"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them." (Mt 9:36)

Through this booklet we join Father God on streets and in the homes of forgotten peoples to “see” his lost sons and daughters through his eyes.

“Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest” (Mt 9:38)

If we were to lose one of our own sons or daughters, we would instantly understand why Jesus willingly died to rescue these forgotten peoples; why he would leave the found 99 for the sake of the lost one.

In the case of Frontier Peoples, the ratio is far more devastating: in our prayers we leave the saved ones to join his concern for lost millions.

Invite the Holy Spirit to make Christ’s passion on the cross your own, so that we may “have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5) to step out of our comfortable boats and join him through prayer on the dangerous waves of an eternal rescue operation. He already did this for us; here we draw closer to him by joining him in prayer for others.

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- Fellowship of Prayer Strategists
- Frontier Ventures
- Frontiers
- Global Prayer Digest
- Go2020
- Great Commission Community
- International Prayer Connect
- International Prayer Council
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ALL the FAMILIES ON EARTH WILL BE BLESSED

IGNITING PRAYER FOR THE THIRTY-ONE LARGEST FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS!

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Where are these 31 Frontier People Groups?

The 31 Largest Frontier People Groups

| Population: 10 – 150 million | Gospel Movements: None Reported | Christian Adherents: <= 0.1% |

These 31 groups total 893 million
11.8% of world population
48% of all Frontier Peoples

Data Source: Joshua Project 2018

Frontier Peoples over 10,000,000 sorted by Region, then People name, then Country

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Further research may reveal that some or all of these people groups are actually several related but distinct people groups, each needing one or more movements.

Full map and people group listing at: JoshuaProject.net/frontier/5

Become an Advocate for ONE Frontier People Group

As you pray for Frontier People Groups, ask the Lord to give you one people group for which you can become an advocate—embracing them in your heart and your daily prayers, and seeking the Holy Spirit to lead you and your family or small group in becoming God’s blessing to that Frontier People Group.

Collaborate with other Frontier People advocates to see to it that every single Frontier People Group over 500,000 in population is being named daily before the Father: MultMove.net/join-gcc

When your prayer team is ready to partner with a field team, apply at InheritTheNations.net

Seek God for the Full Mobilization of Christ’s Body

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken every believer to recognize that the time is short, and to fully seek first God’s Kingdom and his righteousness (Rom 13:11-14; Luke 19:13; Psalm 90:12).
2. Pray that every follower of Jesus to BE a disciple who fully follows Jesus in loving God, loving others and making disciples that make disciples (Acts 1:8; Matt 22:37; Prov 11:30; Matt 28:18-20).
3. Pray that believers see the hearts of those the Holy Spirit has prepared to hear and that they share in a way that can be understood and responded to (John 4:36; John 6:44; 2 Tim 4:2).
4. Pray for every UPG—every last tongue, tribe and nation—to be adopted for prayer and outreach, then engaged with a Kingdom multiplication strategy, until there is no place left without gospel witness (Matt 9:37-38; 2 Cor 10:16; 2 Peter 3:9; Rev 7:9).
5. Pray for the entire Word of God to become available in every language. At present only 7% of the world’s languages have a full Bible, and only 1 in 5 Bible translation projects include translating the Old Testament (Matt 9:37-38; Heb 4:12; Rom 10:17-21).
6. Pray for Christ’s Body to recognize our calling—to pursue his Kingdom coming and his will being done, and to work together in the unity of the Spirit, with the bond of peace, for his glory among the nations (Matt 6:10; Eph 4:3; Matt 12:22-26).
Prayer Resources and Events

For the large, influential 400 Frontier People Groups

Every day, thousands of believers unite in prayer for a people group, then do the same the next day for a different people group, using one or more of these excellent resources:

- Joshua Project’s Unreached People of the Day
  JoshuaProject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/today
- Frontier Ventures’s Global Prayer Digest
  GlobalPrayerDigest.org/issue/day
- seasonal prayer guides for Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists

Such united prayer for people groups often coincides with breakthroughs among the peoples prayed for, and we encourage you to make good use of each of these resources.

Both the Unreached People of the Day and the Global Prayer Digest are also available as smartphone Apps, and by email. Starting in May 2019, the Global Prayer Digest and the Unreached People of the Day will coordinate their schedules to lead many in united prayer for each of the 400 largest FPGs.

The people groups listed in the seasonal prayer guides, available from WorldChristian.com, are mostly FPGs.

International Day for the Unreached

Held each Pentecost Sunday to educate, inspire and motivate North American believers to take a stand for Unreached People Groups: DayForTheUnreached.org

Go2020

Go2020.world is the shared vision of dozens of ministries to enlist 100 million Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to pray and prepare to lead one billion more people to follow Jesus Christ in May 2020.

International Prayer Connect

ipcPrayer.org is a coalition of prayer networks, ministries, leaders, and intercessors throughout the world whose vision is to mobilize and equip prayer for the Unreached and the transformation of the nations.

Why these 31 People Groups?

Half the population of ALL Frontier People Groups live in the 31 groups you are about to pray for ...

Our world in 2018:

7.6 billion people
(round percentages of world population are all rough estimates based on published figures)

60% live in Reached People Groups¹
(more than 5% Christian or 2% Evangelical)

10% Spirit-led Christ-followers²

25% Nominal Christians

25% Non-Christians living among Christians

40% live in Unreached People Groups (UPGs)

15% limited gospel access
(some gospel movements: 0.1%–5% Christian and 2% or less Evangelical)

25% FRONTIER People Groups (FPGs)
(no known gospel movements: 0.1% or less Christian of any kind)

¹ Where the gospel is well known and has had significant impact.
² Rom 8:14: God’s children are those led by his Spirit. Estimate based on published figures for Evangelicals, Charismatics and Pentecostals.
Who are these 31 largest Frontier People Groups?

One fourth of the world has almost NO chance of hearing about Jesus from someone in their own people group. They live in overlooked Frontier People Groups (FPGs)—the least reached UPGs—with no known gospel movement and 0.1% or less Christian of any kind. Half the population of all FPGs live in the 31 FPGs listed in this booklet.

Why are Gospel Movements necessary among FPGs?

In most larger Frontier People Groups, Christianity is seen as a rival political/religious force, seeking to undermine their identity as a people. In this context, individual decisions to follow Jesus—without family discussion—can bring tremendous shame to a family and its community. Acts-like gospel movements instead bring God’s rapidly multiplying blessing to heal and strengthen families and communities.

