontier People Group

A, Alla InterServe, Muslim World, Leadership Development

Continue to pray for ongoing leadership and discipleship training opportunities and the development of local church ownership.

Missionary

India is home to the most unreached people groups globally (2000). Christian outreach faces challenges due to Hinduism's dominance, anti-conversion laws, and threats to converts' lives and livelihoods. Pray for Indian Christians to courageously overcome barriers, boldly share God's love, and find open doors for evangelism among the billion unreached people.

Country

Despite being perceived as ancient, **animism, tribalism,** and ancestor worship still ensnare millions globally, influencing culture and intertwining with major religions. Pray for the peace of Christ to replace fear, for missionaries to reach forgotten tribes, and for the knowledge of God's grace to overcome uncertainty.

World Religion

WEEK 2

REFLECTION

*"But for this purpose I have raised you up,
to show you my power,
so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth."*

Exodus 9:16

Shaikh (India, 72,200,000)

As primarily Urdu speakers, the Shaikh in India do possess the complete Bible in their language. There has been much ministry activity among the Shaikh in India.

Unfortunately, these efforts have brought few Shaikh into God's kingdom.

Ask the Lord to open the hearts of the Shaikhs so they will receive the good news.

Frontier People Group

Airo, Harrison & Flo WoL , Kenya

Evangelism and Discipleship

Pray for security for camps in the north where the Muslim population is high. Pray for Bible distribution to be fruitful to those receiving.

Lastly, as WoL has started activities in the DRC, pray for safety in this war-torn region.

Missionary

Pakistan, born in 1947 after a conflict with India over Kashmir, blends ancient Islamic influences. Despite rich culture, economic challenges persist, with poverty and heroin addiction. Nuclear-armed, it grapples with terrorism impacting schools. Limited religious freedom exists, especially for Christians. Pray for Church growth amidst persecution, and the dismantling of extremist strongholds.

Country

Atheism, denying God's existence, challenges faith as the third-largest "religion" globally. New Atheism opposes religion, emphasizing reason for a better world. The Bible highlights God's existence and grace. Pray for the Truth to overcome prejudices, misrepresentations, and intellectual hurdles. May Atheists encounter the undeniable presence of God.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*"For this I will praise you, O Lord,
among the nations, and
sing praises to your name."*

2 Samuel 22:50

Turk

(Türkiye, 61,482,000)

The typical Turk lives a secularized, modern urban life, with all the materialistic advantages that go with it. Both Islam and traditional beliefs keep Turks from considering the amazing claims of Jesus Christ.

Ask God to give Turkish believers boldness and love to share Christ with their own people.

Frontier People Group

B, A & K

**Team, South Asia
Church Planting and
Pastoring**

Pray for A & K's daughter P, for her speech development as she prepares to start pre-kindergarten. We also pray for their church's land rezoning, protection against persecution, and the growth of the church in their country.

Missionary

China, with a rich history and 1.35 billion people, thrives economically but faces Communist rule challenges, environmental issues, and pressing human needs. Rapid Christian growth, reaching 75 million, poses challenges—more Bibles and teaching needed. Pray for Church growth amidst persecution, biblical teaching, and deep-rooted acceptance of Jesus in the culture.

Country

Baha'i

The Baha'i faith, originating in 1844 from Islam, has 7.5 million followers globally, mainly in India and Africa. Baha'is advocate unity, love, and acceptance of various faiths but differ from the Bible on Jesus' divinity and afterlife. Pray for questioning and Truth-seeking among Baha'is and their peace in God's eternal kingdom.

World Religion

WEEK 4

REFLECTION

*"All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you."*

Psalm 22:27

Yadav (India, 41,186,000)

The Yadav trace their lineage to King Yadu and Krishna.

Apprehensions about Christianity disrupting family and community ties hinder their openness to the Gospel. Few Yadav are believers. Pray for their wisdom in sharing God's Word within their families and multiplying blessings among Yadav households.

Frontier People Group

Bitar, Walid Mission 3D Threshold, Canada & Middle East Church Planting and Pastoring

Pray for wisdom to lead the church in the truth of the Word. Pray for the next generation to be grounded in faith. Pray for God to provide a worker to serve among youth. Pray for peace and safety in Lebanon and for the needs of their Ministry in the Middle East.

Missionary

Bangladesh faces annual floods, poverty, child labor, early marriages, pollution, disease, and political instability. Religious tensions have grown, with 89% of the population being Muslim. Pray for an outpouring of servants willing to reach out to Bengali Muslims in the name of Christ. Pray for God to raise up spiritually mature leaders in the church who are committed to authentic discipleship.

Country

Buddhism, with 484 million followers, originated with Siddhartha Gautama, seeking enlightenment to become the Buddha. It thrives in Southeast Asia, the Pacific, and the West. Rejecting a creator, it aims to end suffering through karma and achieve nirvana. Pray for Christ's presence to replace spiritual oppression, and for more Gospel witnesses.

World Religion

REFLECTION

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations."

Psalms 67:1-2

Brahmin (India, 34,992,000)

Brahmins, a priestly class, guide spiritually and interpret Scriptures. Custodians of sacred traditions, their pride and the belief that Christianity is for outcasts pose obstacles. Pray for Brahmins to embrace the gift of life in Christ, overcoming barriers to receive God's blessing.

Frontier People Group

Boschman, Laurie Hockey Ministries Int., Canada Chaplaincy

Pray that the gospel would be presented clearly at HMI's summer hockey camps. Pray for wisdom for HMI's chaplains as they engage hockey players in matters of faith. Pray for favour with the leadership of the many hockey leagues they work in.

Missionary

Nepal, with stunning mountains, diverse landscapes, and 36 ethnic groups, faces poverty and political instability. Hinduism dominates, restricting religious freedom for Christians. Despite challenges, the Christian population grows. Pray for Jesus to reach unreached areas, and for biblical training and Christlikeness among emerging church leaders.

Country

Daoism, a philosophy and religion, emerged in China around 2000 years ago. Zhang Daoling founded the first Daoist school in the 1st century. While once an official religion, it yielded to Confucianism. Around 2.7 million practice Daoism today, seeking harmony with the eternal Dao through meditation. Pray for Jesus to reveal Himself to seekers and break the bondage of divination and magic.

World Religion

WEEK 6

REFLECTION

*"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'
Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"*

Isaiah 6:8

Algerian (Algeria, 33, 118, 000)

Northern Africa, now predominantly Arab Muslim, was once mostly inhabited by Christians. Overrun by Arabs, the tribes are now all Sunni Muslim. While Christian resources exist, the tribes have minimal Christian presence. Pray for new strategies to effectively reach them with the Gospel, and for hearts to be softened toward Christians.

Frontier People Group

B, Said Power to Change North Africa

Evangelism and Discipleship

Pray for Said as he serves an ever-growing team involved in discipleship training, church planting and media/internet ministry reaching thousands in North Africa.

Missionary

Indonesia, with 17,000 islands, grapples with diversity and language challenges. Independence in 1945 followed colonization and economic struggles. Persecution of Christians persists in this Muslim-majority nation. Despite challenges, the church unites, and mission organizations grow. Pray for bold witness, peace, and protection for believers amidst Islamic expansion.

Country

Hinduism, the third-largest world religion, began around 1500 BC in India with no known founder. Influencing life and morals, it worships over 300,000 deities, seeking to break the cycle of reincarnation. While Hindus find truth in many sources, they reject Christ's claim to be the only way. Pray for people of all castes to boldly follow Christ, abandoning numerous gods for the one true God.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*"...I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth."*

Isaiah 49:6

Pashtun (Pakistan, 32, 262,000)

Pashtuns, the largest Muslim tribal society, comprise 30 major tribes. They share a unique identity rooted in heritage, Islam, Pashtunwali Code of Honor, and language.

The Gospel has been sown, but the number of Pashtuns following Jesus is unknown.

Pray for God's Spirit to strengthen and protect new believers, empowering their lives and witness.

Frontier People Group

Brazeau, Jeremy & Lindsay Mission Aviation Fellowship Papua Indonesia Mercy and Justice

Pray that God would work powerfully in the lives of students and teachers at the missions school where they serve. Pray that remaining obstacles in the adoption process would be overcome. Pray for their children and for strength and energy to serve well and be healthy.

