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A 6-Week Personal Prayer Guide

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How to use this guide:

As God leads your church to embrace an unengaged, unreached people group, use this six-week, daily guide to focus on three areas of prayer:

-  Pray for your church to know and do the will of God
-  Pray for yourself that you may understand, embrace and obey God's heart
-  Pray for unengaged, unreached peoples. Ask God to help you see people through His eyes and to identify the unengaged, unreached people group He wants your church to embrace.

The vision: a multitude from every language, people, tribe and nation knowing and worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ.

The mission: to make disciples of all peoples in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

All Scripture taken from the English Standard Version unless otherwise noted.

 **Church**

The Bible clearly instructs us as followers of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to every language, people, tribe and nation. We know that this is His heart, His mission and His command. Yet today there are more than 6,700 people groups still considered UNREACHED. They are considered unreached because less than 2 percent of their people are evangelical Christians. Some of these peoples (3,800) are considered UNENGAGED because no one is intentionally trying to reach them.

Imagine being born in a place where there is a great possibility you will never even hear the name of Jesus Christ. For 1.7 billion people, that is reality.



Based on John's revelation of his vision of heaven, we know that one day God's mission will be fulfilled. John saw a multitude of people from every tribe and language around the throne, worshipping and praising God. We realize that day will come, but for now, much work remains.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent ... (Romans 10:13-15).

Prayer: Ask God to lead your church to be passionate about taking the Gospel to those who may never hear. Pray that God will give your pastor and leaders the wisdom to identify a people group to embrace and to lead the church to truly reach them with the Gospel.

 **Personal**

Busy. This may be the word that best describes your life. Busyness can fill our hours, our days, our lives. Even within church, there is usually no lack of activity. If we are not careful, we can spend our lives, thinking we are doing good because we are so busy. Yet we may miss the very activity God has planned for us.

You may recall the story of Mary and Martha. Martha was entertaining Jesus in her home and as a great hostess, she was busily seeing to each detail to be sure things were in order. As she labored, she became frustrated that her sister was simply sitting at Jesus' feet. Martha voiced her frustration, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" Jesus responded, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:38-42).



To walk daily in God's will, allowing Him to guide our activities, requires that we sit at His feet, know Him, seek Him and listen to His heartbeat. God is at work all over the world drawing people to Himself. He uses people just like you to be His ambassadors.

Prayer: Pray for God to remove the distractions in your life that you may truly know Him and those things that are dear to His heart. Ask Him to help you focus on the things that are eternal.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

“To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map.”
 — William Carey, pioneer missionary to India

1 Chronicles 16:23-24
Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Shahsavan Nomads of Iran

This is one of 333 unengaged, unreached people groups of Central Asia

After reading a prayer brochure that mentioned the Shahsavan Nomads, Reza, an Iranian believer, drove his decrepit car high into the mountains of northern Iran looking for these tent dwellers. Finally he spotted one of their sheepskin tents. The Shahsavan speak a dialect of Azeri Turkish, but Reza introduced himself in Farsi and found that they also know Farsi. Reza spent a wonderful three days sharing his faith with a Shahsavan man he met. The man was surprised to learn that Jesus offers the way to heaven and said that none of his relatives or friends had ever heard this Good News.



Prayer: Pray for salvation to come to these Iranian nomadic tribes. Ask God for house churches to be established in their tents.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

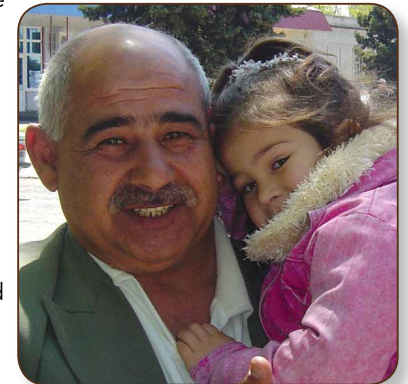
“People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay?”
 — David Livingstone

Psalm 67:1-3
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Circassians of the North Caucasus

This is one of 333 unengaged, unreached people groups of Central Asia

Like most of the indigenous peoples of the majestic North Caucasus Mountains, the Circassians are a Muslim people caught in a cycle of dark violence and bitterness. Through two centuries of war and cultural genocide at the hands of Russian power, many have been driven from their ancient homelands. Currently, nearly 800,000 remain in the Caucasus, while another 3 million to 5 million still live in tightly knit village communities throughout Turkey and the Middle East. Of the millions of Circassians in the world, there are fewer than 100 known believers and no indigenous churches. Cultural pride and tragic abuse at the hands of military powers have hardened these people to outside influence, particularly to a Gospel witness.



Prayer: Pray for God to speak to the Circassians through dreams and visions of Jesus Christ. Ask Him to crush the barriers of mistrust that isolate these people from the Gospel.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure in which we have received it." — P.F. Bresee

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

Sangisari of Iran

This is one of 333 unengaged, unreached people groups of Central Asia



Cut off from the outside world, the Sangisari of Iran have little knowledge of God. The almost 40,000 Sangisari live in a tough mountainous terrain in northern Iran. Their primary religious belief is Shiite Islam, with strict adherence.