How neglected are Frontier People Groups?

The vast majority of mission prayer, giving and laborers focuses on strengthening Christians where Christians are already present. Only a small fraction of mission prayer and other resources go to UPGs at all, and only a tiny fraction of this goes to FPGs—the quarter of the world where faith in Jesus is still totally foreign.

Why pray for these 31 largest Frontier People Groups?

As God answers prayer for gospel movements—in which the families of these FPGs receive God’s blessing in Jesus, these largest FPGs will lead the way for many smaller FPGs to welcome God’s blessing.

Where can I Learn More?

Joshua Project (JoshuaProject.net) is a collaborative research hub, helping to define the unfinished portion of the Great Commission by highlighting the least-reached people groups of the world.

How can I get Involved?

Prayerfully select and become an advocate (pray for and bless) one of these 31 FPGs, or one of the other large, most influential FPGs (see p. 34). Ask God to make this FPG your inheritance (Ps 2:8), and follow his leading. Visit MultMove.net/join-gcc for guidance in this and connection with others God has led to advocate for your FPG. And when your prayer team is ready to connect with a field team in your FPG, apply at Inherit the Nations: InheritTheNations.net

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Listing of Peoples by Religions at: JoshuaProject.net/religions
Frontier Peoples listings and maps at: JoshuaProject.net/frontier/
Your Prayers can make a Difference!

Just as prayer preceded Pentecost, most breakthroughs of God’s blessing throughout history have resulted from prevailing prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Robert Glover summarizes the role of prayer:

*From Pentecost and the Apostle Paul, right down through the centuries to the present day, the story of missions has been the story of answered prayer. Every fresh outbreak of missionary energy has been the result of believing prayer. Every new missionary undertaking that has been owned and blessed of God has been the germinating of seed planted by the divine spirit in the hearts of praying saints.*

In Ps 2:8, the Lord invites us: “Ask of me and I will make the peoples your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession.” All we can take with us into eternity as our inheritance are other people, who become part of his eternal family. Our joy and crown, just as for the great Apostle Paul, will be those who come to Christ through our efforts.

*One of the most strategic ways we can pray for God’s Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, is to pray persistently for gospel movements to spread God’s blessing through the families of Frontier People Groups. Pray individually, and join or form a prayer team to advocate for one or more of these 31 largest Frontier People Groups.*

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Listing of Countries in Regions at: [JoshuaProject.net/global/regions](http://JoshuaProject.net/global/regions)

Frontier Peoples listings and maps at: [JoshuaProject.net/frontier/1](http://JoshuaProject.net/frontier/1)

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One fourth of the world’s households live in Frontier People Groups—with virtually no contact with believers, and no sign yet of a gospel movement bringing God’s promised blessing to their families.

**Half of these households live in these 31 largest Frontier People Groups.**
Matthew 9:37-38

Pray for Breakthrough: Gospel Movements

Pray Desperately, with the Father’s Heart

One member of our prayer guide team shares his experience:

The day after a hurricane, my two-year-old daughter wandered past two fences that had fallen over and went swimming by herself. After ten minutes of frantic searching, I found her face down in the pool, blue, waterlogged, and lifeless. In desperation, I asked strangers to join my passionate prayers. God graciously answered, and my daughter recovered fully!

Until God intervenes, nearly every individual among these FPGs will live and die without ever knowing a believer or being prayed for by name. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers, and ask Father God to give you the desperate urgency in prayer for these precious people that you would have if your own mother or father, son or daughter were in peril.
The 400 Largest FPGs (over 500,000 in population)

One quarter of the world lives in Frontier People Groups—with virtually no access to the gospel! The 31 Largest FPGs highlighted in this prayer guide (over 10 million in size), contain half the population of all FPGs.

We can cover 90% of the population of all FPGs by focusing prayer on the 400 influential Frontier People Groups over 500,000 in size (see map). Learn more about praying for and blessing these FPGs at MultMove.net/join-gcc

For every 500,000 people in each of these FPGs, pray for at least:

- one prayer team to become advocates for that people group, and
- one engagement team to go.

24:14 Inherit the Nations invites prayer communities and field teams to partner together to focus on a specific “Frontier People Group”: InheritTheNations.net

God is accelerating the advance of His global purpose through prayer.

In August 1727, Moravian refugees in Herrnhut, Germany experienced a “second Pentecost” that launched a 100-year, round-the-clock prayer watch that sent hundreds of Moravians as missionaries and fueled the birth of the Protestant mission efforts globally.

In May 2017, global prayer network leaders met with mission leaders on this same spot in Herrnhut to launch a new prayer focus on gospel movements among every remaining unreached people group (see vimeo.com/244739881).

Within months, the global 24:14 Coalition had formed with a bold vision, by prayer and the Holy Spirit’s empowering, for global collaboration to start movements in every unreached people and place by 2025 (2414Now.net).

To help you understand the 24:14 vision and how God is blessing families through movements, we want to offer you a free copy of two books:

- **Hostening** is a thriller novel (published two years before the 24:14 Coalition formed) in which a generation is gripped with a vision for movements among every people by 2025. To request your free copy, enter “Go31” and “Go31Now@gmail.com” as your “generous friend” at NPL2025.org/claim-your-copy

- **Stubborn Perseverance** is the fictionalized story of a movement based on real events. To request your free copy, enter “Go31” and “Go31@Go31Now@gmail.com” as your “generous friend” at StubbornPerseverance.org/claim-your-copy

Pray for God’s Word to spread among the 31 Largest FPGs

The Bible is the central authority for believers and churches in every gospel movement. Even in non-literate cultures, where the Bible is shared through oral storytelling, the Bible guides doctrine and practice.

Faith comes by hearing God’s Word; transformation comes in applying it through obedience. Every person has the right to have the Word of God in their own heart language, in a form they can understand and apply.

God’s Word was conveyed orally before it was committed to writing. Jesus used stories in his teaching. In oral societies, the Old Testament is critical for revealing the bloodline of Jesus from the beginning of God’s story.

The 31 FPGs are primarily oral communicators. For such peoples, Oral Scripture in the heart language is essential for the gospel to be fully heard, understood, and received, and for heart transformation to occur.

