Lift Up your eyes
prayer guide

transforming communities among the unreached by planting biblical churches

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Welcome to LIFT UP YOUR EYES PRAYER GUIDE

As you pray for unreached peoples, may you experience the greatness of His might, the compassion of His heart, and the stark haunting reality of more than two billion souls who share this planet with us and who face eternity without knowing Christ and His love for them unless something changes. May your prayers, thoughts, desires and decisions be conformed to His will as you lift up your eyes and look on the fields.

“Say not ye, ‘There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest. Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest.’” John 4:35 (KJV)

The people groups, countries and cities in this booklet are not picked randomly, but they are a representation of fields where Team Expansion has church planting projects in one phase or another. Though we cannot describe specific people, places and strategies, know that your prayers are being heard by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who has commanded us to “Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them…” Your willingness and faithfulness in prayer is very much appreciated.

You will find specific prayer requests on each people group profile, but here are some general Biblical prayer requests that you can always pray for each and every unreached people group, city and country. Pray for the lost and unreached, pray for the church, pray for the believers, and pray for more workers.

“He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”” Luke 10:2

“‘Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.’” Mark 11:24

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,” Philippians 1:9

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,” Colossians 1:9

“With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.” 2 Thessalonians 1:11

“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.” 2 Thessalonians 3:1
This month our focus is to pray for the FIVE MAJOR BLOCS of Unreached People Groups (UPGS). Pray through the nations. Pick a different bloc before each game and pray that God would raise up workers for the ripe harvest fields. Pray that His glory would fill the earth among all these peoples.

“How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?” Romans 10:14

THUMB - an acronym to remember the 5 BLOCS of UPGS (Unreached People Groups)

T - Tribal groups (90 Million)
H - Hindu (771 Million)
U - Unreligious/Chinese (161 Million)
M - Muslim (1.18 Billion)
B - Buddhist (273 Million)
S - Sikh (30 Million)

Tribal (usually Animist) - Believes in spirits that live all around us: in trees, in fields, in rocks, in rooftops. People must try to keep these spirits happy and enlist their help. Animists usually live with a certain amount of fear that a spirit will be unhappy with them.

Hindu - Believes in hundreds or thousands of gods (which are likely appearances of one divine essence). God, as the Christians understand Him, may be divine, but what the Christians call “God” is only one of millions of gods. Believes in reincarnation - that is, when you die, you come back to life as an insect or a cow or even a better (or worse) person.

Unreligious or Chinese - This conglomerate category includes the following: Chinese: The largest bloc of unreached peoples in the world are in China. Some follow Confucius; others follow a mixture of animism and even Buddhist teachings. Secularist: Believes there may or there may not be a God. The Bible is an interesting historical book, but it is not divinely inspired. Believes that to worship God and to be a part of God’s people (the church) is to be out of touch with real life. Nominal Christian: May have been baptized as a child. Considers himself/herself a Christian, but has no connection with the church now. Goes to church only for funerals and weddings.

Muslim - Believes in one God. God is to be worshiped, but He is too high and far away to think of as “father.” In fact, to call Him “father” would be blasphemy. Jesus was a great prophet, but He was not God. Christ was not crucified for our sins; he actually lived to be an old man.

Buddhist - Follows a path of discipline in order to reach enlightenment. Often there is no conception of a god at all.

Sikh - The basis of the religion is the union of soul with God. A Sikh disciplines his thoughts and actions so that the five obstacles—lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego—are dispelled and the soul is united with God. Sikhs believe that the cycle of reincarnation is escaped by this union.
THUMBS

Tribal  Hindu  Unreligious  Muslim  Buddhist  Sikh

tribal

HOW MANY?
More than 90 million people

WHERE ARE THEY?
The question should be, “Where are they not?” Tribal or ethnic religions can be found in almost every country. Most are located on the continent of Africa. Many large groups are also in China, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, and Brazil.

CHALLENGES?
Most tribal religions seek to appease spirits through sacrifices and observances, which they believe have direct influence on their lives. They usually have a unique language and often don’t have the Bible in their own language. Many are located in isolated and remote places making it hard to reach them physically.

HOW DO I PRAY FOR THEM?
Pray for more Bible translators. Around 340 million people don’t have the Bible in their own language.

Tribal people are often in fear of spirits. Pray that they find freedom through Christ.

Pray for the neighboring Christians in these places. That they would be bold and courageous to reach out to these tribes.

Information gathered from Operation World and Joshua Project.
Makua of Tanzania

Population: 558,000

Religious Breakdown: 95% Ethnic/Animistic/Pagan, 2% Christian

Who are they?
The Makua are one of the largest indigenous groups in Mozambique, and about 500,000 live just north of the border in Tanzania. The Makua engage in scarring of their bodies and faces in elaborate patterns. Most Makua still practice their traditional, pagan religion. They believe in other spiritual beings that take the form of nature spirits or the spirits of dead ancestors. Powerful cults of the dead are the dominant feature of religious life, providing a basis for social life in East Africa. The dead are regarded as heads of their families. Once they have left their human bodies, they are thought to possess additional powers. These “spirits” receive much more formal worship and attention than the creator god. Every effort is made to assure a quiet, final rest for the dead. Otherwise, they will return as wandering ghosts. Time and resources are spent to make sure that the ancestors remain content and that the spirits are pacified. Certain rituals are conducted in conjunction with prayers and sacrifices to ensure the good growth of crops or to ensure good health.

What is needed?
With so little known about the Makua, they have easily remained a “hidden” people. The Makua need to be set free from the fear that comes from their pagan beliefs. Only through the cross of Jesus can they experience such freedom. Intercession is the key to seeing this become a reality in their lives.

Prayer Points:
- Ask the Lord to call full-time Christian workers to join the few who are already working among the Makua.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to grant creative ideas of evangelism to the missions agency that is focusing on the Makua.
- Pray for effectiveness of the Jesus film among the Makua, with many conversions resulting.
- Pray that Jesus will reveal Himself as Lord through dreams and visions.
- Pray that God will use the Makua believers to share Christ with their own people.
- Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through worship and intercession.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Makua church for the glory of His name!
- Pray for completion of Bible translation in this people group’s primary language.
Population: Over a million

Religious Breakdown: 37% Hindu, 36% Animist, 13% Buddhist, 8% Christian

Who are they?
There are 25 major tribal groups with many subgroups adding to the overall wealth of culture, language and people diversity. Although polygamy is socially sanctioned and practiced by many of these groups, they seldom inter-marry.