Missionary

Sudan, East Africa's largest country, faced division, leading to South Sudan's creation in 2011. Strife persists due to ethnic and religious differences, with Arab Sunni Muslims dominating the north.

Christians, a minority, endure persecution, facing death for conversion. Pray for unity among Christians, wise and compassionate leaders, and continued government favor towards the Church.

Country

Islam, with 1.8 billion followers, sees Muhammad as the final prophet. Muslims view Jews and Christians as "People of the Book" with corrupted scriptures.

Salvation involves submission, good deeds, and the Five Pillars. Pray for Muslims to encounter Jesus through encounter with the Word, visions, dreams, and faithful witnesses. Pray for courage to follow Jesus despite the costs.

World Religion

WEEK 8

REFLECTION

*"Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works
among all the peoples!"*

Psalm 96:3

Mahratta (India, 31,574,000)

The Mahratta, a significant community in Maharashtra, India, mainly belong to the upper rural echelons. Like all Hindus, they worship multiple deities, revering land as their mother. Tolerant but viewing themselves as upper caste, they often look down on others. Few are believers. Pray for laborers to bring Christ to Mahratta households.

Frontier People Group

Brown, John & Jennifer CAPRO, Canada Agency Leadership

Pray for the Browns as they introduce CAPRO Mission to churches in Canada. Pray for guidance in following up with camp attendees, and for their outreach to Muslims in the Capital Region.

Missionary

Spanning 6.6 million square miles, post-USSR dissolution leaves the **Russian Federation** grappling with the aftermath of the 2022 Ukraine invasion, including a refugee crisis. Challenges include human trafficking, cybercrime, drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, and high abortion rates. Evangelicals face skepticism and persecution. Pray for Christian unity, support for believers, and effective evangelism.

Country

Jainism, originating in the 7th century BC with 5.7 million followers in India, reveres the 24 Tirthankaras, enlightened teachers. Mahavira, the 24th, is seen as its founder. Jains believe in eternal reincarnation cycles and seek enlightenment by shedding karma. Pray for Jains to recognize their need for a Savior and find true peace in Jesus.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord;
call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!"*

Psalm 105:1

Uzbek (Uzbekistan, 28,516,000)

The Uzbeks, primarily in Central Asia, were traditionally semi-nomadic shepherds, but now mostly engage in farming or urban living. Sunni Muslims, they blend traditional beliefs with Islam. With the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, it's crucial to share the Gospel. Pray for unity among Christian Uzbek leaders in evangelistic efforts.

Frontier People Group

Bussard, Allan & Caulene MSC Canada, Slovakia National Leadership

Pray for Allan and Caulene Bussard's child sponsorship program in Ethiopia, seeking support from Slovak families. Also, pray for the expansion of their counseling program in Ukraine and wisdom in mentoring Slovak colleagues for growing responsibilities.

Missionary

Laos, a narrow landlocked nation in Southeast Asia, remains communist and impoverished since 1975. Christianity faced suppression after the takeover, but the community grows through indigenous evangelism. Pray for bold Gospel proclamation amid government monitoring, and for Lao seekers to find hope in the one true God.

Country

Jehovah's Witnesses, numbering over 7 million, follow Charles Russell's teachings, believing Christ's second coming occurred in 1874. Rejecting the Trinity, they see Jehovah as the supreme creator, and reject Jesus as eternal and divine. Pray for false teachings to be exposed, leading Witnesses to seek the truth. Pray for many to leave the cult and return to the Triune God and trust in Christ's true identity.

World Religion

WEEK 10

REFLECTION

*"How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,"*

Isaiah 52:7

Rajput (India, 27,712,000)

The Rajputs, privileged among forward caste Hindus, often find it challenging to consider alternatives to their faith. Pray for their growing awareness of Jesus and their need for Him. Pray the Lord ignites spiritual hunger, satisfies it, and sparks a disciple-making movement in every Rajput community in India.

Frontier People Group

Callaghan, Jay & Laura AIM, Canada

Evanglism and Discipleship

Please pray for Jay's connections with older campers, successful community center turnout for camper follow-up, and outreach to International African students. Additionally, pray for funding for the Samburu medical project and strength for Amin, who lost his brother to terrorists.

Missionary

Iran is a predominantly Muslim nation governed by Shi'ite clerics since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Economic challenges, high unemployment, and political scrutiny persist. Limited religious freedom and severe consequences for converting to Christianity exist. Despite restrictions, pray for a harvest as believers share their faith boldly. Pray for rapid church multiplication and maturity amid persecution.

Country

Judaism, the sixth-largest world religion, is rooted in God's promises to Abraham.

With around 14 million followers, primarily in Israel and the U.S., Jews emphasize obedience to God's laws. They anticipate a Messianic age but differ from Christians in seeing Jesus as the Messiah. Pray for courage to embrace the Gospel and understanding that accepting Jesus doesn't negate their Jewish identity.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*"...And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;"*

Daniel 7:13-14

Arab, Moroccan (Morocco, 24,511,000)

Since 670, Arabs have ruled Morocco. Although religious freedom is allowed, the King declared native Moroccans to be Sunni Muslims. Few Moroccan Arabs are Christian.

Pray for boldness among Moroccan Arab believers to share Christ's love. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts towards Christians, making them receptive to the Gospel.

Frontier People Group

Castillo, Raul Partners International, Peru National Leadership

Pray for God's power upon ministry leaders as they serve to fulfill their calling in Christ. Pray for God's protection as they work in challenging places. Pray for God's provision, that He will provide resources needed to carry out His work.

Missionary

Chad, a diverse African nation with over 200 ethnic groups, faces civil war, poverty, and limited healthcare. Despite political challenges, religious freedom exists, welcoming missionaries to share the Gospel. Pray for the Church's burden and equipping for evangelism, especially among the growing Muslim majority. Pray for perseverance among pioneer missionaries in challenging locations.

Country

Mormonism, founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith, differs from mainstream Christianity.

Rejecting the traditional Trinity, Mormons believe in multiple gods with physical bodies. They rely on works and temple ordinances for salvation, using the Book of Mormon alongside the Bible. Pray for a hunger for truth to lead Mormons to God's Word and for deceptions to be unveiled.

World Religion

WEEK 12

REFLECTION

"And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved..."

Joel 2:32

Kurmi

(India, 22,664,000)

The Kurmi, found across India, excel in agriculture but face lower caste status due to their work with the soil. A few Kurmi are Christians. Pray for fruitful believers, sharing God's Word and blessing, strengthening families, and extending God's blessing to other Kurmi households. Pray for the Kurmi to recognize Jesus as their sole hope for salvation and lasting status.

Frontier People Group

Chy, Solina

OMF, Cambodia

Evangelism and Discipleship

Pray for health, wisdom, and strength as Solina engages in radio, women's and writing ministry.

Missionary

Malaysia, culturally diverse but divided, faces issues like piracy and sex trafficking.

Christians encounter restrictions, needing translated materials and funding. Ethnic tensions and discrimination persist, especially against indigenous Indians. Pray for the Malay people, one of the world's largest unreached groups, to hear the Gospel at home and abroad. Pray for an end to the pressure to adopt shari'a law.

Country

Occultism, often hidden and feared, includes various beliefs and practices linked with Paganism and Animism. Occultists seek power and protection through contacting spirits. Pray for God's light to expose Satan's lies and for believers to strategically share His love with Occultists.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;
he knows those who take refuge in him."*

Nahum 1:15

Teli (India, 22,446,000)

The Teli community, named after the oil they extract, mainly practices Hinduism. They worship a "wish-fulfilling goddess." Pray for the Teli to hunger for the true God. Pray for believers to share Christ's blessings. Pray for Teli disciples to emerge and initiate a Disciple-Making Movement among their people.

Frontier People Group

Côté, Charles AGC, Canada Church Planting and Pastoring

Pray for a burden in Canadian churches to reach the 9.3 million French-speaking people in Canada. Pray for AGC churches in Montreal and resources to spread the Gospel. Also, pray for Charles' book on discipleship to be guided by the Lord.

