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### ■ 1 Muslim Baghban in Pakistan

When those from the Indian subcontinent hear the word “Baghban,” most think of the Bollywood film with that title. But when a farmer from the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province of Pakistan hears that word, he thinks of himself, his family, and community. The Baghban people are a community of gardeners, and *Baghban* is the literal definition of their trade: gardening. Others engage in selling fruits.

John  
7:37–38

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

- Pray for this people group to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the overflowing, gracious love of God.
- Pray that God would open Baghban hearts to the gospel and would raise up His ambassadors to tell them of Jesus. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Baghban people in Pakistan and India this decade.

### ■ 2 Muslim Rahmani in India

The Rahmani work mainly as farmers. Many do not read, so the gospel will need to be given in oral forms. They are Muslims, and there is much social stigma about becoming a Christian in their families and communities. They need to find a way to embrace Christ without alienating the people they hold dear.

John  
8:29

*And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.*

- Pray for today's people group to begin to please God by trusting in and obeying His Son.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will draw the Rahmani people to the only one who can save them from sin and death. Pray for workers to go to them. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to Christ among the Rahmani people in this decade.

### ■ 3 Afshari in Afghanistan

Most Afghan Afshari believe that Ali, Muhammad's cousin, was ordained by Allah to follow Mohammad, and after him came 11 more imams selected by Allah. The 12th one, Hujjat-Allah, is recognized as the promised Mahdi, their messiah, whom they say has been living in seclusion since 874. They believe that in God's time, he will return with Jesus to establish Islam in the world. This is called the Twelver Shia doctrine of Islam. Afsharis mainly live through farming, herding and carpet weaving.

John  
8:58

*Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.*

- Pray for this people group to understand that Jesus is not just another human prophet but is the eternal God.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Afshari people this decade.

### ■ 4 Darwazi in Afghanistan

How would you like to visit a land of snowcapped mountains and rushing streams of water? This is the beautiful geography that both surrounds and isolates the small towns of the Darwazi people of northeastern Afghanistan. Although a few radios have connected them to the outside world, they are still mostly isolated, so medical assistance and medicine are a major need. They have a high mortality rate among their women and children due to difficulties in childbirth.

John  
9:25

*He answered, Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.*

- Pray that the Lord would remove the spiritual blindness of today's people group and they would begin to see God's truth revealed in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would thrust out Afghan believers in reaching these people with much needed medical supplies and anointed prayer for the sick.



### ■ 5 Mussali in Afghanistan

Indigenous Hindus were forcibly converted to Islam and given the derisive name "Mussali." Today, they have low status wherever they live in South Asia, including Afghanistan.

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

- Pray that today's people group would receive God's Spirit and become empowered to tell others about the grace of God in Jesus Christ.
- There are no followers of Christ among the Mussali people, so pray for this to soon change. Pray that the Mussali people would have the blessings of spiritual hunger that will lead them to Jesus Christ. Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers to this untended field. Pray for the Lord to raise up the Mussali communities with both physical and spiritual blessings that will show other communities what He can do for any people who submit to His ways.

### ■ 6 Ormuri in Afghanistan

The Nuristani people groups are unique amid others living in Afghanistan - so unique they cannot be viewed through a single lens. As early inhabitants of the Nuristani region in northeast Afghanistan, most still reside there in two groups, the Malakhel and Ormuri.

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

- Pray for this people group to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to proclaim the greatness of God.
- Pray the Lord would even now be stirring the hearts of many in this tribe to seek forgiveness for their sin, forgiveness that comes only by placing faith in Christ. Pray for peace throughout Afghanistan and for a national government that is competent and just. Pray for a major movement to Christ among each Nuristani people group.

### ■ 7 Parachi in Afghanistan

The Parachi people live in five villages of Afghanistan. With no Christ followers in their Muslim villages it is seemingly impossible for any movement to spread. These communities are tightly knit and any change in spiritual beliefs is rare because it is viewed as a threat to all of them.

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

- Pray the Lord would make known to today's people group the true path of life. Pray they would learn to rejoice in God's presence.
- Pray for the protection and spiritual growth of any followers of Christ living among the Parachi. Pray for them to be strong and share what the Holy Spirit is teaching them. Pray that the Parachi's physical and spiritual needs would be met. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to Christ in the Parachi community.

### ■ 8 Qizilbash in Afghanistan

The word *Qizilbash* is an Ottoman Turkish word referring to red headgear, which was associated with the "twelver" Shi'ite Muslims. The Qizilbash were a coalition of many different tribes of predominantly Turkic-speaking Azerbaijani peoples united in their adherence to Shia Islam and can be traced back to the 15th century. They have a reputation for being skilled warriors and have long been associated with sources of power.