There are four kinds of religions practiced here. Monpas and Sherdak Pens in Kameng and Tawang district adopted Lamaism of the Buddhist faith, while the Khamptis in Lohit district practice Mahayana Buddhism. The second group, Noctes and Wanchos in Tirap district converted to Hinduism. The third group comprises of Adi, Abas, Apatanis, Nyishi, etc. - a large majority of the total population, who maintain their ancient belief and indigenous concepts of nature and worship the Donyi-Polo (The Sun & Moon). Finally, the Lisu, located in the small village of Gandhigram, practice Christianity - a very rare religion in this state of India.

What is needed?
There seem to be two opposing mindsets when it comes to the Christian missionary in this region. It is true that Christian missionaries have brought education and civic amenities into this region as they have in many parts of the world. It has also been said that Christianity has wiped out a whole way of life. That it has disrupted society by putting the Christian on the defense. The reasoning behind this statement is the fact that the cultures and way of life for these people have changed with becoming Christians. They say that the missionary modernized the people, thus destroying their heritage and way of life.

Prayer Points:
- Pray that God will cause these tribes to hear and understand that God is their Creator and Jesus is their Savior.
- Pray that these tribes will embrace salvation found in Jesus.
- Pray that soon the Bagdi people will embrace the One whose fishermen disciples became fishers of men for the Almighty One.
- Pray that Christian believers will reach out to these tribes.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the tribes towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
Population: 26,000

Religious Breakdown: 95% Ethnic, 2.9% Christian

Who are they?
The Huichol are a Mexican-Indian group located in the Sierra Madre Occidental Mountains in West Mexico. Their exact origins are unknown, though it’s believed that they are descendants of the Aztec Indians. Most Huichol provide for themselves by growing their own food. Maize, beans, squash, and chilies are common crops. Most families own livestock such as cattle, donkeys, horses, pigs, chickens, and turkeys.

Although they live in an overwhelmingly Catholic nation, the majority of Huichol are animists. This means that they believe non-human objects have spirits. The people seek to appease the gods and spirits which they believe exist in nature, such as in fire, the sun, and the rain.

The Huichol are an oppressed people, desperately in need of a Savior. They are entrenched in their worship of spirits and gods, and are proud and fiercely independent, traits which could limit their openness to the Gospel.

What is needed?
Today, there is an unprecedented opportunity to reach the Huichol with the message of Jesus. The New Testament and the Jesus film are available to them. The Huichol need much prayer and additional laborers to work with them so they may be reached with the Gospel message.

Prayer Points:
- Pray that God would provide key leaders in each Huichol community.
- Ask God to raise up workers to live among the Huichol to share Jesus with them.
- Pray for strength and perseverance for the Huichol who have already accepted Christ as they will face opposition and persecution.
- Pray for the Huichol believers to actively share their faith to their own people.
- Ask God to raise up strong, healthy churches among the Huichol.
Population: 293,000

Religious Breakdown: 99% Muslim, .02% Christian

Who are they?
The Jula live in clans, and the clan is the most important aspect of their lives. The people are fiercely loyal to their clans, defending them proudly. They express their history and devotion through the traditions dance and storytelling. The father is the head of the family and inheritances are passed down from fathers to their sons. Older males possess the most power and influence.

The Jula still practice polygamy (multiple spouses) and young people are encouraged to marry within their own clans. Marriages between cousins are preferred. Girls usually marry at age 16. It is surprising that nearly half of the population is under the age of 15 and few live beyond age 45. Therefore, the Jula have great respect for the elderly, especially if a man is an Islamic scholar.

The fundamental moral principles of the Jula include obedience, honesty, and dedication to their people. Such precepts are motivated by a driving sense of human dignity.

What is needed?
Their religious ideals share several similarities with Christianity: the belief in one God who is eternal, creator, omniscient; the existence of protecting spirits (or angels); the concept of the sanctuary or the holy of holies; the Spirit of God who communicates; and analogies to explain complex concepts.

Ministry among Muslims is a difficult task. Only a tiny handful of the Jula are Christians. Laborers and additional evangelistic tools are needed to reach this Muslim tribe with the Gospel. Prayer is the first step toward seeing them reached with the Good News.

Prayer Points:
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into Burkina Faso to live and work among the Jula.
- Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the spiritual soil through worship and intercession.
- Ask God to anoint the Gospel as it goes forth via radio to the Jula.
- Pray for the effective use of the Jesus film and other materials in the Jula language.
- Pray that God will reveal Himself to them through dreams and visions.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Jula church for the glory of His name!
HOW MANY?
More than 771 million people

WHERE ARE THEY?
The majority of Hindus live in three countries: India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. Many can also be found in Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and the USA.

CHALLENGES?
Hinduism has no creed or body of doctrine, but is a mixture of ideas, beliefs, convictions and practices. This makes it difficult because each group of Hindus can believe something different. Due to the caste system in India, reaching the higher castes are extremely difficult.

HOW DO I PRAY FOR THEM?
Evangelism among the lower caste in India has gone well. Pray for opportunities to reach the higher caste.

Pray for the many Christian converts as they are often persecuted in the major Hindu countries. Pray for courage and the perseverance in their faith.

Many Westerners are fascinated with meditation, yoga, and New Age thinking, which come from Hinduism. Pray they realize these methods don’t satisfy - only God can.

Information gathered from Operation World and Joshua Project.
Ahom of India

Population: 895,000

Religious Breakdown: 98% Hindu, 1.4% Christian

Who are they?
The Ahoms are descendants of ethnically Tai people who entered eastern India in the 13th century. Sometimes referred to as the Tai - Ahom, the Ahom dynasty reigned over the region for 600 years until displaced by the colonial powers. The kingdom the Ahom established gave the Indian state of Assam its name.

The poverty rate among the Ahom is quite high, especially in the rural areas. Agriculture is the main occupation, and rice is the staple diet of the people. Silk, tea and oil are also important parts of the local economy. High rainfall, deforestation, and other factors have resulted in annual floods that cause widespread loss of life, livelihood and property.