Missionary

Thailand, a tourist haven, faces hidden challenges like sex trafficking and organized crime. Millions live in slavery. Political transitions persist, and there's a need to reach the predominantly Buddhist population. Pray for Gospel penetration, sound teaching, and leadership for the growing Thai Church. Pray for church growth to touch all 80,000 villages.

Country

Sikhs, often mistaken for Muslims, follow a distinct faith with 23 million followers. Sikhism emerged in the 15th century, emphasizing one God and equality. While Sikhs seek liberation through selflessness and good deeds, the Bible teaches salvation through Jesus. Pray for Sikhs to encounter Jesus and embrace the true path to peace, justice, and union with God.

World Religion

WEEK 14

REFLECTION

*"For from the rising of the sun to its setting,
my name will be great among the nations,
... says the Lord of hosts."*

Malachi 1:11

Kumhar (India 18,743,000)

Kumhar, believed to be descendants of Brahma (creator god), are spread throughout India, relying on agriculture and pottery and have a nomadic lifestyle. Pray for a spiritual hunger to draw the Kumhars to Christ. Pray for a disciple-making movement and Christian workers addressing their spiritual and physical needs.

Frontier People Group

Dana, Mark & Ruth Anna NCEM, Canada

Evangelism and Discipleship

Pray for Mark and Ruth Anna Dana's follow-up ministry with couples from the Family Life Indigenous Couples Getaway. Pray for the planning of the Family Matters First Nations Workshop in 2024. Also, pray for Mark's chaplaincy work.

Missionary

Sri Lanka, the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean," grapples with historical distinctions, biodiversity, and economic growth. Income inequality and ethnic biases persist, fueled by deep religious beliefs. Despite Buddhism's protection, religious violence and persecution endure. Pray for healing from the civil war's scars and religious freedom amidst anti-conversion laws.

Pray for many **missionaries to be raised** from within The Met and other churches in Canada.

Pray for a **missionary zeal** among the young people all across The Met and Canada

Country

Others

REFLECTION

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14

Bania (India, 17,064,000)

The Vania, also known as Bania or Mahajan, are traders with Vaishnava and Jain religious divisions. Their traditional occupations include business, trade, jewelry-making, and agriculture. Pray for the Vania's salvation, for Christian workers to reach them, and for the Holy Spirit to instill a love for God's Word and a desire to spread its influence.

Frontier People Group

deRoos, Henry & Kara OAC, Canada

Evangelism and Discipleship

Please pray for their ministry among Amish and Mennonite communities, that the 550 Bibles given out would transform lives across Canada. Pray for more missionaries to answer the call and for souls to be saved through outreach efforts.

Missionary

In **Bhutan**, non-Buddhist religions aren't recognized, risking citizenship loss. Unemployment persists despite infrastructure development. Bhutan has a small persecuted Christian population and is among the least evangelized. Pray for Bhutan to open to vibrant Christian witness, and for believers to stand firm and multiply despite harsh treatment.

Country

Pray for **churches** across the world **that lack missionary zeal** to gain a vision of the Great Commission and seek the Lord for how they can be involved in the work of world evangelization. Pray for repentance, renewal and committed leadership.

Others

WEEK 16

REFLECTION

*And he said to them, "Follow me,
and I will make you fishers of men."*

Matthew 4:19

Jat (India, 16,163,000)

The Jats, a diverse people, maintain their distinct identity based on occupation and heritage. Predominantly in northwestern India and southern Pakistan, they are often farmers or nomadic herdsman, following Islam, Hinduism, or Sikhism. Pray for more laborers to engage with the Jats and for thriving churches to emerge for God's glory.

Frontier People Group

Eberle, Lucia SIM, Africa

Leadership Development

Pray for leaders in Dorcas widow's ministry – for wisdom, protection, unity. Pray for widows that come to Dorcas, that they would find God's peace, love, joy and spiritual growth. Lastly, pray for protection for widows in many unsecured parts of this region.

Missionary

Afghanistan is one of the least reached countries in the world. There are 48,000 mosques but not a single church building. Pray for the 70 unreached peoples of this land. Pray for God to build His Church and demonstrate that even the harsh rule of the Taliban cannot stop the advance of His Kingdom. Pray also for the multiplication of the groups of Afghans who follow Christ outside their own homeland.

Country

Pray for **global geo-political leaders & international influencers** to encounter the Gospel, embracing faith in the Lord. May they become agents of positive change, influencing their regions for Christ. May the transformative power of the Gospel shape their decisions and actions.

Others

REFLECTION

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

Kunbi (India, 15,725,000)

The Kunbi, a significant community in Gujarat, are apprehensive about Christianity. Pray for Kunbi salvation and the sending of Christian workers to meet their needs. Pray for Kunbi believers to boldly share the Gospel within their community, breaking down barriers to bring spiritual and physical blessings.

Frontier People Group

Ernst, Tim Navigators, Canada Evangelism and Discipleship

Pray that Tim Ernst remains close to Jesus, embodying John 15:5, and experiences audacious faith and fruit in his endeavors, particularly in the marketplace Alpha course he leads. Pray for spiritual movement with Iranian students on campus.

Missionary

Vietnam, shaped by rich history and united under communist rule in 1975, faces challenges despite rapid economic growth. Constitutional religious freedom coexists with obstacles, and evangelicals are growing. Pray for Christian unity, the thriving of new believers, and freedom from government repression for unregistered house churches.

Country

Pray for the sustained encouragement of **those engaged in global Bible translation projects**, that their commitment to making God's Word accessible in diverse languages may endure and bear fruit. Lift up organizations spearheading these initiatives and seek God's provision for the funding required to advance these crucial projects.

Others

WEEK 18

REFLECTION

"Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles."

Matthew 12:18

Arab, Northern Yemeni (Yemen, 15,004,000)

Pray for the Sanaani Arabs, residing in northern Yemen, as qat cultivation dominates their economy. Islam prevails, but pray for the few believers to effectively sow God's Word in their families and communities, sparking a movement of blessing. Pray for a multiplying movement to Jesus, bringing righteousness and forgiveness to the Yemeni.

Frontier People Group

Frank, Stephen and Karen Mission GO, Canada Evangelism and Discipleship

Pray for those who listen to La Voix de l'Evangile radio broadcasts, that they trust Christ and grow in His grace. Pray for those taking Bible courses, that they share God's truths. Pray for Rev. Michel Martel's 40th year of teaching believers God's Word.

Missionary

Turkey's economy blends industry and agriculture, ranking sixteenth globally. Despite growth, challenges include a high deficit and ethnic tensions, particularly between Kurds and Turks. Hostility and persecution toward Christians persist, hindering evangelism. Pray for the Gospel's powerful advancement amid increased hostilities, bringing hope and transformation to the people of Turkey.

Country

Pray for **The Met's short-term missions trips**, that they bear fruit in the hearts of team members and bring encouragement to the missionaries they visit. Ask for wisdom for The Met Missions leadership in organizing these trips strategically and for the emergence of long-term missionaries from these experiences.

Others

REFLECTION

"The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one."

Matthew 13:38

Arab, Saudi (Saudi Arabia, 14,668,000)

The Najdi people reside in Saudi Arabia's central Najd region, where practicing any religion other than Islam is forbidden. Over 99 percent are Sunni Muslims. Pray for the few believers among them to courageously share Christ despite persecution. Pray for the Najdi to hunger for God's love, seek Jesus, and receive salvation.

Frontier People Group

Gendi, Amal & Sohir Pioneers Canada, Canada & Muslim World Leadership Development & Theological Education

Pray for ongoing opportunities to proclaim the gospel, teach new disciples, and train more people in reaching Muslims for Christ.

Missionary

Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, has diverse geography and over 500 people groups. The north is largely Muslim, impoverished, and faces tribal tensions, while the south is more developed and predominantly Christian. Corruption hinders progress, and the Church grapples with persecution and false teachings. Pray for systemic change and balanced Bible teaching in the Churches.