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.” — Heb 4:12

Pray for Scripture Availability among these FPGs

- 7 People Groups have NO Full Complete Bible available: Uyghur in China; Arain, Jat, Pashtun, Rajput, and Shaikh in Pakistan; Northern Yemeni in Yemen (These 7 are Islamic, and primarily Oral Communicators by society and culture. While 6 of the 7 have Written Scripture (WS), Uyghur in China only has the New Testament.)

- 6 People Groups have NO Oral Scriptures (OS) in their heart language: Arain, Jat, Pashtun, Rajput, Shaikh in Pakistan; Northern Yemeni in Yemen

- 2 People Groups have NO Full Written Scripture (WS): Uyghur in China; Northern Yemeni in Yemen

- 1 People Group—Northern Yemeni in Yemen—is without direct access to the Scripture in their heart language or mother tongue: NO Written Scripture, NO Oral Scripture, NO Jesus Film.

Pray for God’s Word to reach every people group in their own heart language, and to spread rapidly and be honored by all. Pray for those who receive God’s Word to base their lives on Jesus and his Word, being obedient doers, not forgetful hearers.

Visit TheSeedCompany.org/prayforzero to learn more.
Pray for all UPGs and Frontier People Groups globally:

- Ask God to pour out his Holy Spirit, that every Frontier and Unreached People Group will have its own gospel movement by 2025. Ask God to raise up prayer teams to advocate for all of the largest Frontier People Groups, praying until the blessing of life in Jesus is spreading rapidly from family to family (Ps 2:8, James 4:2b).

- Ask God to cause the revelation of his love and his Word to run swiftly across the earth until he is honored and worshiped by all peoples, including Oral and Bible-less Peoples. Ask God to exalt his Word among every Frontier and Unreached People Group through Bible Translation and Oral Bible movements by 2025 (2 Th 3:1; Eph 4:16).

Pray for these Larger Frontier People Groups:

- Ask God to bring forth his blessing—strengthening and healing families and communities within your chosen people group. Ask God to cause his abundant life and love through Jesus to be widely embraced by the families and clans of your group (Gen 12:5, 28:14; Acts 3:25, 10:43).

- Ask God to send his people to fight suffering and evil in his name, and to overthrow the spiritual forces of darkness that oppose the spread of his gospel. Ask God to deliver the families and communities in your chosen FPG from false perceptions of the gospel as a threat to their identity. Ask the Holy Spirit to replace any fear in your FPG with love, power, and self-discipline, as God’s blessing flows from family to family (Rom 12:21, Gen 3:10, Is 25:7, 11 Tim 1:7).

- Ask God to pour out his blessing on the religious and secular leaders of your chosen Frontier People Group. Ask him to bless the families of these leaders, and inspire whole communities to welcome salvation through faith in Jesus (1 Tim 2:1-5).

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the people of your chosen Frontier People Group to love his Word and spread its influence, so that your chosen people group will love him with their whole being and walk in his ways (Acts 6:7, 12:24, 19:20; Mk 12:29-31).

- Ask God to pour out his Holy Spirit in anointing the families of your chosen Frontier People Group, especially the children and youth. Beg (deomoi) God to raise up and send out (ekballō) a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses within your chosen people group and overflowing to bless other people groups (Mt 9:37–38, Lk 10:2).

Some Helpful Definitions

Researchers and strategists have developed specialized terminology to help identify where the need for additional laborers and resources is greatest:

People Group or Nation: A family line seeking to preserve its generational identity (shared history and ancestry, like the people or nation of Israel in the Bible). To preserve this identity, nations maintain their traditions, intermarry, and resist outside influences (often, including the gospel).

Evangelicals: Researchers count these by denominational adherence to Biblical faith. This guide uses published figures for Evangelicals, Charismatics and Pentecostals to estimate a global count for Spirit-led Christ-followers—who want others to share the blessing they enjoy, of a loving relationship with God based on faith in Jesus.

Reached People Groups: Nations where a gospel movement, recently or at some point in history, has resulted today in:

- more than 2% Evangelicals, or more than 5% Christians,
- the gospel being well known, with some or much societal impact,
- non-Christians having much greater opportunity to observe and interact with Spirit-led Christ-followers,
- many households finding a richer global identity in Christ than in their generational identity, and thus
- new followers of Christ not being perceived as having betrayed the generational identity of their people group.

Unreached People Groups (UPGs): A nation where:

- 2% or less Evangelicals, and 5% or less Christians at all,
- the gospel is unfamiliar to most, and has had little societal impact,
- non-Christians rarely have opportunity to observe and interact with Spirit-led Christ-followers,
- most households clinging tightly to their generational identity, “foreigners to the … promise, without hope and without God” ( Eph 2:12), and thus
  - Individuals choosing to follow Christ are generally perceived to have betrayed and shamed their community.

Unengaged: Unreached People Groups where researchers don’t yet know of a team in residence, working with the Holy Spirit toward blessing that nation with their own gospel movement.

Frontier People Groups (FPGs): UPGs with no gospel movement and 0.1% or less Christians of any kind.

Pioneer Mission Work: Establishing the first community of believing households through which others within an FPG can see that they, too, can follow Christ without betraying their people.

31 — Yadav in India

Yadav in India
The Yadav believe they are the descendants of king Yadu, from whom Krishna descended. Their traditional occupation is animal husbandry. They have expertise in oral traditions like sevagaridi, i.e. group singing in praise of Lord Vishnu. They freely share wells, roads, schools, crematoria, temple, etc. with other villagers. This caste group shows great leadership—politically and socio-economically—especially in the two largest states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Ministry Obstacles
Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Yadav families and communities from considering the gospel.

Outreach Opportunities
Pray for Bible story telling and discussion that fits the strong Yadav oral tradition to help Yadav households receive and enjoy God’s blessing. Pray for emerging Yadav leaders to develop gospel sharing that quickly goes viral through social media.

| Population | 58,708,000 |
| Language   | Hindi      |
| Religion   | Hinduism   |
| Est. Christians* | 0.0063% | 3,700 |
| Movement   | None Reported |
| Written Scripture | Complete Bible |
| Oral Scripture | Complete Bible |
| Workers Needed** | 1,174 |

* From census reports, etc  ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Pray for the followers of Christ
Pray for the few Yadav believers to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit in sowing God’s Word among their families and multiplying the blessing of God to other Yadav households.

Pray for the entire people group
Pray for a movement of God’s blessing to flow through Yadav families discussing and applying God’s Word, and to overflow to surrounding people groups.

Scripture focus
“And those who lead many to righteousness [will shine] like the stars for ever and ever.” Daniel 12:3

Encourage Children and Youth to Join in Prayer
(as families, small groups, Sunday School Classes, etc.)