The early Ahoms followed tribal beliefs involving polytheism and ancestor worship. Due to intermarriage, political alliances and Hindu evangelization, over time the Ahom both adopted and became strong proponents of Hinduism. Today, most Ahoms identify themselves as Vaishava Hindus. In general, the Ahoms do not practice a strongly orthodox variety of Hinduism, being less rigorous about the observance of various festivals, food rules, or caste distinctions. A local translation of the Bible has been available since 1995.

What is needed?
As Hinduism has invaded the Ahom culture, its influence over the caste system has proven to be a resistant barrier to the Gospel. In order for the kingdom of God to be established among them the influence of this system has to be overcome.

Prayer Points:
- Pray that the Ahom people will be released from the spiritual bondage and blindness of Hinduism and enter into the Light of God’s glorious kingdom.
- Pray for an openness to the gospel and protection from interference from family members and local governments.
- Ask for Ahom missionaries who are equipped and can evangelize their own people and enter restricted areas nearby.
- Pray that God will raise up an army of national workers and Western churches to reach the over 100 additional unreached people groups in this region.
- Ask for an army of prayer warriors to come together and cover these people with daily, sustained, specific prayer.
Population: 671,000

Religious Breakdown: 99% Muslim, .11% Christian

Who are they?
The Yanadi are dark skinned people, short in stature. Many believe them to be tribal because of their primitive ways; others believe them to be a part of a caste system. They are divided into two groups: the Manchi Yanadi, who belong to the small superior class; and the Challa Yanadi. The two groups seldom intermarry. The Yanadi have a freedom in marriage of which many other Hindu groups disapprove. For instance, separations are common and if someone wants to change his marriage partner, he is free to do so. The women seem to have more rights in choosing their husbands than do the typical rural, southern Indian women. A thin cord with a small pendant is worn around a married woman’s neck. A toe ring is also worn on her second toe.

The Yanadi are friendly and are more open with their emotions than other groups in the area. Their special love for music and dance also makes them unique. Their favorite instruments are drums and small stringed instruments.

What is needed?
The Yanadi are nearly all Hindu. They have pictures of their gods in their homes and small shrines are usually located in each village. Annual festivals are held in worship of their favorite gods. The gods supposedly favor some and dislike others, depending on whether or not a ritual or penance is done to the god’s satisfaction. Good luck and fate are important to the Yanadi. Charms, amulets, and “lucky people” are believed to generate good fortune.

Better educational and housing facilities are needed. Perhaps Christian teachers and humanitarian aid workers will have open doors to reach the Yanadi.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for Yanadi leaders to walk in the Spirit, and to have great faith in our Big God!
- Praise God for the hundreds (possibly 1000+) who have come to Christ over the past 15 years and for the dozens of churches that have been planted.
- Pray for the school and the efforts to educate the Yanadi youth.
- Pray for boldness, courage, and perseverance for the Yanadi leaders to preach the Gospel and establish churches in every Yanadi village in all of Andhra Pradesh.
- Pray that God would raise up more partnering churches and individuals to pray, send, go, and mobilize on behalf of the Yanadi.
HOW MANY?
More than 161 million people

WHERE ARE THEY?
China, North Korea, Spain, Cuba, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, USA, Russia, Germany, United Kingdom, Vietnam, France, Italy, and Mongolia are just a few of the nations with a very high percentage of non-religious people.

CHALLENGES?
Christians have generally proved ineffective in communicating the Gospel in a relevant way to secular, post-modern culture. Yet secular and materialistic societies are unfortunately effective at undermining Christianity. Christians are often ridiculed and seen as old-fashioned.

HOW DO I PRAY FOR THEM?
Pray that God would equip Christians with knowledge and effective strategies to share the Truth with them.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help the Christians be bold and courageous in sharing their faith with the non religious people they know.

Pray for these unreligious people to be convicted of sin and that this will drive them to search for the peace and redemption that there is in Christ.

Information gathered from Operation World and Joshua Project.
Taiwan

Population: 23,025,000

Religious Breakdown: 70% Chinese Religions, 25% Non-Religious, 2% Christian

Who are they?
Taiwan is a mountainous island, highly industrialized and densely populated. Mandarin is the "official language" and 2/3 speak Taiwanese. Taiwan exists under the shadow of but is independent of, her giant neighbor, mainland China. They have clear goals in life: Work hard. Get rich. Within the span of one generation, she has become a wealthy nation with little poverty. Many Taiwanese can afford luxury cars and overseas vacations.

On the surface, Taiwan may look both modern and westernized. However Eastern values and religions such as Buddhism and Taoism deeply grip old and young alike. Other folk religions and animistic beliefs influence their daily lives. For most, religion is pragmatic. Keep the gods happy to ensure peace and prosperity.

What is needed?
A strange mix of old and new, East & West, technology and tradition—this is Taiwan. The church needs maturity in order to stand against gambling, materialism, family breakdown and entrenched ancestor worship. Taiwan is the only Chinese-majority society where spiritual breakthrough is still awaited.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for the 16 million working class who are involved in idolatry, fortune telling and ancestor worship. They include factory workers, taxi drivers, restaurant and shop workers and small business owners. Overall, less that 0.5 percent of them are Christians. Pray that their eyes and ears would be open to the truth of God’s Word.
- Pray that the existing church would communicate the gospel simply, boldly and clearly. Pray for a spirit of humility among the local leaders.
- Pray for indigenous church planting multiplication movements, for disciples who make disciples and churches that plant churches.
- Pray that the missionaries would effectively train and empower the Taiwanese to be the leaders.
Population: 800,000

Religious Breakdown: 99% Muslim, 0% Christian

Who are they?
In 1974 Turkey occupied the northern third of the island of Cyprus and have stayed there since that time. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) is Muslim by heritage. Turkish is the official language of the TRNC but there is a lot of English, especially in the tourists sections of the island.

Because of a history of war with a "Christian" country and the active support of the church in the fighting, the Turkish Cypriot people do not want anything to do with Christianity. They describe themselves as Muslim but it is a very secular form of Islam. The Turkish Cypriot people observe Muslim holidays, but seldom go to the mosque. Alcohol and casinos are everywhere. Human trafficking is tolerated in the island. The Cypriot women do not cover but dress more in a European fashion, sometime very immodestly.

What is needed?
There are many devout Muslims in the TRNC, but they are typically from Turkey or other Middle Eastern countries. The Anglican church is officially recognized, but their churches are filled with British tourist and Nigerian students. Proselytizing is forbidden and will result in expulsion from the country.