Country

Pray that the **Church in Canada embrace its missionary calling**, inspiring many, young and old, to dedicate their lives to cross-cultural missions. May they step out in faith, fulfilling this calling with obedience and passion. May Canada play a vital role in spreading the Gospel until Christ's return.

Others

WEEK 20

REFLECTION

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:14

Nai (India, 14,440,000)

Pray for the Hindu Nai people in India, known for cutting hair and nails, and often illiterate. May Indian believers form friendships, sharing the Gospel orally and visually. Pray for a disciple-making movement to flourish among the Nai, bringing blessings and the knowledge of the Saviour this decade.

Frontier People Group

Hiller, Allan Encountering Hope Ministries, Canada Agency Leadership

Pray for Encountering Hope Ministries, serving 20 ethnic groups in Winnipeg. Pray they find disciple-makers for each group and for wisdom in expanding their ministry, providing essential resources to the newcomer community.

Missionary

Myanmar grapples with ongoing warfare and military influence, leading to economic turmoil and poverty. Despite restrictions, the Church grows amidst a predominantly Buddhist population. Pray for peace, justice, and effective evangelism in this ethnically diverse nation, marked by the Rohingya crisis and a challenging political landscape.

Country

Pray for **Missionary Kids**, that they would have a vibrant relationship with God, find their identity in Christ and feel a sense of belonging, even in different cultures. Pray for emotional resilience, as MKs may face loneliness, cultural adjustments, or the challenges of being away from extended family. Pray that MKs would grasp the importance of their parents' mission work.

Others

REFLECTION

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

Kapu

(India, 14,045,000)

Kapu, synonymous with farmer or protector, also known as Naidu, meaning leader, have a military and agrarian background. While some diversified into industry and academia, many remain farmers. Primarily Hindu, pray for the Kapu's spiritual and emotional needs to be met by Jesus. Pray for open hearts and minds to the truth of God's Word.

Frontier People Group

Ibrahim, K & S

**Pioneers, Middle East
Evangelism and Discipleship**

Pray that the Lord would use media ministry to reach many countries that do not have established churches. Pray for increased connection with those who are reaching out from majority Muslim populations who want to know more about Jesus.

Missionary

In **Brazil**, the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue symbolizes compassion and sacrifice. Despite a majority identifying as Catholic or Christian, Brazil faces challenges like nominalism and spiritism. Income inequality persists, with millions in poverty, especially in Rio de Janeiro's slums. Pray for spiritual maturity in the growing evangelical church, transforming lives in urban slums.

Country

Pray for **persecuted churches globally**, that believers may stand firm in faith amid adversity. Pray for their protection, courage, and endurance. Pray for the persecutors' hearts to be softened, leading to encounters with Christ. May the persecuted Church be a beacon of light, drawing many to the hope found in Jesus.

Others

WEEK 22

REFLECTION

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

Malay (Malaysia, 13,951,000)

In Malaysia, Malays, defined by language, customs, and Islam, deeply value cultural heritage, family, and community. While millions follow Christ, reaching Malay Muslims faces challenges. Pray for boldness among Malaysian believers and that each Malay person encounters the gospel in an accessible way, embracing the message of salvation.

Frontier People Group

Isch, Soula SIM, Global Mercy and Justice

Pray for spiritual and physical renewal. Pray for wisdom and discernment in the ministry. Pray for the ongoing ministry with the Dorcas ministry in Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger.

Missionary

Mali, a West African nation, gained independence in 1960. Despite ethnic diversity, it's a stable democracy. Fishing and agriculture drive the economy, yet it's among the world's poorest countries. The church grows amid a majority Muslim population, offering hope and support. Pray for receptivity to Christ-centered evangelism and wisdom in addressing other issues.

Country

Pray for a **global movement of church planting**, that missionaries may strategically establish thriving, culturally relevant churches. Pray for local leaders to rise, equipped to shepherd and disciple new believers. Pray for unity among believers and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in each planting effort.

Others

REFLECTION

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

Luke 4:18-19

Hui (China, 13,738,000)

Pray for the Hui, a Sunni Muslim minority in China. Although known for business acumen, most Hui have not heard the Gospel. Pray for cultural renewal through the Holy Spirit, shaping them into a God-centered mold. Pray for leaders to seek God, and for workers to initiate a disciple-making movement among the Hui.

Frontier People Group

Jackson, Elyse Josiah Venture, Canada Agency Leadership

Pray for the transition to being back in Canada while she completes her masters. Pray also for her new role as she knows she needs the Lord's wisdom, vision, and strength to do it well.

Missionary

Pray for **Ethiopia**, the oldest independent African nation with a rich cultural history. Despite past challenges, it is now stable. Christianity has deep roots, with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church dating back to the 13th century. Evangelicals have brought growth, and Christians collaborate to strengthen believers and aid the poor. Pray for a resurgence of profound Christian beliefs in Ethiopia.

Country

Pray for **open doors among unreached people groups.**

Ask God to break down barriers hindering the spread of the Gospel. Pray for divine opportunities, receptive hearts, and local leaders to welcome and allow the message of Christ to penetrate unreached communities, bringing salvation and transforming lives.

Others

WEEK 24

REFLECTION

"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

Jat

(Pakistan, 13,498,000)

Pray for the Muslim Jats of Pakistan, known for their independence and self-respect, to encounter Jesus as their suffering servant. Pray for trained evangelists to sensitively reach out to Jat communities, sparking a Disciple Making Movement and bringing transformation through the life-changing message of Christ.

Frontier People Group

Jacob, S

**OAC, South Asia
National Leadership**

Pray for unreached Asians to hear the gospel, and for open doors for workers. Pray for protection and guidance for teams sharing Christ in villages despite challenges. Pray for new believers facing societal rejection and hardships, that they stand firm in faith amidst persecution.

Missionary

Kazakhstan is a resource-rich nation with economic disparities, poverty, and social issues. Amid religious restrictions, both Islam and Christianity are growing. Kazakh Christians face challenges but are increasingly becoming missionaries to the Muslim world. Pray for boldness and effective outreach, especially among Central Asian immigrants, to spread the gospel of Christ.

Country

Pray for the **health and safety of missionaries** serving overseas. Ask for protection from illnesses, accidents, and the various challenges they may face. Pray for access to quality healthcare and a supportive community. May God grant them strength, resilience, and peace in their mission work.

Others

REFLECTION

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Luke 24:46-47

Ansari (India, 12,713,000)

Pray for the impoverished and mostly illiterate Ansari people, Sunni Muslims in Pakistan. None are known to follow Christ. Ask the Lord to draw them into His family, bless them, and ignite a hunger for righteousness. Pray for believers to enter Ansari communities, sharing the blessings of the Savior.

Frontier People Group

Jalbert, Martin & Yannick WoL, Canada Agency Leadership

Pray that *Word of Life* would see an increase in enrollment in their different programs, both in Ontario and Quebec. Pray that the Lord would also bring key workers to serve in Owen Sound.

Missionary

Uzbekistan faces corruption and restricted information despite claiming constitutional republic status. Serving as a drug trade transit and experiencing human trafficking, it's among the most persecuted nations. Pray for safety, growth, and spiritual maturity for the underground house church. Pray for religious freedom to miraculously expand.

Country

Pray for abundant **financial provision to propel the global advance of the Gospel**. Ask for generous contributions to fund missions, provide for missionaries' needs, and support strategic initiatives. Pray that God would inspire believers to contribute sacrificially, enabling the spread of the Gospel to unreached places and people.

Others

WEEK 26

REFLECTION

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."

John 4:35

Dhobi (India, 12,673,000)

Pray for the Dhobi people to encounter the life-transforming message of Jesus, realizing He alone can cleanse their sins. With the decline in traditional laundry practices, pray for missionaries to reach out to the Dhobi community in India. Pray for a deep spiritual hunger, drawing them to the goodness of the Lord.

Frontier People Group

Javed, S & T Lumens of Truth, Afghanistan Agency Leadership

Pray for the online church beginning this year, that His Word would be cause for great revival among Afghans. Pray the Lord would soften the hearts of the Taliban towards the Gospel.