Prayer: Pray for workers to be sent to penetrate their lives in ways that will draw them to experience God personally. Pray also for open doors for the use of new Bible storying materials.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, including those that are lost. It is the job of the church to explore the uttermost, to raise His banner, and to claim those lost souls of men for the Lord." — David Bennett

2 Samuel 22:50

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

Dorze of Ethiopia

This is one of the 584 unengaged, unreached people groups of Northern Africa and the Middle East.

The Dorze of Ethiopia is a unique Islamic group in the Guge Mountains. They are famous for their huge, elephant trunk-shaped bamboo huts, covered with false banana tree leaves. The Dorze terrace the mountainside to prevent erosion, allowing them to farm cotton and run a clothing cooperative. They are a colorful people with little access to the Gospel.



Prayer: Pray for the Dorze to hear God's voice, live by His Spirit and intimately relate to Him.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"Here am I, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough, the savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort on earth; send me even to death itself, if it be but in Thy service, and to promote Thy kingdom." — David Brainerd

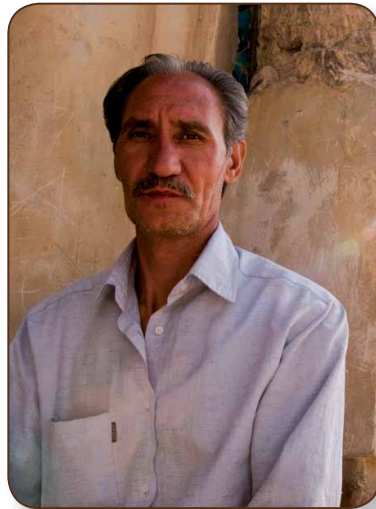
Malachi 1:11

"My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to my name, because my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty.

Shiites of the Arabian Gulf

This is one of the 584 unengaged, unreached people groups of Northern Africa and the Middle East.

The Shiites are a people with deep sadness who are often in a state of mourning. Numbering between 5 million and 6 million, they live in several countries of the Gulf, speaking both Arabic and Farsi. They need love, joy, peace, gladness and Jesus. God is already at work among this people. Ann* had dreams and visions of Jesus for 14 years before someone told her how to know Him. Mike* had been a worker for his faith until he had a dream in which a famous religious leader in torment asked God to give Mike a second chance to realize that the faith he had was false. Mike soon became a believer. These new disciples are learning what it means to follow Jesus and are sharing their faith with others.



**Names changed*

Prayer: Ask God to protect these Shiites as they share their faith with family and friends. Pray for Him to continue to work in their lives through dreams and visions.

 Church

So what is church all about anyway? There have been long and passionate discussions over the years on this very question. Truth is, the Church was created by God, but why? Paul shares with us in Ephesians 2 how he has been graced with the gift of taking the "unsearchable riches of Christ" to the Gentiles. Then he says that in God's eternal plan, the Church has been created to reveal the wisdom of God. God has chosen His Church to make His name known to all peoples, in fulfillment of His eternal plan.



As we study the Scriptures, we see there is a prevailing message in the Bible. Between God's promise to Abraham that all peoples would be blessed through his lineage and John's vision of a multitude of people from every tribe before the throne of God worshiping Him, God's passion for all peoples to know and glorify Him is clearly revealed.

The LORD said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you. (Genesis 12:1-3, HCSB).

After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white with palm branches in their hands (Revelation 7:9, HCSB).

Prayer: Ask God to light a fire of passion in you to see all peoples reached with the Gospel in fulfillment of His eternal plan. Pray that God will make His mission the heartbeat of your church.

 **Personal**

One question many wrestle with is “what on earth am I here for?” Colossians 1:16 tells us that all things were created by God and for God. We were created to know and worship God. As you know, sin creates a barrier between God and man. This barrier is so great that there is no way for man to overcome it. God provides a way for us to be reconciled back to Himself so we can know and worship Him just as we were created. The Bible tells us that Jesus became sin that we might be made righteous before God. God poured His wrath and justice on Jesus while He hung on the cross so that all who believe in Him, repent of sin and confess Jesus as Lord will be forgiven and reconciled back to God. This is great news! So what on earth are you here for? Paul shares with us in 2 Corinthians 5:19-21:



... in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

It is exciting to know that God can both save us and call us to be His ambassadors. God created you to know and worship Him and has commissioned you to be His ambassador until His Name is made famous in all the earth.