“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

When forming prayer teams, be sure to include children and youth. Their partnership and agreement in prayer is power-full! Many laborers attribute breakthroughs to the passionate prayers of children.

Young children are visual, kinesthetic, and tactile learners, and enjoy being with adults. To include them we offer these suggestions:

- Search the internet for pictures that are of interest to the children in your group (family groups, homes, clothing, food, animals, etc.).
- Make a snack or meal (together if possible) from that region.
- Locate the country and region of the Frontier People Group on a globe or map or have the children do it depending on their age.
- Drawing from the information given in the prayer guide, and through the additional pictures and information you shared, encourage your young prayer partners to try to identify with children from these groups. Ask questions like:
  - What would it be like not to have enough food to eat?
  - What would happen if you weren’t able to go to school?
  - What would it be like not to have any Christian friends?
  - What would it be like to live under persecution & war?

Give them time to come up with their own thoughts and questions.

- Ask the Lord to show each one how to pray for the people group.
- Using crayons or markers and paper have everyone draw a picture of their prayer for that Frontier People Group. Pray for the people group from the drawings and from the prayers in the guide.
- Worship “in the gap” for those who do not know Jesus. Sing songs as intercession over the nations/groups. For example:

  Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill these lands with your Father’s Glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set their hearts on fire.
  Flow, River, flow. Flood these nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/16187/IN
Tell in India — 30

Outreach Opportunities

- Negotiate with potential hosts and
- Pay for the followers of Christ
- Play for the followers of Christ
- From census reports, etc.
  - 3,737

- Write a support letter
- Support letter
- Money report
- 20

- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim
- 4,900

- Population
- 198,567,000

- Hausa in Niger

- 1 — Hausa in Niger

Ministry Objectives

- Playing soccer to gather numbers
- Changing people’s hearts
- Discipling believers
- And being a witness

Tell in India

- 1 — Hausa in Niger
Shaikh in Pakistan

Also known in Pakistan as the Punjabi Shaikh, Shaikh is one of the largest ethnic groups in the world. You may be familiar with use of the term “Shaikh” or “Sheikh” as referring to a Muslim scholar or leader. While most of the Shaikh live in Bangladesh or India, Pakistan has a very significant population as well. The Arab peoples who conquered the Indus Valley in the 8th century settled there to become today’s Shaikh. Rather than maintaining allegiance to only one of Islam’s major divisions, the Shaikh follow a mixture of both Sunni and Shia traditions.

Ministry Obstacles
The Shaikh perceive Christianity as seeking to win individuals away from their families and communities. This has fueled fear of Christianity as an invading threat to their families, communities and way of life. Islamic traditional also contradicts the Qur’an in telling the Shaikh that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities
Pray for Bible stories to be told and discussed in families and households, to open the door to God’s blessing and healing multiplying among Shaikh families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ
Pray for the few Shaikh believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God’s blessing.

Pray for the entire people group
Pray for a gospel movement to sweep through Shaikh families and communities that would permeate the group from within rather than from without, and spread to many neighboring peoples.

Scripture focus
“The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a light dawned.”
Matthew 4:16

Population
12,761,000
Language
Punjabi, Western
Religion
Islam
Est. Christians*
0.00017% 22
Movement
None Reported
Written Scripture
Complete Bible
Oral Scripture
None
Workers Needed**
255

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Hausa in Nigeria

The Hausa are the largest people group in Africa’s most populous nation, having converted from tribal religions to Islam across many centuries. Boko Haram arose in northeast Nigeria in 2002, in violent opposition to rampant corruption in the South. Boko Haram’s atrocities deeply affect the Hausa in the North. The resulting maelstrom of evil and rural poverty provides opportunity for neighboring believers to practically and sacrificially bless the Hausa.

Ministry Obstacles
The Hausa have long been taught that the Bible has been changed and is unreliable. There is also much mistrust and hostility between the Muslim tribes of northern Nigeria and the more generally Christian tribes to the south. The perception of Christianity as the religion of their enemy hinders Hausa families and communities from considering the gospel.

Scripture focus
“Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations.” Romans 1:5

Population
30,453,000
Language
Hausa
Religion
Islam
Est. Christians*
0.1% 30,000
Movement
None Reported
Written Scripture
Complete Bible
Oral Scripture
Complete Bible
Workers Needed**
609

Outreach Opportunities
Pray for believers in southern Nigeria to more effectively bring the gospel to Hausa households.

Pray for the followers of Christ
Pray for the few believers among the Hausa to be fruitful in loving their families and sharing Bible stories.

Pray for the entire people group
The Hausa have strategic influence in several nations. Ask God for a gospel movement among this dear people to spill over in God’s blessing to many neighboring peoples. Pray for peace, and for the evils of Boko Haram to multiply gospel opportunities.

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18084/PK

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/12070/NI
### Shalik in India

- **Population**: 85,075,000
- **Language**: Urdu
- **Religion**: Islam
- **Est. Christians**: 0.0001%
- **Movement**: None Reported
- **Written Scripture**: Complete Bible
- **Workers Needed**: 1,702

#### Outreach Opportunities

**Pray for the followers of Christ**

- Pray for open doors to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for those who have been reached with the Gospel to become strong and active participants in their communities.
- Pray for the spread of the Gospel to reach remote areas and isolated tribes.

**Pray for the entire people group**

- Pray for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the Shalik people.
- Pray for the protection of the Shalik people from persecution and discrimination.
- Pray for the Shalik people to have access to education and healthcare.

**Scripture Focus**

- Pray for the Shalik people to have access to the full Bible in their language.
- Pray for the Shalik people to understand and apply the principles of the Bible to their daily lives.

### Arab, Moroccan in Morocco

- **Population**: 18,942,000
- **Language**: Arabic, Moroccan Spoken
- **Religion**: Islam
- **Est. Christians**: 0.009%
- **Movement**: None Reported
- **Written Scripture**: Complete Bible
- **Workers Needed**: 379

#### Outreach Opportunities

**Pray for the followers of Christ**

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- Pray for the spread of the Gospel to reach remote areas and isolated tribes.

**Pray for the entire people group**

- Pray for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the Arab, Moroccan people.
- Pray for the protection of the Arab, Moroccan people from persecution and discrimination.
- Pray for the Arab, Moroccan people to have access to education and healthcare.