Prayer Points:
- Pray that the Cypriot people would reconsider the claims of Jesus and be drawn to Him.
- Pray that the leaders of the country, church and mosques would have “Saul like” encounters with Jesus.
- Pray that the night clubs would close and the women be set free from human trafficking.
- Pray for the international students to fall in love with Jesus and carry the message throughout the Muslim world.
- Pray for reconciliation between the “Christian” and “Muslim” sides of the island.
- Pray that workers would learn Turkish and get long term visas.
Wuhan, China

Population: 9,100,000

Religious Breakdown: No one really knows the percentage of religions. The vast majority are atheist/no religion, many of whom pray to ancestors. There are also Buddhists; hundreds of thousands of people visit the Buddhist temples in Wuhan each holiday. There are also Taoists, Muslims (not many) and Christians. A local pastor estimated less than 1% Christian.

Who are they?
Wuhan is the crossroads of Central China; located on the Yangtze River it is also a road and rail hub. It is an intellectual centre, with over a million university students and 35 universities, more than any other city in China. Historically, Wuhan has been a city of national influence. It led uprisings against oppression, both Chinese and foreign. Today Wuhan’s economy lags behind the coastal cities and many Wuhanese feel there is no future in Wuhan.

House churches in Wuhan have enjoyed relative freedom and have taken the lead in a Food Bank ministry to the poor, in sending missionaries Back to Jerusalem and in providing aid to earthquake-stricken Sichuan province. However, in 2008 one house church arbitrarily arranged marriages for their young people so they could go to Pakistan as missionaries. This “Central Wedding” affair brought a backlash from police and closer scrutiny particularly of university work.

What is needed?
Many Wuhanese are blinded by atheism to the reality of God. They chase material prosperity within in a corrupt society. Most have little knowledge of Jesus.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for a radiating movement of house churches planting house churches to bring Jesus to every family in Wuhan.
- Pray for witnesses on the University campuses and for believing students to be enmeshed in life-changing small groups.
- Ask God to take the blinders of atheism and materialism off the spiritual eyes of Wuhanese so they can see the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- Pray for the gospel to bear fruit and churches to be planted in the less-reached Han-yang area of Wuhan.
- Pray for the unity of believers in praying for and reaching Wuhan for Jesus.
Population: 1,893,000

Religious Breakdown: 99% Muslim, .02% Christian

Who are they?
Being part of Europe and influenced not only by the oriental but also by the western culture, Bosniaks are considered to be some of the most advanced Islamic peoples of the world. The nation takes pride in the melancholic folk songs “sevdalinke,” the precious medieval filigree manufactured by old Sarajevo craftsmen, and a wide array of traditional wisdoms that are carried down to newer generations by word of mouth, and in recent years written down in numerous books.

The Bosnian suffered during a brutal civil war in the early 1990s. Seventy percent of their infrastructure was destroyed and 100,000 Bosnian Muslims were reported killed or missing. The civil war has destroyed factories, schools, homes and mosques, and lives. Bosnian life is hard. The war has left deep scars. The Bosnians are one of Europe’s least evangelized people.

What is needed?
For many Bosniaks, Islamic identity has more to do with cultural roots than with religious beliefs. Even among most religious Bosniaks, there is a disdain for religious leaders exercising any influence over day-to-day life. Bosniaks are no different than other Muslims in that they view Islam from the foundation that is their culture.

Although there are missions agencies currently working among the Bosnians of Bosnia-Herzegovina, very few have accepted Christ. Prayer is the key to reaching them with the Gospel.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for God to call people to go to Bosnia-Herzegovina to share the Gospel.
- Pray for God to raise up prayer teams who will intercede for the Bosniak.
- Pray that God will meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the Bosniak.
- Pray that God will bind the spiritual principalities and powers that have kept Muslims bound for generations.
- Pray that the few Bosnian believers will be strong and share the Gospel with others and a strong local church will be built.
Japan

Population: 127,000,000

Religious Breakdown: 90% Buddhist, 1% Christian

Who are they?
Japan is a country with high technology, ancient temples, skyscrapers and rice paddies. Most Japanese don’t think of themselves as religious, but Shinto and Buddhist beliefs such as ancestor worship are strongly ingrained into daily life.

The Japanese have a reputation for being hard working, polite and private. A popular proverb says “the nail that sticks up will be hammered down,” reflecting the importance of group conformity. Materialism and family pressures also keep many from making the decision to follow Christ. Depression and suicide rates are high. But there is hope!

What is needed?
The triple disaster of a massive earthquake, tsunami and nuclear scare on March 11, 2011 has been a wake-up call and people are considering what is truly important in life. The doors to a new movement of evangelism are wide open. The harvest is more ripe than ever and they need lots of workers to go and reap it.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for those living in the disaster areas who have lost loved ones, homes and jobs.
- Pray that the Fukushima nuclear plant workers can get the radiation leaks under control soon.
- Pray for revival in the traditional Japanese Christian Church and for the growing new church movements.
- Pray that millions inside and outside of the disaster areas will seek the one true God who can provide comfort and hope.
- Pray for the missionaries and Japanese Christians working daily to share the truth of Jesus Christ with millions who do not know Him.
**How Many?**
More than 1.18 billion people

**Where are They?**
The Islamic world stretches across North Africa, Middle East, Asia, and Europe. Asia has the four largest Muslim countries in the world: Indonesia, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

**Challenges?**
This religion is growing rapidly partly due to a higher birth rate and migration. Christians are hesitant to reach out to Muslim people after events such as September 11. Many of the Muslim countries are closed to Christian missions, making it difficult to enter.

**How Do I Pray for Them?**
Pray for the believers who come from a Muslim background to persevere under severe pressures from family and friends.

The current revolutions in many Muslim countries are opening doors to the Gospel. Pray for wisdom as Christians proceed and make plans to reach these people.

Pray that many Muslims would continue to have dreams and visions of Christ, and would seek out Christians to help them study and learn the Truth.

*Information gathered from Operation World and Joshua Project.*
Population: 9,100,000

Religious Breakdown: 100% Muslim, 0% Christian

Who are they?
Most Aceh are either farmers or fishermen. Traditionally, most Aceh, both men and women, wore a sarong, a modest and colorful skirt. In recent years there has been a move toward Islamic dress and now the majority of women wear a head covering with their daily dress. The women run the households. Most men have no say in matters that deal with the home or even child rearing. All of the children, even the youngest, are expected to help the family work. Inheritance occurs according to Islamic Law with the males receiving a double portion, yet houses and land are always passed down to the women.