Prayer: Thank God for saving you and reconciling you unto Himself. Ask God to help you be faithful as His ambassador to a lost world, both in your own community and among the unengaged, unreached people groups around the world.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

“How many there are ... who imagine that because Jesus paid it all, they need pay nothing, forgetting that the prime object of their salvation was that they should follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ in bringing back a lost world to God.” — Lottie Moon

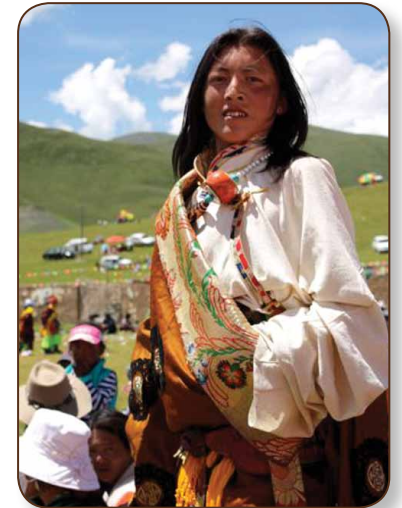
Psalm 86:9

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Northern Kham Tibetans

This is one of 295 unengaged, unreached people groups of East Asia.

The Northern Kham Tibetans are one of the unreached people groups of the Tibetan Plateau. Linguistically and culturally unique, they live in areas that are far removed from the Chinese who claim them. There has been no recorded history of Christian witness among them. Only in recent years have foreign Christians been able to travel to these remote areas. Although the work has been slow and hard for many years in Northern Kham, there is a deep sense that God is preparing the soil, the hearts of the people, for His presence. Great hope and anticipation lie in the hearts of those committed to reaching the Northern Kham as they look to see all that God will do.



Prayer: Ask God to open the eyes and hearts of these people to see their need for Jesus. Pray for Him to strengthen the few believers and to enable workers to reach those who have never heard.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

“Someone asked ‘Will the heathen who have never heard the Gospel be saved?’ It is more a question with me whether we — who have the Gospel and fail to give it to those who have not — can be saved.”

— Charles Spurgeon

Isaiah 49:6

“... I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

Hui of northeast China

This is one of 295 unengaged, unreached people groups of East Asia.

Although most think of the Hui as living mainly in Northwest China, they are actually scattered throughout the country with more than 2.5 million Hui living in China’s Northeastern provinces. The Hui are Chinese Muslims, descendents of Arab traders who entered China along the Silk Road. The Hui like to cluster together in pockets of community. Many of them own small restaurants, and their food is some of the best in China! Family is very important for the Hui, and preserving their cultural and religious way of life is one of the highest goals of the family. They hold tightly to their law and do not understand that Christ came to set them free.



Prayer: Ask God to encourage the few Hui believers to boldly share their faith with their own people. Implore Him to soften the hearts of those who hear.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

“God is pursuing with omnipotent passion a worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshipers for Himself from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. He has an inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of His name among the nations. Therefore, let us bring our affections into line with His, and, for the sake of His name, let us renounce the quest for worldly comforts and join His global purpose.” — John Piper

Galatians 3:8

The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you” (NIV).

Luobohe Miao of China

This is one of 295 unengaged, unreached people groups of East Asia.

The 88,782 Luobohe Miao in southern China are a persecuted people whose history is tied to rebellion against oppressive governments. Any attempts to engage in evangelism or provide Christian materials for the Miao are strictly prohibited. The Miao in China worship spirits (animism) and house an altar in their home to deceased family members.



Prayer: Pray for God’s light to shine in the hearts of the Luobohe Miao of China.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"If we wait till we run no risk, the gospel will never be introduced into the interior." — David Livingston

Joshua 4:23-24

"For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over... so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

Red Tai of Vietnam

This is one of 388 unengaged, unreached people groups of Southeast Asia.



A war-torn people, the Red Tai fled China and settled in north central Vietnam. With a population of 160,000, these rice farmers are a hospitable people composed of families that work together in every area of life. They have little knowledge of Jesus and, influenced by Buddhism, worship spirits (animism) and ancestors.

Prayer:

Pray for resources and Christian workers to take God's love story of salvation and grace to the Red Tai.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love." — Roland Allen

Romans 9:1-3

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

Muko-Muko

This is one of 388 unengaged, unreached people groups of Southeast Asia.

The more than 65,000 Muko-Muko (pronounced moo-KOH moo-KOH) live in the northern part of the Bengkulu province in southern Sumatra, Indonesia. Most Muko-Muko work as farmers, fishermen or handicraft makers. Like many of the peoples in southern Sumatra, the Muko-Muko live along rivers, the largest of which is the Muko-Muko River. They are matrilineal, meaning that possessions pass from mother to daughter. The Muko-Muko also have strong tribal identities called "kaum." The most famous aspect of their culture is the Gandai Dance. The Muko-Muko are Muslim but are strongly influenced by animistic traditions.



Prayer:

Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of the Muko-Muko to hear and receive the Gospel. Ask God to call workers to live among the Muko-Muko. Pray that one day, many Muko-Muko will dance before the throne of their Maker.

 Church

The Bible tells us that all things were created by Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16). God created all things, including mankind, for His own pleasure. He desires and deserves the worship of all peoples. The good news is that He is a good and loving God whose very nature compels those who know Him to worship Him. In the story of the Bible, from beginning to end, we see that God has chosen a people to represent His Name to the nations. We see God chose the children of Abraham to be a people set aside for His Name's sake so that all the earth would know Him. In the New Testament, we see that we who are of the faith of Abraham are now included in that calling as children of Abraham to be a blessing to all the nations. Paul reminds us that we have been reconciled to God and have been appointed as ambassadors for Christ, entrusted with the message and ministry of reconciliation.