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Shaikh in Bangladesh

According to one account, the word Shaikh is a general term of courtesy equivalent to the English term of esquire. According to another account, the name is applied to people of pure Arab descent; but it has also been adopted by converts from Hindu communities. The majority belong to the Sunni sect of Islam.

Ministry Obstacles

The Shaikh have long been taught that the Bible is corrupted and unreliable. The Shaikh see Christianity as an invading influence, threatening to bring dishonor and division to their families and people.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Shaikh families and communities to embrace the good news of Jesus Christ. Beg the Lord of the Harvest to thrust out many laborers to sow God’s Word among persons and households of peace. Ask the Holy Spirit to multiply God’s Word in a gospel movement bringing God’s blessing among Shaikh families and households and to surrounding people groups.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few believers in Jesus among the very large Shaikh community of Bangladesh. They need much prayer support for physical and spiritual protection, and for effectiveness and fruitfulness in sowing God’s Word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God’s blessing spreading through households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as the Shaikh read the Qur’an, they will be drawn to Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur’an), and to the Bible to learn more about Jesus. Ask God to bless this largest of all Frontier People Groups so richly that His blessing spreads through them to many other people groups.

Scripture focus

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14

Yemeni (Northern) in Yemen

Northern Yemeni tribes are also known as Sanaani Arabs. The proxy war in Yemen between Saudi Arabia and Iran is putting millions in jeopardy, first of starvation and now of a Cholera epidemic. Children and widows live in extreme danger. The U.N. has declared this the world’s worst humanitarian disaster. Cultivation of the narcotic qat dominates agriculture, and war is hindering humanitarian aid.

Ministry Obstacles

War, atrocities and qat addiction inflict lasting wounds on the psyche of most Northern Yemeni. Islamic teaching contradicts the place of honor which the Qur’an gives to the Bible. And individual “conversion” to Christianity is perceived as betrayal, with the potential of bringing dishonor to an entire clan.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the gospel to spread through NGO’s developing businesses run by widows, rescuing both their children and their honor.

Pray for the followers of Christ

The dangerous environment provides the few Sanaani an believers opportunity to exercise great faith and service, sparking multiplication of believing households. (Ps 112:4; Jn 13:35)

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a gospel movement to make this poorest of Arab peoples into a wellspring of blessing for the Muslim world (1 Cor 1:27-30). Islam esteems Jesus the Messiah (Iṣa al Masih in the Qur’an) as a great prophet born of a virgin. Pray for despairing Yemenis, especially mothers, to have revelations and dreams of Jesus, cry out to God for help, and be drawn to the Bible.

Scripture focus

“The LORd is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” Psalm 145:18
Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk in Iran

In Iran this people group is known formally as Azeri, but informally the Azeris and other Turkic-speaking Iranian populations are commonly referred to as “Tork” (Turk). Despite past friction, the Azeri in Iran are now well incorporated into the wider community. The living conditions of Azeri in Iran is very similar to that of Persian in Iran.

Ministry Obstacles

Political unrest, runaway inflation and disillusionment with theocratic rulers may tempt the Tork to bitterness toward God.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the strong gospel movement already blessing Iranian families to spread through existing relationships and a shared trade language into the Turkic community. Pray for this gospel movement among Farsi speakers to spread also among Tork families, as a reproducible example in the Middle East of how gospel movements can spread from one people group to another.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few believers among the Tork of Iran. Pray for these believers to bless and serve their families well, so the gospel is first seen, then easily heard.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray the Ephesians 3:20–21 blessing over Tork households, leading not only to their own gospel movement, but movements spreading into other neighboring peoples of Turkic origin. The Qur’an honors Jesus (Isa al Masih) as a great prophet born of a virgin. Pray that, as the Tork read the Qur’an, they will have dreams and visions of Jesus, and be drawn to Jesus the Messiah, and to the Bible to learn more about Jesus.

Scripture focus

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20

Rajput in Pakistan

The name Rajput is derived from the Sanskrit word rajputra, meaning son of a ruler. The Rajputra constitute a class of nobility. The Rajput rose to political importance in the ninth and tenth centuries. In India, the Rajput have been a ruling class owning vast tracts of land.

Ministry Obstacles

The Rajput fear Christianity as an invading threat to their families and communities. In contradiction of the Qur’an, Islamic tradition teaches them that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Rajput families to experience God’s blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for new followers of Christ among the Rajput to be effective in blessing their families through sharing and discussing the Word of God, that a gospel movement may spread rapidly among Rajput families and communities.

* From census reports, etc  ** for 1 worker per 50,000

** Workers Needed**

Population 16,140,000
Language Azerbaijani, South
Religion Islam
Est. Christians* 0.1% 16,100
Movement None Reported
Written Scripture Complete Bible
Oral Scripture Complete Bible

* From census reports, etc  ** for 1 worker per 50,000

** Workers Needed**

Population 17,101,000
Language Punjabi, Western
Religion Islam
Est. Christians* 0.0% 0
Movement None Reported
Written Scripture Complete Bible
Oral Scripture None

* From census reports, etc  ** for 1 worker per 50,000

** Workers Needed**

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as Rajput families read the Qur’an, they will be drawn to Jesus (Isa al Masih in the Qur’an), and to the Bible to find out more about this man. Pray for the Lord to start a movement of Rajput families experiencing God’s blessing, and that this would spread to many surrounding peoples.

Scripture focus

“You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.” Revelation 5:9

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Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17667/PK
25 — Rajput in India

**Rajput in India**
The name Rajput is derived from the Sanskrit word raiputra, meaning son of a ruler. The Rajputa constitutes a class of nobility. The Rajput clans emerged as a dominant community in north and western India in the colonial period. Economic data suggests that the majority of Rajput are landowners. A large number of communities have migrated to their present homeland, making them one of the most mobile groups in India.

**Ministry Obstacles**
Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Rajput families and communities from considering God’s blessing. And blindness to God’s love leaves them seeking the appeasement of deities.

**Outreach Opportunities**
Pray for Rajput families to experience God’s blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

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**Turk in Turkey**
The Turks originated in Turan, a region that lies between the Caspian Sea and the Mongolian Desert. They arrived in Anatolia, Turkey in the eleventh century as conquering warriors, and ruled much of the world as part of the Ottoman empire. The Ottoman empire existed until the birth of the Turkish nation in 1923. Turkey is a secular republic and sits symbolically between the “Christian” West and the Muslim world. Growing political unrest and division with the strong Kurdish population threatens the peace of this region.