Missionary

Algeria has a majority Muslim population. Missionary work is challenging due to restrictions on religious freedom. The church faces hurdles, but dedicated believers persevere. Efforts to share the Gospel are met with caution, making Algeria a complex mission field. Pray for God's Word to get into the homes, hands and hearts of the Algerians.

Country

Pray for **retired missionaries** to find peace, purpose, and fulfillment in this new season. May they experience God's provision, good health, and meaningful connections. Pray for a sense of gratitude for their past service and a deepening of their relationship with God in their retirement years.

Others

REFLECTION

*"As you sent me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world."*

John 17:18

Mali (India, 12,552,000)

There are diverse Mali subgroups based on occupation like farmers and grass sellers. Pray for Mali family leaders to be blessed by believers, opening the way for the entire people group to embrace Jesus. Pray for them to see the Lord's goodness, leading many Mali to faith. Pray that a thriving church emerges among them.

Frontier People Group

Jolly, Sheila Native Gospel Ministries, Canada Agency Leadership

Pray for Native Gospel Ministries International to have ongoing opportunities to reach, encourage and equip Native peoples in Canada with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray especially for ministry opportunities among students and families in Ottawa for their studies.

Missionary

Côte d'Ivoire, the "Jewel of West Africa," boasts ethnic diversity with 60+ tribes. Economic decline, ethnic division, and political instability persist despite a history of coffee and palm oil production. Pray for gospel penetration in the predominantly Muslim north and for Christians to seize opportunities amid foreign influences.

Country

Despite being perceived as ancient, **animism, tribalism, and ancestor worship** still ensnare millions globally, influencing culture and intertwining with major religions. Pray for the peace of Christ to replace fear, for missionaries to reach forgotten tribes, and for the knowledge of God's grace to overcome uncertainty.

World Religion

WEEK 28

REFLECTION

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

John 20:21

Sylhet

(Bangladesh, 12,350,000)

Sylhet Muslims, an Indo-Aryan group in Bangladesh, practice Sunni Islam and a social division system. Pray for a multiplying community of believers to emerge and thrive, becoming a movement to Christ. Pray for the Sylhet Muslim people to recognize their spiritual need and turn to Christ for the riches of His forgiveness.

Frontier People Group

Klopfenstein, Jay & Nancy TNET, Global Agency Leadership

Please pray for TNET's new mission work in Latin America, with plans to begin in Cuba, Peru, and Guyana. Also, pray for their efforts among the Masai in Kenya and their fruitful work in Southeast Asia, where churches are being planted, and Buddhist Monks are professing faith in Jesus.

Missionary

Libya, once wealthy from oil reserves, faces turmoil since Gaddafi's ousting in 2011, leading to conflict, division, and ISIS presence. It's perilous for Christians with restrictions on missionary activities. Pray for a unified government bringing justice and peace. Pray for the Libyan Church's unity and establishment amid persecution.

Country

Atheism, denying God's existence, challenges faith as the third-largest "religion" globally. New Atheism opposes religion, emphasizing reason for a better world. The Bible highlights God's existence and grace. Pray for the Truth to overcome prejudices, misrepresentations, and intellectual hurdles. May Atheists encounter the undeniable presence of God.

World Religion

REFLECTION

"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Shaikh (Pakistan, 12,015,000)

Islam arrived in the area now known as Pakistan in 711 AD when a Muslim Arab army conquered the northwestern part of the Indus Valley from Jammu and Kashmir to the Arabian Sea. The descendants of these Arabs usually go by the title of Shaikh and are also known in Pakistan as Muslim Khatri. Pray for gospel penetration in their midst.

Frontier People Group

Magwood, Rob & Kathleen SEND, Canada

Agency Leadership

In local outreach, Kathleen leads English Conversation Circles for new Canadians. In global outreach, pray for more mission workers and a co-vocational ministry movement. Pray for Mags who is leading the Sending Collective to enhance collaboration among mission agencies in Canada.

Missionary

Tajikistan, nestled in the Pamir Mountains, faces poverty, civil war aftermath, economic struggles, and male emigration. Border security is vital against drug routes. Religious restrictions persist, but a growing Tajikistani Church is emerging. Pray for those still affected by civil war. Pray for Muslims to encounter Christ miraculously.

Country

Baha'i

The Baha'i faith, originating in 1844 from Islam, has 7.5 million followers globally, mainly in India and Africa. Baha'is advocate unity, love, and acceptance of various faiths but differ from the Bible on Jesus' divinity and afterlife. Pray for questioning and Truth-seeking among Baha'is and their peace in God's eternal kingdom.

World Religion

WEEK 30

REFLECTION

*Now those who were scattered
went about preaching the word.*

Acts 8:4

Uyghur

(China, 11,768,000)

Over a million Uyghurs face detention and forced assimilation. Most reside in a monitored Xinjiang, practicing folk Islam. Chinese oppression challenges preserving Uyghur culture.

Pray for compassion and strength for the detained and persecuted and for the light of the gospel to liberate them physically and spiritually.

Frontier People Group

M, David

**Partners International,
South Asia
National Leadership**

Pray for God's power upon ministry leaders as they serve to fulfill their calling in Christ.

Pray for God's protection as they work in challenging places. Pray for God's provision, that He will provide resources needed to carry out His work.

Missionary

The UAE, with its seven Emirates, has transformed from a fishing to an oil-based economy. Governed authoritatively, it restricts political representation and media. Predominantly immigrant, Islam is the state religion, and religious freedom is limited. Christians face legal barriers in sharing the Gospel. Pray for a change in laws and wisdom for discreet evangelism.

Country

Buddhism, with 484 million followers, originated with Siddhartha Gautama, seeking enlightenment to become the Buddha. It thrives in Southeast Asia, the Pacific, and the West. Rejecting a creator, it aims to end suffering through karma and achieve nirvana. Pray for Christ's presence to replace spiritual oppression, and for more Gospel witnesses.

World Religion

REFLECTION

"So Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.'"

Acts 10:34-35

Afghan-Tajik (Afghanistan, 11,598,000)

Afghanistan has a large Tajik population, is rich in Persian heritage and Sunni Islam. Facing war's impact and religious challenges, they cherish tradition. Pray for peace, stability, and Christian workers fluent in Dari to share the Gospel amid historical influences and obstacles.

Frontier People Group

Matos, Ruben & Graciela Palabra de Vida, Peru National Leadership

Pray for the 2024 Summer Camp Season, aiming for 2,000 campers. Pray for Local Church Ministry to expand to 50 churches. Also, pray for salvation in schools through their ministry presentations. Pray for a greater vision and passion to reach the youth of Peru with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Missionary

The Philippines faces economic challenges and political instability. High poverty rates persist, exacerbated by insurgencies like the Moro National Liberation Front and the New People's Army. Despite a Christian majority, corruption plagues the government. Pray for Filipino churches to mobilize missionaries globally, and for justice and honesty to replace corruption.

Country

Daoism, a philosophy and religion, emerged in China around 2000 years ago. Zhang Daoling founded the first Daoist school in the 1st century. While once an official religion, it yielded to Confucianism. Around 2.7 million practice Daoism today, seeking harmony with the eternal Dao through meditation. Pray for Jesus to reveal Himself to seekers and break the bondage of divination and magic.

World Religion

WEEK 32

REFLECTION

*"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

Arain

(Pakistan, 11,507,000)

The Arain, based in Punjab, India, and Pakistan, excel in agriculture and have a political legacy. Sunni Muslims, they uphold Islamic traditions but may seek spiritual aid through charms. Pray for dedicated workers to reach them with Christ's love.

Pray the Arain encounter Jesus, breaking free from spiritual obscurity.

Frontier People Group

McCullough, Matt & Sonary CrossWorld, Cambodia Mercy & Justice

Pray that the Lord would continue to use those who have been trained through their disciple-making courses to go out and share what they have learned.

Pray that the Lord would use these partnerships to glorify Himself and bring many people to know Him in this region.

Missionary

Turkmenistan, a vast arid expanse, faces challenges despite oil wealth.

Authoritarian governance hampers rights and religious freedom, limiting it to Sunni Islam and Russian Orthodoxy. A brave Christian community persists despite persecution.