It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth (Isaiah 49:6).



Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith (Galatians 3:7-9).

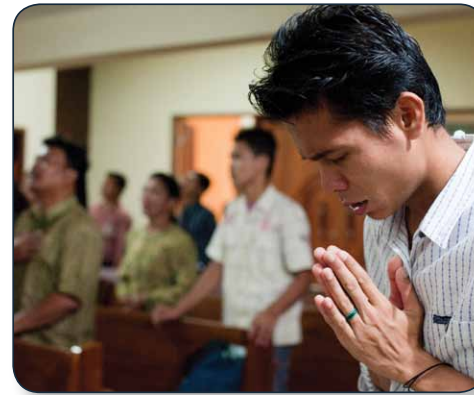
Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Prayer: Ask God to help your church be faithful to its role in the Great Commission. Pray that both leaders and members will be unified to see the Gospel preached among all peoples.

 Personal

Jesus told a story about a man who stumbled on a great treasure one day in the middle of an empty field. Afraid someone else might find the treasure, he immediately buried it. After discovering the land was available, he set out to sell all of his possessions, scraping all his money together to buy that field. Can you imagine how his family and friends must have ridiculed him? Why would he sell all his possessions for an empty field? The truth was that he knew the great treasure buried in that field was so much more valuable than anything he

had owned. Today, if you are a follower of Jesus, you have discovered a priceless treasure, a treasure of forgiveness and an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. This treasure is so great it must be shared with the whole world. What are you willing to sacrifice to truly embrace this magnificent treasure that has been offered to all those who will believe? Remember: 3,800 people groups today have no knowledge of this treasure.



"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34).

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19-20).

Prayer: Ask God to reveal the things you treasure that are perishable. Allow Him to search your heart and reveal to what extent you are willing to obey and follow His will. Ask God to help give you courage to step out on faith and give sacrificially so the Gospel can be proclaimed to all people groups.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

“The concern for world evangelization is not something tacked on to a man’s personal Christianity, which he may take or leave as he chooses. It is rooted in the character of the God who has come to us in Christ Jesus. Thus, it can never be the province of a few enthusiasts, a sideline or a specialty of those who happen to have a bent that way. It is the distinctive mark of being a Christian.” — James S. Stewart

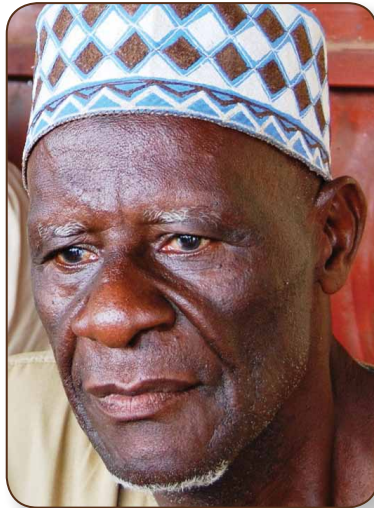
Habakkuk 2:14

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

Hausa

This is one of 495 unengaged, unreached people groups of sub-Saharan Africa.

Since they have been involved in long-distance trading for many centuries, Hausa communities can be found across West Africa, where they are very influential both culturally and politically. Of the more than 28 million Hausa across West Africa, 26 million live in Northern Nigeria. Like other Africans, Hausa were originally idol worshippers practicing African traditional religion. However, in the 15th century, traders from the Middle East introduced Islam. The Hausa embraced Islam, now deeply woven into their culture, making it very difficult for them to receive the Gospel.



Prayer: Ask God to tear down the strongholds preventing the Hausa from hearing and receiving the Gospel. Pray for Him to encourage and protect the Hausa believers.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

“I believe that in each generation God has called enough men and women to evangelize all the yet unreached tribes of the earth. It is not God who does not call. It is man who will not respond!” — Isobel Kuhn

Malachi 1:11

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

Antesaka

This is one of 495 unengaged, unreached people groups of sub-Saharan Africa.

Spread throughout the southeast coast of Madagascar, the Antesaka (An-tay-sah-kah) are a group known for their warm hospitality. Their villages are open to outsiders, yet the Antesaka are isolated by the physical difficulty of reaching where they live. In spite of the presence of some churches, the more than 1 million Antesaka demonstrate little knowledge of the Gospel. They are a people steeped in darkness and superstition; efforts to avoid taboos and gain peace through ancestor worship dominate their lives.



Prayer: Pray that the Antesaka will come to know the Prince of Peace and will lay aside all their false beliefs. Ask God to help Christian workers work through the physical difficulty of reaching these people.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light."

— John Keith Falconer

Psalm 46:10

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

Marfa of Chad

This is one of 495 unengaged, unreached people groups of sub-Saharan Africa.

Elephants, giraffes and lions are some of the neighbors of the Islamic Marfa people in the arid grasslands of Chad. Most of the 169,621 Marfa are farmers and have strong allegiance to their clan. They have little knowledge of Jesus.