The Aceh people are strict Sunni Muslims and have been very instrumental in spreading Islam throughout Indonesia and other parts of Southeast Asia. The Aceh people strongly and even violently oppose other religions. The Aceh Province is the only province in Indonesia where Shari’á Islamic law has been formally instituted. However, until this day other ethnic people groups in the province have been free to worship according to their own religion. In spite of their dedication to Islam, many Aceh people are still influenced by animistic beliefs in spirits and various superstitions. These beliefs are focused upon seeking protection through magic by either appeasing or controlling both good and bad spirits.

What is needed?
The special province of Aceh is rich in natural resources including agriculture, mining, and industry. Tourism is a potential industry that needs to be further developed before this potential can be reached due to the rough terrain and lack of infrastructure. In order to reach their full economic potential, the Aceh people need to develop the skill level of their human resources as well as catalyze the creation of new jobs. These are great opportunities for tentmaking.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for God to call long-term laborers to go and live among the Aceh.
- Pray that Jesus will begin to reveal Himself to the Aceh through dreams and visions.
- Pray for God to take authority over the spiritual principalities and powers that are keeping the Aceh bound.
- Pray for prayer teams who will faithfully intercede for these precious people.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up strong churches among the Aceh.
Population: 22,505,000

Religious Breakdown: 90% Muslim, .1% Christian

Who are they?
The Levant Arabs originally settled all over the Arabian Peninsula and later migrated to North Africa. “Levant” is a broad term that includes several groups of Arabs: the Jordanian, Palestinian, Iraqi, Arabic Jewish, Chaldean, and Syrian Arabs. The two main branches of Islam in the region are the Shi’ites and Shafiites.

Social life is extremely important to Arabs. They like to share a daily coffee time by sitting on the floor and drinking coffee. In the past, all marriages were arranged by the parents; however, it is becoming more acceptable for young people to choose their own mates. Young girls are considered ready for marriage by age nine.

What is needed?
There is a great need for the Gospel to be preached among the Levant Arabs. Currently, there are only a few agencies ministering to these tribes.

At the present time, there are only a few known Christians within the Levant Arab community, with the largest number found among the Iraqi Arabs. Evangelization efforts among these tribes are challenging due to restrictions in many of the countries, as well as general antagonism towards Christianity. Prayerful intercession is the key to reaching them with the Gospel.

Prayer Points:

- Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to reach out and share the love of Christ with them.
- Pray that God will raise up faithful intercessors who will stand in the gap for the Arabs.
- Ask God to give the Arab believers opportunities to share the love of Christ with their own people.
- Pray that their traditional Muslim culture will soften, creating open doors for the Gospel to be preached among them.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of these people towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray that God will reveal Himself to them through dreams and visions.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Arabs.
- Pray for completion of Bible translation in this people group’s primary language.
Population: 6,351,000 Berbers in Morocco

Religious Breakdown: 100% Muslim, 0% Christian

Who are they?
There are many groups even within the Berber people group. One of them are the “Rif Berbers.” They are numerous tribes of tough and hardened people eking out an existence on the harsh, uninviting slopes of the Rif Mountains. The Rif Berbers are made up of 19 tribes: five in the west along the Mediterranean coast, seven in the center, five in the east, and two in the southeastern desert area.

In rural communities, the effects of modernization are scarce, despite government projects to aid farm production. The Rif often reject these efforts as being an intrusion upon their culture and traditions. Overpopulation and poverty are big problems. Too many children, insufficient crops, and increasing migration of the young men to the European cities are major concerns.

The Northern Shilha are nearly all Muslim; however, their religious practices are based more on traditions and the decisions of the community judges than on the Koran. Their societies are organized around two main systems: Islam and the tribe. However, there are many differences between urban and rural societies. In urban areas, orthodox Islam prevails; whereas, in rural societies, ancient beliefs and customs are intermingled with their Muslim faith.

What is needed?
There has been no known Protestant witness living among them for at least a century. Some progress has been made among the Rif migrants in urban centers. They have not taken advantage of the educational opportunities available to them, apparently not realizing their importance. Modern farming methods are desperately needed to aid farm production in the mostly arid soil. Although the New Testament and a Christian witness are accessible to them, a majority of the Rif have not yet heard the Gospel.

Prayer Points:
- Pray that God will give wisdom to the missions agencies who are currently working and living among the Berbers.
- Pray for God to send visions and dreams to reveal Himself.
- Pray that God will powerfully bless the Gospel as it goes forth via radio broadcasts to the Berber people.
- Pray that God will open the hearts of the Moroccan government to the Gospel and that preaching will be allowed.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to soften the hearts of the Berbers and ask the Lord to raise up a strong local church.
Pashtun of Afghanistan

Population: 12,428,000

Religious Breakdown: 100% Muslim, .02% Christian

Who are they?
Passionate is a word that describes much about the Pashtun tribes of Afghanistan. They are said to love or hate with equal intensity, displaying fierce loyalty to friends, yet defending the right of badal - revenge or blood feuds where enemies are concerned. The infamous Taliban fighters originated among the Pashtun. But that presents an unfairly sensational - and lopsided - view of Afghanistan’s largest people group. They are not the first to use tradition, disposition and numbers to attempt domination.

Pashtun culture adheres to a rigid, unwritten "code of ethics" - the Pushtunwali (the way of the Pashtun). Behavior expected without question includes hospitality and protection for guests, provision of refuge to a fugitive and acceptance of a sincere offer of peace, bravery, steadfastness, persistence, defense of property and family honor and protection of female relatives - values for which death is not too high a price to pay.