Pray for policy change, granting religious freedom. Pray for house churches, their confiscated literature replaced with new Bibles.

Country

Hinduism, the third-largest world religion, began around 1500 BC in India with no known founder. Influencing life and morals, it worships over 300,000 deities, seeking to break the cycle of reincarnation. While Hindus find truth in many sources, they reject Christ's claim to be the only way. Pray for people of all castes to boldly follow Christ, abandoning numerous gods for the one true God.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*"And he said to me,
'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"*

Acts 22:21

Lohar (India, 11,351,000)

Lohar descend from Mewar's weapon makers, now battling extreme poverty. Hindered by illiteracy and caste stigma, they seek divine favor through Hindu practices. Pray for abundant audio/video resources in Hindi. May missionaries bring God's impartial love, breaking barriers, and offering economic and educational opportunities.

Frontier People Group

McGregor, Chris & Yanci C2C, Canada Church Planting and Pastoring

Pray for Chris and Yanci as they lead City Church in the heart of Montreal. Pray that God would provide direction for the future of their church.

Missionary

Niger, transitioning to democracy, grapples with challenges like drought and child trafficking. Muslim-majority with a growing evangelical Christian minority, especially among the young. Pray for effective evangelization efforts for the under-15 population. Pray for swift and accurate translation of Scriptures for numerous unreached groups in Niger.

Country

Islam, with 1.8 billion followers, sees Muhammad as the final prophet. Muslims view Jews and Christians as "People of the Book" with corrupted scriptures. Salvation involves submission, good deeds, and the Five Pillars. Pray for Muslims to encounter Jesus through encounter with the Word, visions, dreams, and faithful witnesses. Pray for courage to follow Jesus despite the costs.

World Religion

WEEK 34

REFLECTION

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to
the Jew first and also to the Greek."*

Romans 1:16

Arab, Saudi- Hijazi (Saudi Arabia, 11,291,000)

Hijazi Arabs face evangelism challenges amidst social and religious barriers. The nation's oil-driven transformation brought development, yet reaching them with Christianity is vital. Pray for open doors for the Gospel in Saudi Arabia, creative evangelism strategies, and courage for Hijazi Arab believers to share Christ within their community.

Frontier People Group

McReynolds, Gabe & Linda P2C, Canada

Evangelism & Discipleship
Pray for capacity growth for Friends for Dinner in Ottawa and across Canada. Pray for Linda's weekly English Corner. Pray that the Lord would bless their work with Love Ottawa and One Way Ministries to help grow a city gospel movement in Ottawa, through encouraging and equipping the body of Christ.

Missionary

Tanzania, stable for decades, grapples with poverty despite its natural beauty. Religious diversity prevails, but internal Muslim conflicts and Christian syncretism arise. Pray for mature Christian leaders to address these challenges, evangelize the rural unreached, and guide churches. Pray for effective Bible translation initiatives to reach diverse communities in Tanzania.

Country

Jainism, originating in the 7th century BC with 5.7 million followers in India, reveres the 24 Tirthankaras, enlightened teachers. Mahavira, the 24th, is seen as its founder. Jains believe in eternal reincarnation cycles and seek enlightenment by shedding karma. Pray for Jains to recognize their need for a Savior and find true peace in Jesus.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*And how are they to preach unless they are sent?
As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those
who preach the good news!'"*

Romans 10:15

Mappila (India, 10,436,000)

Laccadive Mappilla, on Lakshadweep Islands, blend a matrilineal society with Sunni Islam. Despite improved education, the majority remains unreached. Pray for effective Gospel-sharing efforts, support for spiritual transformation, and empowerment for Laccadive Mappilla believers. Pray for open hearts.

Frontier People Group

M, Liz – Canada Home Office

Pray for those who Liz is walking alongside as they prayerfully consider going to the field. Pray for transitions within their sending base office and for more workers to be raised up to work on-field and within the sending base.

Missionary

Saudi Arabia, a desert nation with Islamic heritage, has introduced reforms but restricts religious freedom. Wahhabism's strict interpretation hinders Christians, facing discrimination in secret. Pray for a bold Saudi Church to emerge, vibrant and Spirit-filled. Pray for Saudi Arabia to transform into a Gospel launch pad for the Muslim world.

Country

Jehovah's Witnesses, numbering over 7 million, follow Charles Russell's teachings, believing Christ's second coming occurred in 1874. Rejecting the Trinity, they see Jehovah as the supreme creator, and reject Jesus as eternal and divine. Pray for false teachings to be exposed, leading Witnesses to seek the truth. Pray for many to leave the cult and return to the Triune God and trust in Christ's true identity.

World Religion

WEEK 36

REFLECTION

*"To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak.
I have become all things to all people,
that by all means I might save some."*

1 Corinthians 9:22

Kahar

(India, 9,759,000)

The Kahar, linked to palanquins and water, practice Hinduism with various name interpretations. Lacking the biblical concept of resurrection, they need Scripture-literate individuals to share Christ's ways. Pray for Holy Spirit-led renewal in Kahar culture, shaping it into a God-centered mold. Pray for leaders to seek God's face and blessings.

Frontier People Group

Najem, Joseph

**Partners International,
Middle East
National Leadership**

Pray for God's power upon ministry leaders as they serve to fulfill their calling in Christ. Pray for God's protection as they work in challenging places. Pray for God's provision, that He will provide resources needed to carry out His work.

Missionary

Kyrgyzstan

with rugged landscapes and nomadic traditions, grapples with political corruption, ethnic divisions, and poverty. Many migrate, creating urban slums. Predominantly Muslim with a Christian minority, the growing Church faces resistance. Pray for people to find true hope in Jesus, not just from the government. Pray for the Church's maturity and resilience against evil.

Country

Judaism, the sixth-largest world religion, is rooted in God's promises to Abraham.

With around 14 million followers, primarily in Israel and the U.S., Jews emphasize obedience to God's laws. They anticipate a Messianic age but differ from Christians in seeing Jesus as the Messiah. Pray for courage to embrace the Gospel and understanding that accepting Jesus doesn't negate their Jewish identity.

World Religion

REFLECTION

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

Koiri (India, 9,723,000)

The Koiri, concentrated in India, Nepal, and Bangladesh, excel in agriculture with Hindu beliefs tracing back to Lord Rama's son. Nominal Christian influences exist, but focused prayer is crucial for them to encounter Jesus. Pray for a hunger to know forgiveness and new life. Pray for workers to lovingly disciple new believers, multiplying disciples.

Frontier People Group

Smith, Joe & Amber Hockey Ministries Int., Canada, Chaplaincy

Pray that the gospel would be presented clearly at HMI's summer hockey camps. Pray for wisdom for HMI's chaplains as they engage hockey players in matters of faith. Pray for favour with the leadership of the many hockey leagues they work in.

Missionary

Burkina Faso, in West Africa, faces challenges of drought, poverty, and diverse religions mixed with the occult. The church, despite leadership and financial challenges, has opportunities for unity and evangelism. Pray for the indigenous church's growth as a missions-sending body.

Pray for the breaking of occult power, submitting decisively to Jesus' name.

Country

Mormonism, founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith, differs from mainstream Christianity.

Rejecting the traditional Trinity, Mormons believe in multiple gods with physical bodies. They rely on works and temple ordinances for salvation, using the Book of Mormon alongside the Bible. Pray for a hunger for truth to lead Mormons to God's Word and for deceptions to be unveiled.

World Religion

WEEK 38

REFLECTION

"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

2 Corinthians 4:5

Shaikh Qureshi (India, 9,727,000)

The Shaikh, rooted in Arab settlers in South Asia, notably Pakistan, has various subgroups like the Qureshi. Diverse in livelihoods, Qureshi Shaikhs marry within, following Sunni and Shia traditions. Pray for workers to share Jesus with them. Pray for dreams and visions guiding them to the cross.

Frontier People Group

Smits, Andy & Loni P2C, Canada

Agency Leadership

Pray for the integration of new students into P2C, that they would feel rooted in Christian community. Pray for those who are seeking and in distress, that P2C staff and students would Provisionally cross paths with these students and be able to share Christ's love.