Prayer: Pray for Marfa to soon hear the voice of Him whose power is unmatched. Pray that the Lord will lead people to begin working among the Marfa and develop Gospel materials to share God's love.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"Sympathy is no substitute for action." — David Livingstone

Isaiah 45:5-6

*"I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other."*

Fulbe Fouta Jalon

This is one of 495 unengaged, unreached people groups of sub-Saharan Africa.

The Fulbe Fouta Jalon are a subgroup of the Fulani in and around the western African nation of Guinea. They see themselves as the guardians of Islam in this region, yet their women may be the key to change. One said, "Since I am the oldest woman here, I will answer first. I saw the JESUS film years ago; I've liked Him. Now that we have read all about Him, I know it is the right and good road." Others chimed in saying they are following Jesus. Still others want to check with their husbands, but God is working in their hearts!



Prayer: Ask God to nourish the seeds that have been planted in the hearts of these women. Pray for them to be the opening for many more to come to Christ.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"It is the whole business of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world." — Charles H. Spurgeon

Mark 13:10

"And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations."

Black Moors of Mauritania

This is one of 495 unengaged, unreached people groups of sub-Saharan Africa.

For centuries, the Black Moors have been in spiritual bondage to Islam and in physical bondage, as slaves, to the elite White Moors of Mauritania. Although slavery was banned in 1981, the Black Moors continue to have low status in society and still serve the White Moors through manual labor. Even in their isolation, God is speaking to the Black Moors. Mohamed, a gardener, dreamed that Jesus sat with him. He told Mohamed that He was with him and to listen to the stories ... and believe them. Shortly after that, a worker began telling him stories from the Bible, and Mohamed came to faith in Jesus. He has led his wife to Jesus and is a strong witness.



Prayer: Pray for workers to go to the Black Moors and for them to be open to the Gospel message — presented in person as well as through radio and satellite programming.

 **Church**

Many times when we think about "missions" we automatically think about those individuals who sell all their material goods, leave their homes and families and go to a faraway culture to share the Gospel. Although this is not a wrong way to view missions, it is incomplete. Truth is, everyone who is a follower of Jesus Christ has been called to be a part of God's global mission. Paul tells us clearly in Ephesians that from the beginning of time, God chose the Church to reveal His manifold wisdom. Jesus Himself commissioned His disciples to continue the work begun from the beginning, to make God's name famous to the ends of the earth. When we think of the Church, we need to remember that each one of us who are believers is part of the body of Christ. The Church is not simply a building in which to gather. The Church are the members, the people. Each one of us has been commissioned by Christ to fulfill His mission — both individually and corporately as a community of believers.



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (John 20:21).

... through the Church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord ... (Ephesians 3:10-11).

Prayer: Ask God to fill all with His Holy Spirit so that individually and corporately we can fulfill the mission to which He has called us all. Pray that His will will be made known clearly and that He will provide the strength to obey.

 Personal

Walking on water — now that sounds like an incredible experience. So far, we have yet to figure out how we as humans can walk on the surface of water. Men have tried to walk on water with different apparatuses on their feet, but every time they sink. Remember the time the disciples were out in a boat and they saw Jesus walking toward them ON THE WATER? Wow, that would be something to see! Jesus called out to Peter to come to Him. Now, we like to pick on Peter because we know that after a few steps, Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and sank. But let's not miss the point that PETER WALKED ON WATER. If he had not had the faith to step forward, he would have never experienced the power of God in His life! Stepping out of the boat onto the water is a scary experience. Yet, just as Peter's focus on Jesus allowed him to take those few steps, we must trust that our focus on Jesus will help us as we step forward to embrace an unengaged, unreached people group. How can you be a part of taking the Gospel to a people who have never heard? Honestly, that is yet to be seen. But until you step out in faith, with your eyes on Jesus, you will never know what He will do through you.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:22-33).

Prayer: Ask God for the faith necessary to follow Him as He leads your church to embrace an unengaged, unreached people group. Ask Him to clearly reveal what role He wants you to fill. Trust in Him for the power and the ability to do what He calls you to do.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted." — Nate Saint

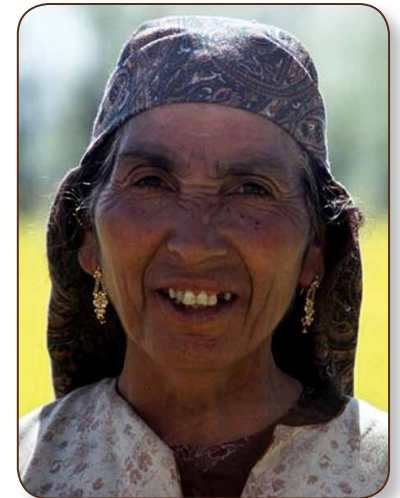
2 Corinthians 2:14-17

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

Kalwar of Bihar

This is one of 562 unengaged, unreached people groups of South Asia.