What is needed?
The Islamic religion is very difficult to influence. Converts to Christianity will more than likely be banished from their families. Consequently, there has been very little growth of Christianity among the Pashtun. Most of the work by various missions agencies has ended due to unrest in the country. More recently, some of the "freedom fighters" have attacked Western relief agencies, causing them to flee from Afghanistan. Christian radio and television broadcasts are strictly forbidden by the government.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for peace in the land of the Pashtun peoples.
- Ask God to call those who are willing to go to Afghanistan and share Christ with the Pashtun.
- Pray that God will encourage and protect the small number of Pashtun believers.
- Ask God to soften the hearts of the Pashtun towards Christians so that they will be open to the Gospel.
- Pray for the Afghan children who grow up in fear and hatred of outsiders.
- Ask God to once again open the doors for Christian agencies desiring to work among the Pashtun.
- Pray for translation of the Bible to begin in this people group’s primary language.
- Pray for the availability of the Jesus Film in the primary language of this people.
Population: 6,298,700

Religious Breakdown: 99% Muslim, 0% Christian

Who are they?
There are a significant number of Sylheti Bengali living in the United Kingdom. Many have returned to their religious heritage after years of neglecting it. The Sylhetis have embraced Islam since the 13th century, and Sylhet is a major pilgrimage site.

Many Sylhetis earn their poor livelihoods by farming, although there are craftsmen among them. The Sylhetis are very poor, and they live in very unsanitary places. Their homes flood every year during monsoons, and they often lose family members due to flooding.

What is needed?
They have a great need for doctors for the large population infected with tuberculosis, cholera, malaria, and leprosy. The women are poorly educated.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for God to bring doctors for the sick.
- Ask God to raise up teachers, especially for the women.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Sylheti.
- Pray for any Christians in Sylhet to share the Gospel and the Scriptures with other Sylhetis.
- Pray for relief for those who constantly lose homes and family because of floods during the rainy season.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of the Sylheti Bengali to the Gospel.
THUMBS
Tribal Hindu Unreligious Muslim Buddhist Sikh

buddhist

How Many?
More than 273 million people

Where are They?
Most encompass China, Tibet, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Burma, Malaysia, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and India.

Challenges?
Buddhism absorbs the indigenous religions in every culture where it exists, which makes it hard for them to become a Christian exclusively. They believe there is one goal, but many paths to reach Nirvana. Buddhism focuses on suffering and not forgiveness, grace, or hope.

How Do I Pray for Them?
Pray for a breakthrough. So far the only successful major movements have taken place where Communism and foreign oppression shatters the grip of Buddhism.

Pray that those bound to sin and suffering will be set free and find forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

Ministering to Buddhists is a painstakingly slow process. Pray for encouragement and effective strategies for the Christians working among them.

Information gathered from Operation World and Joshua Project.
Population: 25,000 (1,529,000 worldwide)

Religious Breakdown: 61% Buddhist, .5% Christian

Who are they?
The Highland Yao, also known as the Mien, are people of the mountains and people of learning. Unlike their neighbors, they are villagers with a strong tradition of literacy. Although they are found throughout the northern tier of Southeast Asia, they look to China as their ancestral homeland.

Each person has a well-defined role in Yao society. Women are generally responsible for the day-to-day essentials of life, while men are concerned with the long-term welfare of the family. Men are also responsible for relations between the living family, their dead ancestors, and the world of spirits.

The religion of the Highland Yao is far more than a component of their culture. It is a total belief system that explains all the natural events of life and provides a way to gain control over those events. The Yao are influenced by their ancestors, as well as by their animistic beliefs (the belief that the natural world around them is inhabited by spirits). Time and resources are spent to make sure that the ancestors remain content and the spirits are pacified. Rituals that reflect a blending of Taoist belief and animism are often conducted by well-trained priests.

What is needed?
As with most animistic cultures, the Highland Yao live in fear of displeasing the spirits of ancestors or nature. A desire to be free from fear and their emphasis on kindness and generosity within society would provide an opening for the Gospel. Prayer is the key to seeing them reached for Christ.

Prayer Points:
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to live and work among the Highland Yao.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favor to the missions agencies that are focusing on the Highland Yao.
- Pray that God will reveal Himself to the Highland Yao through dreams and visions.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up long term workers to join the few who have already responded.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to complete the work begun in the hearts of the Highland Yao believers through adequate discipleship.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Highland Yao.
Burmese in Myanmar

Population: 28,140,000

Religious Breakdown: 97% Muslim, .1% Christian

Who are they?
Myanmar has had a long history of coups, wars, and rebellions. Ethnic divisions and political unrest have been common since the first Burman kingdom in the eleventh century. Today, the Burmese military maintains forcible control over the ethnic groups who want equal importance in the government and in commerce. In May of 1994, more than 17 battles occurred in Shan State alone. The military promises cease-fire; but at the slightest note of rebellion, they attack violently. Consequently, the Burmese have lived in a constant state of instability, defense, bitterness, and fear.

Their animistic beliefs center around inherently evil spirits called nats. The Burmese spend their lives trying to appease the nats so that they will be protected from any other evil spirits that may seek to harm them. All Burmese homes have altars for the spirits, as well as a statue of Buddha. Sadly, the farmers spend more in a year on their religion than on education, health, and clothing for their families.

The Burmese, like other Buddhists, believe that death is not a threat to one who has done good deeds. Instead, death is simply a “passing” from one life to another. They believe that “rebirth” is determined by the accumulated good or bad deeds done in the previous live. Therefore, those who have earned less merit are reborn as demons, ghosts, animals, or inhabitants of hell.

What is needed?
Although things have improved slightly over the past year, Myanmar remains a nation in deep crisis. The harsh military regime refuses to relinquish governmental control to the rightfully elected leader, and a bloody civil war continues to devastate the nation.

Prayer Points:
- Pray that people would be willing to go to Myanmar and share the love of Christ with the Burmese.
- Pray that Jesus will begin to reveal Himself to the Burmese through dreams and visions.
- Ask God to use the Burmese believers to share the Gospel with their own people.
- Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will faithfully intercede for these precious people.
- Pray for the effectiveness and translation of KAIROS Course this fall.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Burmese towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray that strong local churches will be raised up among the Burmese.
Tai Dam of Laos

Population: 25,000 (1,529,000 worldwide)

Religious Breakdown: 61% Buddhist, .5% Christian

Who are they?
The Black Tai are unusually polite, respectful, and hospitable. Children are taught from a young age to accept a code of social behavior based on respect for those who rank higher, with additional emphasis on independence and self-reliance.

The Black Tai are a patriarchal society, meaning that the oldest male is the head of the tribe. Husbands and wives generally live in harmony, and there is almost no division of labor by gender. Both the women and men plow, hoe, fish, cook, tend babies, clean house, and wash clothes.