Missionary

Oman, strategically located and transitioning from oil to tourism, enjoys stability and personal freedoms. Islam is the state religion, but Christianity grows among expatriates and Omani converts. Despite legal restrictions on sharing the Gospel with Muslims, pray for its infiltration into Omani culture and for courageous opportunities for Muslims to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Country

Occultism, often hidden and feared, includes various beliefs and practices linked with Paganism and Animism. Occultists seek power and protection through contacting spirits. Pray for God's light to expose Satan's lies and for believers to strategically share His love with Occultists.

World Religion

REFLECTION

*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."*

2 Corinthians 5:20

Sayyid (India, 9,292,000)

The Sayyid, influential Muslims with diverse Iranian origins, hold high social status. Serving as religious teachers and professionals, they marry within and follow both Sunni and Shia sects, leaning towards Sufi Sunni Islam. Pray for a growing hunger to know Jesus. Pray for Christian workers to establish trust-based friendships with the Sayyid.

Frontier People Group

S, Amanda AIM, Africa

Mercy and Justice

Pray for Amanda as she undergoes a season of transition in ministry, that she would have good relationships with her students and meaningful gospel conversation. Pray that she would continue to lean on Jesus for strength and wisdom in the day to day.

Missionary

Morocco has a history with Berbers, Arab conquest, and 17th-century colonization by France and Spain. Independence came in 1956, with a constitutional monarchy in 1972.

Pray for those affected by Islamist-moderate tensions to be receptive to the Gospel. Pray for isolated believers to find fellowship and freedom from fear.

Country

Sikhs, often mistaken for Muslims, follow a distinct faith with 23 million followers. Sikhism emerged in the 15th century, emphasizing one God and equality. While Sikhs seek liberation through selflessness and good deeds, the Bible teaches salvation through Jesus. Pray for Sikhs to encounter Jesus and embrace the true path to peace, justice, and union with God.

World Religion

WEEK 40

REFLECTION

"And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed.'"

Galatians 3:8

Kurd, Kurmanji (Turkiye, 9,252,000)

Northern Kurds in Turkey face health challenges, water scarcity, and political hindrances. Predominantly Sunni Muslim with divisions, some retain pagan elements.

Pray for improved living conditions, political freedom, and education. Pray for receptive hearts among Kurds towards the Gospel.

Pray for a thriving local church.

Frontier People Group

Umune, David & Hope Partners International National Leadership

Pray for God's power upon ministry leaders as they serve to fulfill their calling in Christ.

Pray for God's protection as they work in challenging places. Pray for God's provision, that He will provide resources needed to carry out His work.

Missionary

Senegal, a stable African nation, bridges indigenous and Islamic cultures. Facing challenges like drought and child begging, it allows religious freedom. The New Testament is translated, and Christianity grows amid a Muslim majority. Pray for spiritual breakthroughs and bold witness by the small body of believers, drawing Muslims to Christ.

The Board

Pray for personal walk with God, spiritual vibrancy, and wisdom for leadership and ministry responsibilities.

Country

The Met

REFLECTION

"This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Ephesians 3:6

Pashtun, Pathan (India, 9,215,000)

Despite missionary efforts since 1818, a vibrant disciple-making movement is absent among the Pashtun, the largest Muslim tribal society in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Cultural honor, low literacy, and Sunni Islam shape their identity. Pray for softened hearts, divine revelation, and fruitful work for workers and agencies dedicated to the Pashtun.

Frontier People Group

Welton, Chip & Tammy OAC, Global

Agency Leadership
Pray that Chip would be a blessing to the staff he visits in various countries. Pray also for wisdom and God's guidance as they seek to expand their work overseas. Pray that Tammy would have God's peace as Chip travels.

Missionary

Azerbaijan, with diverse landscapes and economic strength, grapples with poverty and political tensions. The Armenian-Azeri conflict has left a significant displaced population. Majority Muslim, religious regulations affect minorities, yet the Christian community is growing. Pray for the Gospel to reach untouched towns and villages, declaring God's love amid challenges.

Country

The Elders

Pray for personal walk with God, spiritual vibrancy, wisdom for leadership and ministry responsibilities.

The Met

WEEK 42

REFLECTION

"and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

Ephesians 6:19-20

Mahratta Kunbi (India, 9,087,000)

The Mahratta Kunbi, mainly in Maharashtra and Gujarat, are Hindu farmers with traditional customs.

Economic justice, modern farming, and healthcare are crucial. Pray for missionaries with a heart for this group. May God stir the hearts of the Mahratta Kunbi, leading them to embrace the Gospel's transformative message.

Frontier People Group

Williams, Andree-Anne CrossWorld, Canada Home Office

Pray for Andrée-Anne's guidance in mentoring missionaries, the youth's receptiveness to full-time Gospel work in cross-cultural missions, and her perseverance and understanding as she studies for an MDiv Clinical Counseling at Tyndale.

Missionary

Japan, blending tradition and technology, underwent post-WWII reforms for democracy and economic growth. Social issues persist, and despite longevity, low birth rates and spiritual emptiness prevail. Buddhism is dominant, and Christianity is scarce. Pray for a Gospel transformation in Japanese culture, dispelling perceptions of Christianity as merely Western, reaching the unreached.

Country

Pastor Jonathan, Pastor Rich Agnew & Chris Shadbolt

Pray for personal walk with God, spiritual vibrancy, wisdom for leadership and ministry responsibilities.

The Met

REFLECTION

"which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth."

Colossians 1:6

Shaikh Siddiqi (India, 9,019,000)

The Shaikh people in South Asia, originating from Arab settlers, have diverse subgroups, including the Siddiqi claiming descent from the first Muslim caliph. Sunni and Shia traditions prevail. Pray for a spiritual awakening and gospel growth within this unified community, specifically among the Siddiqi Shaikhs. May workers be sent, and hearts be open to Jesus.

Frontier People Group

Wright, Dave & Judy Ethnos, Canada

Leadership Development

Pray for Dave and Judy as they engage the Indigenous and non-indigenous church in Canada with discipling tools to establish believers in Christ.

Missionary

Egypt, rich in history, faced political upheaval post-Arab Spring, leading to polarization, repression, and extremism. Social issues include poverty, a water crisis, and trafficking, notably affecting street children. Amid persecution, the Coptic Christian population grows, and Muslims turn to Christianity. Pray for unity in the Church, overcoming evil with divine forgiveness and love.

Country

METYouth & Families

Pray for Pastor Greg and his leadership team, mentors, volunteers and counselors as they serve METYouth and Families and disciple them. Pray for wisdom, unity, spiritual growth and strong sense of community. Pray for the strengthening of families in faith and love.

The Met

WEEK 44

REFLECTION

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."

Colossians 4:3-4

Jat, Sikh (India, 8,794,000)

The Jats, a diverse group in South Asia with strong roots, are often Sikh farmers in Punjab and Haryana. Their distinctive practices include turbans and uncut hair. Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts toward Jesus, leading to devotion. Ask for a flourishing church planting movement among Sikh Jats for God's glory.

Frontier People Group

Z, Steve *

Pray for S Zhang who works in a nation that is closed to the gospel, that the Lord would continue to grow churches despite difficult situations. Pray for new Believers who are unable to attend regular church life, that they would continue to grow spiritually.

Missionary

Iraq, rich in history, faces post-war challenges, including terrorism and internal conflicts. The Christian minority struggles amid persecution. Pray for Iraq's stability, peace, and economic recovery. Lift up the persecuted Church, praying for protection, growth, and that the Gospel would shine brightly amid challenges.

Country

METMissions

Pray for Pastor Joy, Shayna and the missions committee as they seek to serve the missionaries, care for them while also promoting missions within the church to mobilize, raise, train and send more missionaries in the field. Pray for increased awareness within the Church for missions.

The Met

REFLECTION

*"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,
who desires all people to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Adi Dravida (India, 8,753,000)

The Adi Dravida in southern India, historically impoverished, engage in various trades. Predominantly Hindu, some consider Buddhism due to temple restrictions. Pray for a hunger for God's Word. With the Tamil Bible available, pray for Adi Dravida Christians to disciple others, spreading the Gospel within their community.