Although typically known as "distillers of liquor," the Kalwar may be found working as agricultural laborers in the forests or even in industry. Due to frequent droughts in Bihar, the 3 million Kalwar struggle to feed their families or provide for their basic needs. A local priest cures diseases and protects them against evil spirits, while the Brahman (high) priests perform religious rites and conduct marriages. Although the young people are now receiving an education, most of the elderly have never had this opportunity and, therefore, have yet to hear of Jesus. The Kalwar need to know the One who came to seek and to save the lost.



Prayer: Pray for the elderly Kalwar to hear about Jesus in a way they can understand. Ask God to lead the young Kalwar to read God's Word and choose to follow Him.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."

— Charles Spurgeon

Matthew 28:18-21

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Khandelwal of Rajasthan

This is one of 562 unengaged, unreached people groups of South Asia.

The Khandelwal, whose name is derived from their place of origin (Khandla in northern Rajasthan), have both Jain and Hindu followers. Jains follow a path of nonviolence and are strict vegetarians, refusing to eat onion, garlic and ginger. They believe that through their own efforts their souls can progress along a ladder to God. Anyone who has conquered his own inner enemies and achieved the state of supreme being is called "conqueror." Jains are typically well-educated, very literate and have influenced society at all levels — social, political and economic — yet they do not know the God of the universe who can save them from their sins.



Prayer: Ask God to allow the Khandelwal to understand that they cannot reach Him on their own. Pray for them to be drawn to the One true God.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"Do not think me mad. It is not to make money that I believe a Christian should live. The noblest thing a man can do is, just humbly to receive, and then go amongst others and give." — David Livingstone

Galatians 3:13-17

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Mahishya

This is one of 562 unengaged, unreached people groups of South Asia.

The Mahishya are a highly educated, white-collar people group in eastern India and Bangladesh. Today they are known as landowners and land cultivators, but they have a rich history of serving as soldiers. Mahishya worship all Hindu gods and goddesses, and Hindu customs are evident in their day-to-day living. High-caste Hindu priests, astrologers and barbers are their religious experts. Families are simple and joint. It is not uncommon for a married woman to honor and respect her husband's eldest brother as her father-in-law, and often he functions as head of these joint families. At weddings, Brahmin priests and barbers perform elaborate ceremonies; the maternal uncle also has a special role in these ceremonies. The dead are cremated after the fourth day of their passing, and a special funeral custom is performed, involving building temple-like structures for the body.



Prayer: Ask God to call out believers to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Mahishya. Petition the Father for entire Mahishya families to hear about Christ and follow Him. Pray for the Brahmin priests among the Mahishya to recognize and choose to follow the One True God. Ask that believers among them use their high caste status in society to reach others with the Gospel.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"The gospel is only good news if it reaches the lost in time." — Anonymous

Galatians 3:8

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

Kaikolar or Sengundar

This is one of 562 unengaged, unreached people groups of South Asia.

The Kaikolar or Sengundar speak Tamil and number around 2.6 million. They live in southern India, concentrated in the south-east portion of the tip of India. Each subgroup tends to marry within itself. Marrying a sister's daughter, maternal uncle's daughter or paternal aunt's daughter is preferred. One of the main features of the community is the predominance of nuclear families. The head of the family may be the father or husband. The traditional occupation of the Kaikolar is handloom weaving. Those in villages tend to farm. The Kaikolar also engage in trade and commerce. Some educated persons have entered into government service. The Kaikolar are Hindu and have their own caste.



Prayer: Pray for workers to feel God's call to take the message of Jesus' saving grace to the Kaikolar. Ask God to ready their hearts for His Good News.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." — Jim Elliot

John 4:32-36

But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together."

Satani

This is one of 562 unengaged, unreached people groups of South Asia.

Once known primarily as religious beggars or temple servants, the Satani people of southern India were shunned by most in society. Today some still perform services in the temples and make religious garlands, but others have taken up farming, weaving, business and other occupations. It is nearly impossible not to notice the Satani, with their shaven heads, orange lower garments and foreheads with three vertical marks. Devout Hindus, the Satani worship mainly the gods Krishna, Shiva and Venkatesh. Some Satani have become experts at carving idols of their gods. They cremate their dead and observe ancestor worship. These people are very religious, but their devotion to lifeless idols will not save them from God's punishment of sin.



Prayer: Ask God to remove the veil of false religion that is covering their eyes, keeping them from knowing the one, true God. Pray that their passion for false gods will be turned to a passion for worshipping the God. Ask God to send laborers into the field that they can hear the truth of the Gospel and through repentance turn from being beggars to being children of the King.

 **Church**

Americans tend to pride ourselves in “pulling ourselves up by our boot straps.” Much of our culture’s nature came about through the efforts of pioneering, conquering spirits. Initiative and creativity are treasured attributes. Unfortunately, sometimes this culture has influenced church negatively. Many times we feel God calling us in a specific direction, but we attempt to “conquer” the new mission in our own strength. The Bible tells us very clearly in John 15 that without Jesus we can do NOTHING. Spiritless activities will result in the very vanity that Solomon wrote about in the book of Ecclesiastes. As Jesus was about to ascend into Heaven, we read in Acts 1 that He commissioned His disciples to be His



witnesses throughout the whole earth so all people would be able to hear the glorious Gospel. The beauty of His commission was that He promised we would be empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit. He even promised that He would go with us in accomplishing the Great Commission. God has called His church to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples, and thankfully He provides the power it will take to fulfill this commission.