Acts 3:9 | *And all the people saw him walking and praising God.*

- Pray for the Lord to do signs and wonders among today's people group. Pray they would trust in God and give Him the glory.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead the Qizilbash people to the cross. Pray for a clear presentation of the gospel message among the Qizilbash that will lead to a movement to Christ.

### ■ 9 Narisati Nuristanis in Afghanistan

Most Nuristani subsist as farmers and herders. However, in this remote and difficult-to-access region, steep, narrow paths challenge even mules, and transport is mostly on foot. Therefore, some of the men are employed by logging or illicit gem mining enterprises. There are several Nuristani peoples, one of which is the Narisati.

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

- Pray for today's people group to come to understand that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ and in no other religion.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal Himself to Narisati leaders through dreams and visions. Pray for a spiritual hunger that will not be satisfied by anything other than Jesus Christ. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Narisati Nuristanis.

### ■ 10 Sudanese Arabs in Saudi Arabia

Sudanese Arabs are Sunni Muslims whose faith focuses on pilgrimage to saints' tombs as well as the pilgrimage to Mecca. It is also tinged with mysticism, thanks to Sufism, a form of Islam that emphasizes mysticism and emotions. Their unique music is rooted in their pre-Islamic past. Urban Sudanese Arabs have migrated to Saudi Arabia to work in oil fields.

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

- Pray for this people group to listen to and to obey God. Pray that they would hear God's message and tell others about His marvelous works.
- Pray for the Lord to reach these people through modern media such as Facebook, YouTube and the Internet, in addition to television and radio, as God prepares them through dreams and visions. Pray for a strong underground movement to Christ among Sudanese Arabs that will spread far and wide.

### ■ 11 Tihami Arabs in Saudi Arabia

The Tihami people are easily recognized by their colorful clothing, flowers in their hair, and their large families since they love children. Although most live in Yemen, some live in Saudi Arabia as nomads and some as farmers. The main obstacle to reaching them is that they are in Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Oman, where all are closed to mission efforts. Their other obstacle is nomadism, which makes it very difficult for outsiders to contact them. However, we must remember that someone took that effort to bring Islam to their communities.

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

- Pray for boldness and love among the workers who go to today's people group.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Tihami people that cannot be stopped by man's best efforts.

### ■ 12 Javanese in Saudi Arabia

The Javanese are among the largest, most powerful, and most highly reached people group in Indonesia. However, the majority of them are Sunni Muslim, and they are able to migrate to Saudi Arabia to work.

Acts 5:41 | *With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*

*Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.*

- Pray that believers in this people group would be willing to endure persecution for the name of Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to send Holy Spirit-driven workers to the Javanese in Saudi Arabia. Pray that while they are in Saudi Arabia, the Javanese would find the Islamic religious system wanting and seek to find true spiritual nourishment in Jesus Christ.

### ■ 13 Mahra in Saudi Arabia

The Mahra people are scattered in three countries, including southeastern Saudi Arabia. They speak their own dialect of Arabic, but they are not Arabs. They are semi-nomadic pastoralists who engage in some agriculture part of the year. The men have only one wife, and they are Sunni Muslims although they are probably not as devout as Saudi Arabs. As a society, they have social ranking and are led by a sheikh.

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

- Pray that the Lord would give today's people group a desire to hear and to understand God's words.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-driven dreams and visions of Jesus that will lead them into a movement to Christ.

### ■ 14 Shahari in Saudi Arabia

The story of wise men bearing gifts for the infant Jesus is a familiar story to all Christians. One of those gifts was the precious and costly frankincense. Where does it come from? It comes from Oman, specifically the region near the border of Yemen and Oman, where the Shahari live. Some Shaharis live in neighboring Saudi Arabia, and their lives are difficult in this extremely dry, hot part of the Arabian Peninsula.

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

- Pray for this people group to be amazed at what Christ can do to bless their families and communities.
- Pray for mission groups to specifically reach out to Shahari people in cities and start Disciple Making Movements among them, with the hope that new believers will return to their nomadic communities and share Christ.



### ■ 15 Somali in Saudi Arabia

Somalis originated in the horn of Africa, so they are very close to the Arabian Peninsula. Today, many live in Saudi Arabia, and most of those in Saudi Arabia live in urban centers. The Somali men consider themselves “warriors,” often leaving the women in charge of the herds so that they can train to become more effective fighters since fights are common, especially between clans. They are Muslims, and they believe in evil spirits that bring sickness by possessing their victims.