Frontier People Group

Missionaries Worldwide

Lift up missionaries worldwide before the Lord. Pray for their safety, health, and spiritual strength. Ask for God's guidance in their work and much fruit in evangelism and discipleship.

Global Missions

In the 13th century, Genghis Khan led the Mongol conquest of Eurasia.

Mongolia gained independence in 1921, facing economic challenges. The Christian community, now 40,000 strong, grapples with crime. Pray for accessible leadership training and more leaders to address social issues, fostering unity in the young Church.

Country

MetSeniors

Pray for Pastor Manasseh and his team of leaders and volunteers who faithfully care for seniors, providing spiritual oversight. Pray for team wisdom to reach out to those who are unable to visit due to age.

The Met

WEEK 46

REFLECTION

*"and what you have heard from me
in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men,
who will be able to teach others also."*

2 Timothy 2:2

Gujar (India, 8,549,000)

The Gujar Rajasthani, once Hindu, converted to Islam in the 11th century. Displaced by tensions, they face poverty and discrimination as shepherds or settled farmers. Some resort to begging and crime. Pray for spiritual outreach. Ask God to open the hearts of leaders in India, Afghanistan, and Pakistan to the Gospel.

Frontier People Group

Global Gospel Impact

Pray for the global spread of the Gospel, reaching unreached people groups and nations.

Global Missions

Singapore, a prosperous Asian nation, separated from Malaysia in 1965. Its strong economy and materialistic culture pose challenges for the Church to maintain spiritual focus and unity. Pray for a Christ-centered witness amid worldly pressures. Pray for outreach to poor immigrant laborers and for affluent believers to stand strong in their faith.

Country

MetYoung Adults

Pray for Pastor Adam and his team of leaders, mentors volunteers as they disciple YAs. Pray for maturity and wisdom as they teach, counsel, guide and train YAs.

The Met

REFLECTION

*"I charge you preach the word;
be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke,
and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."*

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Sonar (India, 8,322,000)

The Sonar, known for goldsmithing, are integral to Hindu weddings in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. They may also be money lenders. Primarily Hindu, some have philosophical inclinations. Pray for their recognition of spiritual riches in Jesus. Pray for churches to bless and transform the entire Sonar society.

Frontier People Group

The Unevangelized

Pray for hearts to be receptive to the Gospel, breaking down cultural and religious barriers.

Global Missions

Ghana, Africa's first independent nation, boasts stability, resources, and a growing economy. Despite a Christian majority, nominal faith and traditional religions persist. Islam is spreading in the north. Pray for true transformation among nominal Christians and for the Gospel to prevail against the rapid spread of Islam.

Country

METMen & MET25-35

Pray for Pastor Mason, Aiden and their leadership team as they serve among men of the church seeking to raise godly men who love God passionately, lead their families responsibly and serve their communities sacrificially.

The Met

WEEK 48

REFLECTION

"For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering."

Hebrews 2:10

Kashmiri (India, 8,008,000)

The Kashmiri people, residing in the contested region of Jammu and Kashmir, engage in agriculture and pastoralism, embracing festivals and sports.

Predominantly Sunni Muslims, with a small Hindu minority, they often view Christians skeptically. Ask for the emergence of a vibrant Kashmiri Church.

Frontier People Group

Persecuted Church

Remember the persecuted Church. Pray for courage, strength, and perseverance for believers facing opposition.

Global Missions

Yemen, once the "happy land," now faces severe crises —war, famine, and disease. Among the least evangelized nations, a small, persecuted Christian minority is growing. Pray for peace, stability, and renewal. Ask for God's mercy, comfort, and provision for the suffering. Pray for Yemen to experience the transformative power of the Gospel.

METOutreach & Community Engagement

Pray for Hemal Gandhi as he provides leadership around city outreach, community engagement, and trains and leads volunteers to serve across diverse ministry needs.

Country

The Met

REFLECTION

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

Badhai

(India, 7,815,000)

The Badhai, once revered for their skills, now face declining demand for traditional craftsmanship. Adhering to Hindu beliefs, they need to discover a personal relationship with God. Pray for openness among the Badhai to the good news. Pray for a disciple-making movement to emerge.

Frontier People Group

Resources

Pray for the provision of resources—financial, material, and human—for effective mission work.

Global Missions

Somalia, marked by

instability, lacks a permanent government, with Sunni Islam as the official religion. Challenges include high mortality rates, limited literacy, and malnutrition. While Somaliland in the north is relatively stable, Puntland faces civil conflict. Christians worship in secret amid Islamic fundamentalism. Pray for more missionaries, courage for believers, and an end to persecution.

Country

METWorship

Pray for Josh Ninaber and the worship team as they lead the church and serve in the area of worship through music and song. Pray for the church to have a deeper and more intimate worship experience. Pray for the worship team's unity, spiritual growth, and creativity.

The Met

WEEK 50

REFLECTION

"And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you ..., for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.'"

Revelation 5:9

Arab Yemeni (Yemen, 7,764,000)

The Yemeni Arabs, original inhabitants of the Arabian Peninsula, have a culture influenced by nomadic and village life and hold onto traditions. Most are Muslims, following Zaydis, Shafi'ites, or Ismailis. Evangelizing is challenging due to restrictions. Pray for laborers to share Christ's love and for open hearts among Yemeni Arabs.

Frontier People Group

Discipleship

Pray for the discipleship and maturation of new believers, nurturing them in their faith journey.

Global Missions

Cambodia, marked by a tumultuous history, is emerging, its youth uneducated due to past turmoil. The economy relies on foreign aid. Buddhism prevails, with a growing Evangelical minority. Trauma opens hearts to the gospel. Pray for mature Christian leaders and continued Church growth. Pray for deliverance and salvation for children in bondage.

METCare

Pray Lois Shepherd and Mary Ferguson, and the Ben. Committee as they compassionately attend to the many care needs in the congregation in prayer, counseling, teaching and benevolence. Pray for strength and wisdom to deal with complicated matters.

Country

The Met

REFLECTION

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb ..."

Revelation 7:9

Tajik

(Tajikstan, 7,492,000)

The Tajiks, Central Asia's oldest inhabitants, have endured invasions and cultural influences. Engaged in mountain farming, many migrate to cities. With a patriarchal society and Sunni Islam, they are open to spiritual discussions but closed to the Gospel. Pray for workers and discipleship. Pray for an end to persecution of Christian converts.

Frontier People Group

Unity in the Body

Pray for unity among Christians worldwide, working together to fulfill the Great Commission.

Global Missions

Syria, marked by ancient cities, suffers from a

prolonged civil war causing immense suffering and a refugee crisis. The conflict involves various factions, including the Islamic State. Christians face persecution, and many flee. Pray for Christ's love and hope to shine amid turmoil. Pray for the revelation of Jesus to millions of displaced Muslims.

Country

MetKids

Pray for Sandra Tharakan and her team of leaders, teachers and volunteers as they serve our children and lead them to Jesus and disciple them. Pray for the team's unity around the vision of raising children who know, love and serve Jesus.

The Met

WEEK 52

REFLECTION

*"Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed."*

Revelation 15:4

Pashtun, Northern (Afghanistan, 7,292,000)

The Pashtun, the largest Muslim tribal society, reside in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Despite over 150 years of missionary efforts, a vibrant indigenous disciple-making movement is yet to flourish. Pray for the production and distribution of Gospel media in Pashto. Pray for God's Spirit to strengthen and protect new believers and empower their witness.

Frontier People Group

Government Favor

Pray for favor with governments, allowing freedom for Christian activities and outreach.

Global Missions

Cameroon, ethnically diverse with English and French regions, faces religious divisions and corruption. Pray for godly leaders, discipleship, and an end to tribal spiritist traditions among Christians. Pray for a moral government to address basic needs, providing clean water, food, and health.

Country

METWomen

Pray for Jessica Dyck and the women's leadership team and volunteers as they serve among women, teaching, praying and counseling them and strengthening them in their faith journey.

The Met

**"The history of missions
is the history of
answered prayer."**

- Samuel Zwemer

American missionary, traveler, and scholar,
nicknamed The Apostle to Islam



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