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

Prayer: Ask God to empower your church to faithfully embrace an unengaged, unreached people group so there will be a sustainable, effective church-planting strategy among them. Pray for God to guide your heart and the hearts of fellow church members to not become self sufficient or self dependent but to rely wholly on God.

 **Personal**

Ever noticed that the more you spend time with some friends, the more you begin to talk like them? Some say that the longer you are married, the more you begin to look like each other. You may remember the story of how Peter, who was rarely slow in speaking up, bowed under fear and denied knowing Christ when approached after Christ’s arrest. Peter was afraid for his life and was not willing to stand up for his Lord under fear of persecution. Not many days later — after Jesus ascended into Heaven and the Holy Spirit came to fill the hearts of the disciples — we see this same Peter preaching the Gospel before thousands of Jews in Jerusalem, where the crucifixion of Christ had just occurred. We even see him, after being arrested, standing before the religious rulers declaring the Gospel with boldness. An amazing statement was made by the religious rulers about Peter and the other disciples:



Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

What a compliment! To be known as someone who has spent time with Jesus. If you truly want God to use you in taking the Gospel to those who have not heard, you must spend time with Him. How else will you know His heart and His will? Spend time with Jesus and allow Him to empower you to boldly proclaim the truth to those who have not heard.

Prayer: Ask God to search your heart for areas where you are trusting in your own strength and not trusting the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that God will empower and use you to make the Gospel available to the unengaged, unreached people group your church embraces.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"If God wills the evangelization of the world, and you refuse to support missions, then you are opposed to the will of God." — Oswald J. Smith

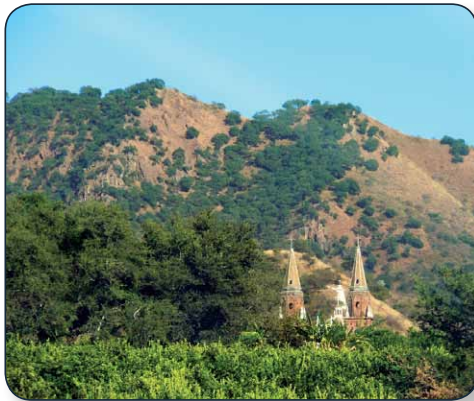
Romans 1:1-6

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ ...

Northern Tarahumara

This is one of 462 unengaged, unreached people groups of the Americas.

The Northern Tarahumara are an indigenous people of northern Mexico who are known for their long-distance running ability. Most practice a lifestyle following ancient customs and live in caves as well as small cabins of wood or stone. They have a small population of 3,297 but are related to a much larger number of Tarahumara in Mexico. No Christians or Gospel resources are among them.



Prayer: Ask God to call the Tarahumara by name that they would no longer run from Him. Pray for this small tribe to have access to the One Truth that is greater than all ancient customs. Pray for God to call out laborers to go as His ambassadors among them.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"If you found a cure for cancer, wouldn't it be inconceivable to hide it from the rest of mankind? How much more inconceivable to keep silent the cure from the eternal wages of death." — Dave Davidson

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."

Ashéninca Perené

This is one of 462 unengaged, unreached people groups of the Americas.

The Ashéninca Perené of Peru are an indigenous people living on a tributary of the Pachitea River. With a population of 9,000, their primary religious practices are customs related to their local traditions. They make most of their living through agriculture, hunting, fishing, handicraft sales and paid labor. They have little or no access to the Gospel.



Prayer: Pray for God's love to shine brightly in this indigenous community.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"In the vast plain to the north I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been."

— Robert Moffat

Mark 16:15

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

Tijaltepec Mixteco

This is one of 462 unengaged, unreached people groups of the Americas.

The Mixteco of San Pablo Tijaltepec live scattered in small towns and villages in the mountains west of Oaxaca, Mexico. During the winter their habitat is cold and dry while the mild summer months bring rain. They cultivate a variety of agricultural products, but the soil displays some of the worst erosion in Mexico. Although poor, Tijaltepec families are bound to each other. Tijaltepec men are expected to work for the betterment of the community. Rituals and animistic practices are vital in every phase of Mixtec life. Folk healers lead the Tijaltepec people in various rituals important in the cycle of life. Religious events influence the economy.



Prayer: Pray that God will reveal Himself as creator God and that He is greater than all His creation. Ask God to provide their daily needs of food and shelter. Pray that God will break the hearts of a church or individual to be the hands and feet among a spiritually and physically needy people.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

"We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first."