Acts  
13:47

*For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.*

- Pray that the believers in today’s people group become God’s light to their own group and to the nations of the world.
- Pray that this would be the decade when there is a massive spiritual breakthrough among Somalis in Saudi Arabia.

### ■ 16 Kabardian in Saudi Arabia

The Kabardians have been nearly exterminated many times over. They believe that hospitality must be extended to strangers and that they must demonstrate honor to their family elders. On the other hand, blood revenge is a deeply ingrained cultural value.

Acts  
16:9

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

- Pray that the Lord would send messengers to this people group to tell them the good news about Jesus.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to take place with the Kabardians during the next ten years and for church planting movements to spring up, giving depth and spiritual maturity to all Kabardian believers. Pray for their elders and decision makers to have dreams and visions of the victorious Christ that will turn their hearts to Him.

### ■ 17 Emirati Arabs in the UAE

Saudi Arabia is the home of the Gulf Arabs, who are nomads and villagers and live in the harsh desert environment. The Gulf Arabs are often associated with Saudi Arabia, though many live in the nearby United Arab Emirates. Muslims have a strong bias against the validity of Christianity, including those from the United Arab Emirates.

Acts  
17:30–31

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

- Pray for today’s people group to repent of their sins and to believe in the God of the Bible.
- Pray for Christ followers to adopt and pray for Emirati Arabs. Pray for a people movement to Christ during this decade among Emirati Arabs.

### ■ 18 Hazara in the United Arab Emirates

The Hazaras in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are originally from central Afghanistan, and their Asian facial features and Shi’ite form of Islam make them stand out in both countries. Persecution has shaped and defined the Hazaras in Afghanistan. Under these circumstances, many have fled to places like the UAE. Most of the people of the UAE are non-citizens, including the Hazaras, and Hazaras in the UAE are from many walks of life.

Acts  
19:20

*So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.*

- Pray that the word of the Lord would spread and prevail in this people group.
- Pray for the Hazaras to find safe refuge and good jobs in the UAE. Pray for a church planting movement among the Hazaras in the UAE.



### ■ 19 Malay in the UAE

Though Malaysia hosts many non-Malay peoples, some Malay are hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as they work there. They tend to take high status positions in engineering, banking and education.

Acts  
20:24

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

- Pray that today's people group would experience God's wonderful grace and begin to tell others about Him.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will give the Malays in the UAE a willingness to question institutionalized Islam. Pray for workers to go to them. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Malay in the UAE that will spread back to Malaysia.

### ■ 20 Domari Romani in the UAE

The Domari Romani (Gypsies) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) often camp outside of urban locations where they attempt to earn a living through manual jobs, begging or selling trinkets. A few provide street entertainment through their music and dancing. They face discrimination and rarely manage to advance out of poverty.

Acts  
26:18

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

- Pray for God to send spiritual light and truth to this people group.
- Pray for the Domari Romani to be blessed physically and spiritually in the UAE. Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among them that will spread far and wide.

### ■ 21 Hijazi Arabs in the UAE

The Arabic desert voices of the Saudi Hijazi tell much about their lives and culture as they roam the harsh deserts of the UAE with their livestock, their main source of livelihood. Sitting around open fires outside their tents, they often recite poems or sing songs accompanied by a lute (oud), flute, or drum while relating stories about their history or lives.

Acts  
28:28

*Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.*

- Pray for this people group to hear and to accept the message of God's salvation.
- Pray for them to have a spiritual hunger that will lead them to the cross. Pray for serious, long term efforts by caring followers of Christ to reach the Hijazi, so they can have the opportunity to allow Christ to bless their families and communities.

### ■ 22 Socotran in the UAE

The inhabitants of Socotra Island off the coast of Yemen differ from mainland Arabs and are believed to be a mixture of Greek, Portuguese, African and Arab. Their language is a version of the ancient Himyarite language, which was spoken in pre-Islamic Arabia for many centuries. Most live on this island but a small number work in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

2 Cor  
10:3-5

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

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give new believers among today's people group victory their spiritual battles.
- Pray for workers to reach the Socotran people in the UAE this decade. Pray for a movement to Christ that will bless their community. Pray for their elders to become open to the claims of Christ and allow their people to listen.



**23 Iraqi Arabs in the UAE**

What makes an Arab an Arab? They populate most of the Middle East and 22 countries. The two most common traits that all Arabs have are their language, Arabic, and their shared cultural values. Iraqi Arabs began to migrate to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) because of instability at home. Students make up a large portion of the immigration to the UAE in light of its reputable institutions across the Middle East.