Ancestor worship is also common among the Black Tai. They believe that the spirits of their deceased ancestors are alive and need to be fed and cared for. These spirits are said to become hungry and dissatisfied when they are not properly appeased, turning into evil spirits. The people pray to these spirits for help and guidance.

What is needed?
The Tai have been greatly affected by the fighting and bloodshed of the past. They need healing and new spiritual hope.

Prayer Points:
- Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go to Laos and share Christ with the Black Tai.
- Pray that the doors of Laos will soon open to missionaries.
- Ask God to strengthen, encourage, and protect the small number of Black Tai Christians.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Black Tai toward Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray that God will open the hearts of Laos’ governmental leaders to the Gospel.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a strong local church among the Black Tai.
- Pray for completion of Bible translation in this people group’s primary language.
Chakma of Arunachal Pradesh

Population: About 100,000 in Arunachal Pradesh alone

Religious Breakdown: 100% Buddhism/Animist, 0% Christian

Who are they?
The Chakma inhabited the Chittagong area for over 15 centuries. They have been at odds with the Muslim Bengalis since the 13th century. The situation was aggravated with the construction of the Kaptai Dam which destroyed their homes and livelihood. Thousands of Chakma have been killed, hundreds of women raped, and their temples destroyed. There are now about 600,000 refugees living in India, Bangladesh and Arunachal Pradesh. They are not legally allowed to live in Arunachal Pradesh, so they have no rights and are still persecuted.

What is needed?
The Chakma people are essentially a people without a home. Ejected from their original land in Bangladesh, many were basically exiled to areas like Arunachal Pradesh, where locals resent their squatting on land that doesn’t traditionally belong to them either. They are the ultimate “homeless people” - because they are people without a country. They can’t get jobs, services, or a future. Reaching them will involve advocacy, prayer, and lots of determination.

Prayer Points:
- Pray for God to restore peace to the Chakma people.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Chakma.
- Pray for Christians who are trained in Bengali to take the Gospel to the Chakma.
- Pray for relief for the refugees who have lost their homes and family and have been pushed into hostile territory where they have little or no rights.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of the Chakma to the Gospel.
How Many?
30 Million

Where Are They?
Most are located in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Nepal.

Challenges?
The greater Punjab is the historical homeland of the Sikhs. A Sikh is defined as “any human being who faithfully believes in one Immortal Being; ten gurus; the teachings of the ten gurus; and the baptism bequeathed by the tenth guru; and who does not owe allegiance to any other religion.”

The basis of the religion is the union of soul with God. A Sikh disciplines his thoughts and actions so that the five obstacles—lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego—are dispelled and the soul is united with God. Sikhs believe that the cycle of reincarnation is escaped by this union.

How Do I Pray for Them?
Ask God to wipe away the pride Sikhs have in their religion and ethnicity, which prevents many from accepting Jesus.

Pray for the release of Satan’s grip on these people

Pray for the thousands of Sikhs that have moved to foreign lands (such as USA, Canada, and the UK) and for the church to be Christ among these communities.

Information gathered from Operation World and Joshua Project.
Jats of Punjab

Population: 10,531

Religious Breakdown: 99% Sikh, .01% Christian

Who are they?
Traditionally, Jat Sikhs were farmers. Today, many have continued the work of farming while a large number have found occupations in fields like doctors, lawyers, insurance, engineering, etc. The Jat are located all over India and some surrounding countries. The largest concentration is in the Punjab Region, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Sikhs are very proud of who they are both religiously and ethnically. The region of Punjab is known as the “bread basket of India.” It produces much of the crops that supplies most of India. Sikhs are hard working people and for these reasons they tend to be very proud of who they are. They are very hospitable people.

What is needed?
Amritsar is the city where the “Golden Temple” resides. This is main temple for Sikhs. Acts of benevolence and feeding the hungry are two core beliefs of Sikhs. Another belief among Sikhs is that all religions lead to God. This can make evangelism very difficult.

Prayer Points:
- Ask God to wipe away the pride Sikhs have in their religion and ethnicity, which prevents many from accepting Jesus.
- Pray that missionary teams from all over the world would go to the Punjab of India to be a witness for Christ.
- Pray for the release of Satan’s grip on these people.
- Ask God to raise up prayer teams to prepare the way for the missionaries on ground and for the softening of hearts.
- Pray for the thousands of Sikhs who have moved to foreign lands (such as USA, Canada, and the UK) and for the church to be Christ among these communities.
- Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the Sikh people.
TUNISIA

POPULATION:
10,374,000

RELIGIOUS BREAKDOWN:
99% Muslim, 0% Christian

FACTS:
- Muslims outnumber Christians 25,000 to 1.
- Few Tunisians have ever seen a Bible. Almost all Tunisians are told from birth that it’s been corrupted.
- Tunisians believe they are “born” Muslims and that even doubting their religion is a sin.
- Very few Tunisians have ever investigated the historical foundation of their religion.
- Tunisians are often lied to about their countrymen who have followed Jesus.
- Tunisia’s constitution allows for freedom of religion, yet becoming a Christian is illegal.
- The gospel is growing faster than it has in a thousand years.
- Media is giving many people their first ever opportunity to be exposed to Christ and the Bible (Injil).

HOW DO I PRAY FOR THEM?
- Pray for Transformation - Coming from families with dozens of generations in Islamic bondage, Tunisian Christians desperately need transformation.
- Pray for Unity - Jesus said that Tunisia will know He is from God the Father if Christians are completely united.
- Pray for New vision - Christians in Tunisia desperately need a God-given vision for how to quickly multiply healthy churches through the country.
- Pray for Intercessors - Paul teaches that the real battle is fought in the heavenly realms, so people who intercede for Tunisia before God and people to mobilize others to pray for Tunisia are critical.
- Pray for Strength - Tunisian Christians need God’s strength as they face intense persecution, sometimes to the point of being killed for their faith.

JOIN THE PRAYER MOVEMENT FOR TUNISIA AT WWW.PRAY4TUNISIA.COM!
EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

FACTS:
For each known Church Planting Movement, prayer has been overwhelmingly important. Usually, prayer is the foundation for reaching a people group, and the health of a missionary’s own personal prayer life is crucial. Prayer is the greatest resource the missionary brings to the movement, and when it’s clear from the beginning that prayer is the missionary’s source of power, it makes it easy for the local Christian leadership to share in that power and take ownership of the movement with prayer.