**Ministry Obstacles**
Turks perceive Christianity as a threat to their community and identity, and thus miss the blessing of God’s love expressed in Jesus. Islamic tradition teaches that the Bible has been corrupted, in contradiction of what the Qur’an itself teaches.

**Outreach Opportunities**
Pray for a gospel movement to multiply God’s blessing rapidly through Turkish households.

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Pray for the followers of Christ
Pray for the few Rajput believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God’s blessing.

Pray for the entire people group
Pray for a strong gospel movement to bring whole Rajput families and communities into a rich experience of God’s blessings. Pray for this to overflow to also bless surrounding peoples.

Scripture focus
“Tell of his glory among the nations, his wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.” 1 Chronicles 16:24-25

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Pray for the followers of Christ
Pray that, as Muslim Turks read the Qur’an, they will hunger to learn more about Jesus the Messiah (“Isa al Masih” in the Qur’an). Pray for dreams and visions of Jesus to stir a gospel movement of households studying the Bible (which the Qur’an presents as God’s Word). Ask God to pour out such blessing on the Turks that it overflows to many other peoples.

Scripture focus
“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

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Photo: Garry Knight

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18274/TU
7 — Uzbek (Northern) in Uzbekistan

Central Asian Turks, the earliest ancestors of the Uzbeks, added Genghis Khan in his conquest of eastern Europe in the 13th century, eventually forming a unified empire. The Turks and other tribes conquered ancient states, including the Persian Empire, eventually forming the Uzbeks. The Uzbeks descend from some of these kingdoms.

Ministry Obstacles

Prostitution is forbidden, and the Prophet_Yy, who is the great prophet born of a virgin child, is the one who foretold the events of the future. They believe that the Bible has been corrupted and cannot be trusted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the families and communities in Uzbekistan to seek Jesus in the Bible. And pray for the gospel blessing to spill over from Uzbek to many other peoples.

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### Pray for the followers of Christ

**Hui in China**

- Pray for the Hui followers of Jesus to become effective and fruitful in their communities to lead a movement of God’s Word to households throughout the country.

**Scripture Focus**

"On this mountain the Lord Almighty will bless his people with a new covenant.
Isaiah 29:10"

### Pray for the entire people group

**Hui in China**

- Pray for the Hui to read the Quran (Islam's holy book) and obey what they learn. Prayer not only for the Hui to read the Quran, but for the Hui to read the Bible. A small group of Hui Christians read the Bible and want to study it further with help from the Witnesses.

**Outreach Opportunities**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir many of the strong Han Chinese believers to lovingly share the gospel with the Hui households living among them.

### Ministry Obstacles

**Outreach Opportunities**

- Pray for the Christian brothers and sisters to encourage those who are new believers and to give them the resources and support they need to live a strong Christian life.

**Scripture Focus**

"Rejoice, O Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted his people. He has corrected those who live in Jerusalem and has taken away the stones of sorrow from their hands. The Lord has taken away the judgment that was casting its shadow over them; the Lord has taken away the reproach of his people from among the nations. The Lord has delivered his people from the hand of those who reproach them, from the hand of their enemies, from the hand of those who reproach them in the gate. The Lord has delivered Jerusalem from her enemies; the hand of the Lord is on all of those who bless her; with a firm hand he took away the reproach of her enemies. As a light for the nations, Jerusalem will be a light for the Gentiles. The Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; and the reproach of his people he will remove from all the earth. The Lord will be glorious over all the earth. This is the word of the Lord that was spoken by him through the prophet Isaiah."

Isaiah 41:7-13

### Pashtun in India

**Pashtun in India**

- Pray for the few Pashtun believers to be fruitful and effective in spreading the Gospel in their families and communities. Pray for them to boldly proclaim the blessings of God’s Word to those they love in their religious beliefs. They are also fond of pleasure. They are known for their marksmanship and their love of honor.

**Scripture Focus**

"Seek him in the morning with your heart and with all your Being. Listen to him lovingly with all your heart. For the Lord is good, his love endures forever, and his faithfulness lasts from generation to generation."

Psalm 62:6-8

### Pray for the followers of Christ

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### Pray for the entire people group

**Pashtun in India**

- Pray for the protection of the few believers. Pray for them to be bold in their witness and to share the Gospel with non-believers. Pray that the believers will not be discouraged by the many Pashtun households among whom they live.

**Outreach Opportunities**

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir many of the strong Han Chinese believers to lovingly share the gospel with the Pashtun households living among them.

**Scripture Focus**

"Rejoice, O Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted his people. He has corrected those who live in Jerusalem and has taken away the stones of sorrow from their hands. The Lord has taken away the judgment that was casting its shadow over them; the Lord has taken away the reproach of his people from among the nations. The Lord has delivered his people from the hand of those who reproach them, from the hand of their enemies, from the hand of those who reproach them in the gate. The Lord has delivered Jerusalem from her enemies; the hand of the Lord is on all of those who bless her; with a firm hand he took away the reproach of her enemies. As a light for the nations, Jerusalem will be a light for the Gentiles. The Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; and the reproach of his people he will remove from all the earth. The Lord will be glorious over all the earth. This is the word of the Lord that was spoken by him through the prophet Isaiah."

Isaiah 41:7-13
9 — Uyghur in China

Uyghur in China

The Uyghurs live in the western portion of China. Originally Turkish nomads from south of Lake Baikal, they were forced by the Kirghiz to leave in 840 AD, and most emigrated to Xinjiang province, where they live today. There they became the “middlemen” for commerce between the orient and Europe. Recent reports indicate that up to a million Uyghurs have been forced into “re-education centers” resembling concentration camps.

Ministry Obstacles

For an individual Uyghur to become Christian he must often sacrifice his role in his family and community. Islam tradition also contradicts the Qur’an to teach that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Uyghur families to increasingly be drawn to Jesus the Christ (called Isa al Masih in the Qur’an), and to the Bible. Pray for the Holy Spirit to start a gospel movement of Uyghur households experiencing God’s blessing to spill over and bless many other peoples. Pray also for the overall persecution and suffering of this minority people to end soon.

Scripture focus

“I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one.” Romans 9:25

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few believers among the Uyghur of China. Pray they will faithfully obey God’s Word in loving their families, and that the severe persecution they suffer will fuel a gospel movement multiplying God’s blessing through household networks. Pray for believers in “re-education camps” to share effectively with their fellow prisoners.