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

- Thank the Lord that He is giving His spiritual blessings to this people group.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would soften their hearts. Pray for a Christ-ward movement among Iraqi Arabs, not only in the UAE but also in Iraq.

**24 Bahraini Arabs in Oman**

The Bahraini Arabs believe their ancestry goes back to Ishmael, the son of Abraham and Hagar, his wife's maid. They are the largest people group in Bahrain. Bahraini Arabs have seen the excesses of Western "Christian" culture, and they want to distance themselves from it.

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

- Pray for spiritual wisdom and light for the leaders of today's people group.
- Pray for the Bahraini Arabs to have open hearts to the teachings of Christ and easy access to the JESUS Film. Pray for them to live fulfilling lives and to have all physical and spiritual needs met. Pray that Oman would be an incubator for a Bahraini Arab movement to Christ.



**25 Dhofari Arabs in Oman**

Residing in Salalah and nearby coastal regions of Oman, these Arabs speak their own variety of Arabic. Even though Oman is a modern country, western influences are quite restricted. A very important part of Omani culture is hospitality. If invited into an Omani house, a visitor is likely to be greeted with a bowl of dates, qahwa (coffee with cardamom), and fruit. Omanis practice a unique brand of Islam: Ibadhism.

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

- Make this verse your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray for the Dhofari Arabs to be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih) and begin discovery Bible studies. Pray the Spirit of Jesus would open their minds to see Jesus as He is.

**26 Shihuh in Oman**

The Shihuh are fishermen and herdsman and are probably descended from the original inhabitants of northern Oman, pushed into the mountains by successive Muslim and Portuguese invasions. The land in which they live is rocky and arid, with very little vegetation.

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

- Pray for an emerging, spotless and pure church among this people group.
- Pray for sufficient rainfall to provide for livestock and to grow grain needed for food. Pray that God's provision would lead the Shihuh to seek and find the Savior.

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### ■ 27 Arabized Harasi in Oman

Are they Arabs or Bedouins? The Harasis have a Bedouin background but like many other Bedouins, they tend to become more like the dominant Arabic speaking culture around them. They live in a culture where Islam, as a religious and political force, is seldom challenged.

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

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give His armor to the believers among today's people group.
- Pray for faithful intercessors for the Arabized Harasi people until there is a strong movement to Christ among them. Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead them into a Disciple Making Movement. Pray for their elders and community leaders to welcome those who come in the name of the Lord.

### ■ 28 Kumzari in Oman

The Kumzari are entirely Muslim, but they have their own type of folk Islam which combines Islam with their pre-Islamic practices. They believe in a she-devil who casts shadows and walks around in rags, carrying a basket. She is believed to cause miscarriages in pregnant women. They also are said to believe in monstrous creatures of various kinds.

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

- Pray for righteous character for those who find the Lord among this people group.
- Pray the Lord would remember this small people group living in an isolated part of Muslim Oman. They need to hear of Jesus and respond with a movement to Him.

### ■ 29 Luwathiya in Oman

The Luwathiya people worship in their own Shia mosques and meet regularly to study and discuss elements of theology, history and law. An important function in their society is the selection of committees to take care of issues such as marriages, divorces, selection of imams, building mosques, charities, and other community affairs. The Luwathiya people are friendly but reserved among outsiders. One thing they will not discuss with outsiders is religion.

Colossians 1:11–12 | *Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.*

- May new believers among this people group walk in joy and love in the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for spiritual openness and an awareness of their spiritual needs. Pray for Christ's ambassadors to take His glory to the Luwathiya people of Oman. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Luwathiya people this decade.

### ■ 30 Persian in Oman

Iranians in Oman have a patrilineal society where men dominate the lives and decisions of their families. Marriages are still arranged but only after the negotiations and approval of both sets of parents. The Lord is growing His church in Iran; pray He would do the same in Oman.

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

- Pray for new believers in this people group to have Holy Spirit-led words to say to their elders as they explain their new faith.
- Pray that God would raise up faithful intercessors for Persians in Oman and ask God to encourage former Persian Muslims who have come to Christ. Ask God to raise up a church planting movement among the Persians in Oman.

### ■ 31 Zanzibari Swahili in Oman

On the surface, Swahili-Arabs seem like regular Omanis. However, when one sits with them at a meal, the African roots come out. Much of the time Swahili is spoken instead of Arabic, which is considered the trade language, and the food is much more African. They are Muslim.

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

- Make this verse your prayer for today's people group.
- There may be no followers of Jesus today among the Swahili of Oman so pray for those who will soon believe in Him. They will need mature believers to help them become well established in the faith. Pray that Jesus would be revealed to them with power at the proper time.