Additionally, in each known CPM, the Bible has been the unquestioned authority and guiding force of the church. Even in non-literate cultures where the Bible is received and continued through oral storytelling, the Bible guides doctrine, church policy, and everyday life.

HOW DO I PRAY FOR THEM?
- The website, www.pray4Tunisia.com, was specifically created to establish a growing foundation of prayer for the country of Tunisia. Pray for thousands of participants to join this movement on behalf of the 10 million people in Tunisia.
- Pray for the workers in Tunisia, that their own lives would reflect a reliance on God’s power through prayer.
- Praise God that the Bible exists in Tunisia’s native language! Pray that a Bible will be available for each Tunisian who desires one.
- Pray that the workers and new Christians in Tunisia would use the Bible as their authority and guide in their churches, doctrine, and everyday lives.
Abundant Sowing and Follow Up (Intentional Church Planting)

Facts:
For a truly effective movement of multiplying churches in Tunisia, there must be extensive Gospel sowing and intentional church planting. Every time there has been a movement of multiplying churches, there was a specific and intentional strategy for planting churches before the movement began. It’s important that hundreds and even thousands of people are hearing the claims that Jesus Christ has on their lives. In Tunisia, mass media evangelism is spreading the Gospel, and there is personal evangelism with clear testimonies that reveal the power of the Gospel to radically change lives.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” (2 Corinthians 9:6)

The opposite is also true. Whenever governments or social forces have been able to eliminate Christian witness, there is a dramatic decline in people who are learning about and accepting the truth of Christ’s salvation in their lives.

How Do I Pray for Them?
- Pray for the workers in Tunisia to be intentional in their church planting strategies.
- Pray for the many media outlets being used in Tunisia to spread the Gospel of Christ. Pray that seekers will respond to the messages and that they will receive prompt and thorough follow-up with local believers.
- Pray that no government or social force will be able to stifle the spread of the Gospel in Tunisia, and that believers will be bold in their witness and testimony.
LOCAL LAY LEADERS AND HOUSE GROUPS

FACTS:
The workers in Tunisia do not want to be the primary church planters or pastors. When the missionary walks alongside the local church planters, they are helping to establish local leadership for the church. Local church planters receive some of their best training when they watch a missionary model Bible studies and discussions that engage non-Christian seekers.

If the churches rely on seminary-trained or highly educated pastors, the work will always have a leadership shortage. With lay leaders, there is a larger pool of available leaders. These men and women better represent and resemble Tunisia, and also can have normal jobs in addition to their work as church planters. As the movement continues, churches can begin paying pastors, but most of the movement and growth will continue through lay leaders.

It is important that most of the churches continue to be small, reproducible cell churches of 10-30 members who meet in homes or stores.

HOW DO I PRAY FOR THEM?
- Pray for local believers in Tunisia to rise up and take on leadership responsibilities, so that the churches can be truly Tunisian.
- Pray that the workers in would have the self-discipline and wisdom to identify and train local believers who can represent and lead their people.
- Pray that each Tunisian Christian would know how to start conversations with their non-believing friends, family, and neighbors that can lead to salvation and freedom through Jesus Christ.
RAPID, HEALTHY MULTIPLICATION

FACTS:
It is important that rapid church growth continues in Tunisia. When a movement is reproducing quickly, it shows how urgent and essential it is to come to faith in Christ. Rapid reproduction also indicates that the churches are not being weighed down with unnecessary elements and that the local leadership is confident and capable of participating in this work of God.

A healthy church should demonstrate the following five purposes: worship; evangelistic and missionary outreach; education and discipleship; ministry; and fellowship. When these five health indicators are strong, the church naturally grows. A healthy Tunisian church would be perfectly placed to extend the Gospel among remote people groups and overcome barriers that have continually withstood Western missionary efforts.

HOW DO I PRAY FOR THEM?
- Pray that the Gospel will spread rapidly in Tunisia, and that the people would see the immediate need for salvation in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that churches in Tunisia would not be weighed down by unnecessary burdens, but would be free and healthy enough to reproduce rapidly.
- Pray for confident and capable Tunisian leaders who can disciple and train more leaders so that each house church and gathering of believers can move forward.
- Pray for healthy churches in Tunisia that can engage in worship, outreach, training, ministry, and fellowship.
- Pray that churches in Tunisia will be equipped to send workers into other people groups and nations.
Now that I have FINISHED praying through LIFT UP YOUR EYES, what can I do now?

Join Team Expansion’s Prayer Force www.teamexpansion.org/pray

Join the prayer movement at www.Pray4Tunisia.com and experience how daily prayer goes hand in hand with abundant gospel seed sowing and helping create an atmosphere in which God delights to start church planting movements to transform lives, families, communities and nations.

Be trained to create a website like www.Pray4Tunisia.com for another unreached people group.

Recruit others to pray through “Lift Up Your Eyes” Prayer Booklet. Contact Betty Byrd at bbyrd@teamexpansion.org to get the most updated copy.

Start a prayer group. Email Eric Derry at ederry@teamexpansion.org for more information on how to plan, initiate and develop a prayer team that regularly lifts up unreached people groups before the throne of God.

Host a prayer concert at your church for unreached peoples. Need help? Contact Betty Byrd bbyrd@teamexpansion.org.

Join our Praying for Unreached People Groups (UPGS) Team by sending a simple request by email to Eric Derry at ederry@teamexpansion.org so you can mobilize prayer for UPGS and have access to current prayer profiles, and collaborate with other prayer mobilizers around the world.

Have your church pray for a week of 24/7 in the “Light the Fire” prayer movement. Go to www.restorationrevolution.org and click on ALMIGHTY for more information. Or email Kim Butts at kim@harvestprayer.com.

Consider leading or participating in a short-term mission trip with Team Expansion. Contact Tara Woolard, twoolard@teamexpansion.org for more details.

Read the book “Radical” by David Platt. You can get this at a local bookstore near you or order it online.

Join a 6 Week XPLORE group. Contact ederry@teamexpansion.org for more information on EXPLORING deeper into God’s Word, God’s World, and God’s Work and helping others do the same.

Visit Team Expansion’s campus for a day of prayer, fasting, and team building on 61 acres of wooded rolling hills and trails in Louisville, KY. Contact Tara Woolard, twoolard@teamexpansion.org for more information.

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