Pray for the entire people group

There are about 11,682,000
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Pray for the followers of Christ

Nai in India — 22

Nai in India

The Nai are a barber caste. In addition to cutting hair they also provide other grooming services, extraction of teeth and setting of sprains. They are also frequently involved with marriage celebrations and match making. The Nai women are employed in jobs very conducive to marriage celebrations, such as hairdressing and application of henna. They can help a person after the wedding as well, since they also serve as midwives. Though these occupations are their tradition, some are beginning to enter more professional and modern careers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Nai have a low literacy rate, and the gospel must be presented to Nai families in ways appropriate to oral learners.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Indian believers making use of the wide variety of Nai services to see them as God sees them, and to seek God’s leading in sharing the gospel with the Nai and their families.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few known believers among the Nai. Pray for those Nai who do know Jesus to become effective evangelists, first in their homes, then through the extensive social connections they have through the services they offer.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a strong gospel movement to bring whole Nai families and communities into a rich experience of God’s blessing, and pour out from the Nai to bless many surrounding people groups.

Scripture focus

“Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.” Luke 12:7

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Ansari in India

There are few followers of Jesus among the Ansari. According to legend, the Ansaris were the hidalgo of Medina, and Ansars is the title of honor given to those who sheltered and helped the prophet. Many Ansari families maintain a faint interest in Islam, and there are additional Ansar households. The Ansari literacy is low, and girls do not continue their education due to social pressure. The Ansaris are honored for their beautiful tapestries and other artistic products.

Ministry Opportunities

Pray for the Ansari community. They have a gift for weaving and needlework. Ansari families often provide hospitality to the believers in their homes and communities, so financial success is a dominant concern. Pray that believers will extend hospitality to the Ansaris. Read through the Gospel of John in the Bible with them. The Holy Spirit wants to engage the Ansaris in their own language and share the Gospel with them. Pray for the Ansari people group to come to Christ. Pray for the Ansari people group to come to Christ.
**11 — Arain in Pakistan**

![Map of Arain in Pakistan](image)

**Arain in Pakistan**
The Arain are Muslims of Arab origin who migrated to the subcontinent with Muhammad Bin Qasim and then did not return due to fear of persecution by the rulers in Damascus. When the British wanted land developed in the Punjab after its annexation, Arain were brought in to cultivate land around the cities. The Arain are honored for their hard work, frugality and sense of discipline.

**Ministry Obstacles**
Pakistan, meaning “land of the pure,” sees itself as a Muslim country. So Arian families are shamed in their communities when individual family members become Christian.

**Outreach Opportunities**
Pray for the widespread use of smartphones and social media to provide gateways for the gospel to bypass barriers of shame and lead to family discussion. Pray for Arian clans to experience God’s blessing through a gospel movement of family Bible studies.

**Pray for the followers of Christ**
There are no known believers within the large Arain community. Pray for laborers to have wisdom in applying the pattern Jesus gave in Matt 10 and Luke 10 for blessing Arain households.

**Pray for the entire people group**
Pray for Arain families to be drawn to Jesus the Messiah (called Is a al Masih in the Qur’an), to have dreams and visions about him, and to study the Bible to find out more about this man. Pray for a gospel movement of Arain families experiencing God’s blessing to overflow and bless many neighboring people groups.

**Scripture focus**
“God has granted to the Gentiles [nations] also the repentance that leads to life.” Acts 11:18

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**Kurmi in India — 20**

![Map of Kurmi in India](image)

**Kurmi in India**
The Kurmi thrive in agriculture through excellent soil preparation practices. No other agricultural caste in India is as large. The Kurmi are in many parts of India, with heavy concentrations in the Northeast. Their skill in agriculture has made them prosperous, even though the type of work they do makes them a lower caste through their relationship with the soil.

**Ministry Obstacles**
The Kurmi perceive Christianity as foreign to their identity as a people. They have contact with Christian communities, but consider them a different caste. And blindness to God’s love leaves them seeking the appeasement of deities.

**Outreach Opportunities**
Pray for believers with a passion for improved agricultural techniques to find creative ways to bless and serve the Kurmi with the gospel. Pray for Jesus’ many agricultural references to become a bridge for Kurmi families to experience God’s blessing through His Word.

**Pray for the followers of Christ**
Pray for the small number of Kurmi believers to be fruitful and effective in sharing God’s Word, blessing their own families and spreading God’s blessing to other Kurmi households.

**Pray for the entire people group**
Pray for a gospel movement to multiply through Kurmi households, and to overflow to surrounding peoples.

**Scripture focus**
“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beg the Lord of the harvest to thrust out workers into his harvest.’” Matthew 9:37-38

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**Kunbi in India**

The Kunbi are progressive agriculturists, but there are also politicians and educated professionals, including engineers and doctors. Traditionally they accept food and water from the Rajput, Brahmmin and Baniya and share water sources with other communities of the village. They worship Mahavir, Hanumanji and Matamai as their village deities. Their boys study up to the primary level while girls usually do not attend school. Most Kunbis are in a farmer/tiller sub-caste and have two main branches—the Leva Patilis and the Patidars.

**Ministry Obstacles**
The Kunbi know very little about Jesus, and perceive Christianity as foreign to their identity as a people. Their Hindu worldview is also very different from a biblical worldview.

**Outreach Opportunities**
Pray for workers to sow God’s Word into Kunbi families, healing households with God’s blessing, and for social media to increase access to God’s Word.

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**Bania in India**

The Bania include many communities tracing their history back about 5000 years. About 50 communities have a traditional caste council, and may each need a separate movement. Widow remarriage is allowed among half of Bania communities, and divorce has gained social approval among 33 communities. Bania families are honored for strong loyalty to their community, and generosity when needed.

**Ministry Obstacles**
The perception of Christianity as competing with their Hindu identity hinders Bania families and communities from considering the gospel. The Hindu worldview also differs greatly from the biblical worldview, making it difficult to communicate the gospel without misunderstanding.

**Outreach Opportunities**
Pray for rapidly growing social media networks to actively discuss biblical truth, and for discovery Bible studies to bring blessing to Bania families and communities. Pray for widespread involvement in business investment to provide opportunities for Bania families to develop friendships with believers.

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**Pray for the followers of Christ**
Pray for the few believers among the Kunbi to grow in sharing and discussing God’s Word with their families and community.

**Pray for the entire people group**
Pray for the entire Kunbi community to embrace God's blessing through his Word for their families and their communities. Pray for truth seekers to be drawn to readily available scriptures on the internet, and to meet Jesus. Pray for a gospel movement among the Kunbi to bless many of India's peoples.

**Scripture focus**
“All nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.” Psalm 86:9

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**Pray for the followers of Christ**
Pray for rapidly growing social media networks to actively discuss biblical truth, and for discovery Bible studies to bring blessing to Bania families and communities. Pray for widespread involvement in business investment to provide opportunities for Bania families to develop friendships with believers.

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**Outreach Opportunities**
Pray for Bania believers to pursue the Holy Spirit for a gospel movement such as they see in Acts, healing families and spreading to other, neighboring peoples.

**Pray for the entire people group**
Pray for a strong gospel movement among the Bania to bring whole families and communities into a rich experience of God’s blessing, and to bless many other peoples.

**Scripture focus**
“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he will reign forever and ever.” Revelation 11:15
13 — Brahmin in India

Brahmin in India
The Brahmin are a priestly class, said to have originated from the face of Prajapati (Vratpurusha). The Brahmin provide spiritual guidance for the communities. On auspicious dates and events the Brahmin officiate at ceremonial functions. They are considered custodians and transmitters of sacred traditions. As custodians of Brahminical Hinduism, the Brahmin worship many deities. Highly educated, they represent a relatively large percentage of government officials.

Ministry Obstacles
Brahmin pride, and the perception that Christianity is only for outcaste “untouchables,” are serious obstacles to Brahmin families and communities accepting God’s blessing for families through Jesus. They also believe that missionaries pay people to become converts to win a cultural and political war with Hinduism. And the Hindu worldview also differs greatly from the biblical worldview, making it difficult to communicate the gospel without misunderstanding.

Outreach Opportunities
Pray for Brahmin families to experience God’s blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ
Pray for the few Brahmin believers to be effective in humble, Christlike service to their families, practically countering pervasive pride.

Pray for the entire people group
Pray for Brahmin families and communities to discover and embrace the free gift of life through the revelation of Christ’s love for them in the cross. Pray for a gospel movement among the Brahmin to bless many other peoples of India.

Scripture focus
“May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.” Psalm 67:3,5

Population | 59,282,000
Language | Hindi
Religion | Hinduism
Est. Christians* | 0.011% 6,500
Movement | None Reported
Written Scripture | Complete Bible
Oral Scripture | Complete Bible
Workers Needed** | 1,186

Kumhar in India

Kumhar in India — 18

Population | 15,375,000
Language | Hindi
Religion | Hinduism
Est. Christians* | 0.0083% 1,300
Movement | None Reported
Written Scripture | Complete Bible
Oral Scripture | Complete Bible
Workers Needed** | 308

Pray for the followers of Christ
Ask God to send laborers among the Kumhar to raise up believing households, as there are presently no known believers among the them.

Pray for the entire people group
Pray the Lord will give Kumhar families understanding and responsive hearts as they hear about the love of Christ. Ask our Father to raise up laborers for this harvest from among other peoples, especially those nearby. Pray for a gospel movement among the Kumhar to spread God’s blessing to many other peoples of India.

Scripture focus
“Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.” Jeremiah 18:6

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17 - Kapu in India

Kapu in India

In Telugu, the word Kapu means "excluded". The Kapu subcastes have developed a caste system based on occupation. Today, many Kapus have moved into industry, arts, and still others are involved in agriculture, fishing, and trade. Modern Kapus have been able to fight for their political rights and organize into agricultural unions to protect their way of life.

Kapu families and communities perceive that Christianity seeks to undermine their identity, communities and traditions. Satan uses this to hinder them from considering the gospel. For fear of being publicly shamed, their Hindu worldview is also very different from the Bible.

Pray for the Kapu to engage their families and community in discovering and experiencing God's blessing through sharing and discussing Bible stories. Pray for social media networks to spread the gospel.

Ministry Obstacles

Outreach Opportunities

Kapus are evident in the Telugu population. Pray for the Kapu people group to persevere and stand firm in faith.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the Kapu to help their families and community to find peace and hope in Jesus through money and other medical ministry opportunities.

Scripture Focus

Pray the Kapu to have a passion for the Word of God and to read the Bible regularly.
**Jat in Pakistan — 16**

- **Population:** 32,678,000
- **Language:** Punjabi, Western
- **Religion:** Islam
- **Est. Christians:** 0.0%
- **Movement:** Complete Bible
- **Oral Scripture Needed:** None
- **Workers Needed:** 654

*From census reports, etc. **1** for 1 worker per 50,000*

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**Jat in India — 15**

- **Population:** 191,290,000
- **Language:** Hindi
- **Religion:** Hinduism
- **Est. Christians:** 0.03%
- **Movement:** Complete Bible
- **Oral Scripture Needed:** 383
- **Workers Needed:** 383

*From census reports, etc. **1** for 1 worker per 50,000*

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**Pray for the followers of Christ**

All theories regarding the origin of the Jat community are speculative, but the Jat community is a people group known for their agricultural skills. They are spread across India, Pakistan, and other parts of the world. Their language is a mix of Indo-Aryan and Dravidian influences. The Jat people are proud of their cultural heritage and have a strong sense of community. They are known for their hospitality and are respected for their hard work and dedication to agriculture.

**Ministry Obstacles**

The Jat people are predominantly Hindu, which presents a challenge for those who are sharing the gospel. They are also known for their strong family ties and community bonds. The Jat people have a deep respect for their cultural traditions and are reluctant to abandon them for new beliefs.

**Scripture Focus**

The Jat people have a great need for Christian literature in their language. They are eager to learn more about the Bible and its teachings. Pray for the distribution of the Bible in Jat, both in print and digital formats, so that the Jat people can have access to the life-transforming message of the gospel.

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**Pray for the Jat people in India**

- Pray for the Jat people to come to faith in Jesus Christ and to grow in their understanding of the gospel.
- Pray for the Jat people to be salt and light in their communities, sharing the love and compassion of Jesus with others.
- Pray for the Jat people to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to live out their faith in their daily lives.

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**Pray for the Jat people in Pakistan**

- Pray for the Jat people to come to faith in Jesus Christ and to grow in their understanding of the gospel.
- Pray for the Jat people to be salt and light in their communities, sharing the love and compassion of Jesus with others.
- Pray for the Jat people to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to live out their faith in their daily lives.

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