— Oswald J. Smith

Romans 10:14-15

But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them; and before someone can go and tell them, that person must be sent. (NCV)

Deaf of Iran

Atash* is a Deaf Iranian who now lives in the United States. Deaf Southern Baptists have been sharing Jesus Christ with him. In frustration one day, he signed, "I never saw Jesus!" When asked to explain, Atash answered, "Here in America I see the sign for Jesus on many Deaf Americans' hands, but I never saw the name 'Jesus' in Iran. Atash's Deaf friends often find themselves marginalized and without opportunity to learn about Jesus. Please take the name of Jesus to the hands of Deaf Iranians!" he begs. There are 375,000 Deaf in Iran who do not know Jesus. How will Deaf Iranians hear (see) if no one goes? How can the message of Jesus reach the Deaf of Iran?



* name changed

Prayer: Pray for God to move any barrier so the name of Jesus reaches the 375,000 unengaged, unreached Deaf of Iran.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

“There is nothing in the world or the Church — except the church’s disobedience — to render the evangelization of the world in this generation an impossibility.” — Robert Speer

James 2:1-5

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

Deaf of Vietnam’s cities

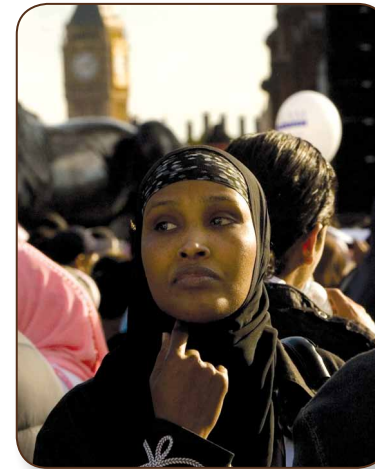
The Gospel of Christ has touched and is changing the lives of Deaf men and women in the central part of Vietnam. Yet more than 500,000 Deaf Vietnamese are unreached! Many Deaf communities are unengaged — without knowledge of Christ. At least 10 cities across the country have Deaf communities totaling over 1,000. Ho Chi Minh City (nearly 50,000 Deaf) and Hanoi (nearly 35,000 Deaf) top the list. Deaf children, with rare exceptions, are forced to finish school in the 5th grade. Most of the Deaf in the country have no access to God’s stories. Lord, may your kingdom come to the Deaf of Vietnam!



Prayer: Pray for the stories of Jesus to move north to Hanoi and south to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon).

 Church

God has done everything necessary to provide for the salvation and reconciliation of all people, yet 3,800 people groups still have not heard. What are we willing to do to proclaim the Gospel and make Him known to these unengaged, unreached people groups? Will we count the cost, engage in the spiritual battle and do whatever it takes to embrace an unengaged, unreached people group



so they can know and worship our Lord Jesus Christ? The unengaged peoples are unengaged for a reason. There will be geographic, religious, governmental or other significant barriers. We must choose to do what it will take to see churches planted among them. Will we be willing to go where they are, whether in their homeland or even to those scattered (Diaspora) throughout the world, including the United States? Many questions will come as your church moves forward with this commitment. Remember, this is God’s eternal plan. He has chosen us, will empower us and will provide the resources needed to see His mission fulfilled.

After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white with palm branches in their hands (Revelation 7:9, HCSB).

Prayer: Ask God to clearly reveal the unengaged, unreached people group He wants your church to embrace. Ask Him to provide the direction, the wisdom, the resources and the courage for your church leaders and for the church as a whole. Confess your complete trust and faith in Him as your church steps forward on this journey of faith.

 **Personal**

"The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21).



God has blessed us with incredible access to the knowledge of the Gospel and of who He is. We are clearly shown in the Bible that when we are blessed, we are blessed for a reason. God blesses us so that we will be a blessing to others. One such blessing God has given us is the incredible privilege of sharing the wonderful truth of the Gospel with those who have not heard. Your church has begun an exciting journey of sharing truth with those who

have not heard. It will be a difficult journey, but it will be the greatest journey of your life. Will you willing to do whatever it takes to see the Gospel taken to an unengaged, unreached people group? Will you seek God to clearly define the role He wants you to fill? Don't miss out! Count it a blessing to be a part of what God is doing around the world to make His Name known among all the nations.

Prayer: Claim this verse—"for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" Philippians 2:13. Ask God to clearly show how He wants you to be involved in embracing a UUPG. Trust in Him to both equip and empower you.

 **Unengaged, unreached people group**

"Untold millions are still untold." — John Wesley

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."

Chuvash of Russia

This is one of 433 unengaged, unreached people groups of Europe.

The Chuvash people are one of the largest minority groups in Russia. Of the almost 2 million Chuvash, just a handful have true faith in Jesus Christ. In the 16th century, they were "Christianized" by the Orthodox Church, but most have not experienced the Gospel in a personal way. Pagan beliefs among the Chuvash continue to this day.

Of the approximately 300 believers in the seven Baptist churches in the Republic of Chuvashia, most are ethnic Russian and not Chuvash. They are working to share the love of Christ. Evangelism is being done, but the work is slow. Please join in prayer for the Chuvash.



Prayer: Ask God to burden the hearts of Baptists in the Republic of Chuvashia for the native Chuvash. Pray that a whole Bible and hymnal in the Chuvash language will become available.

 Unengaged, unreached people group

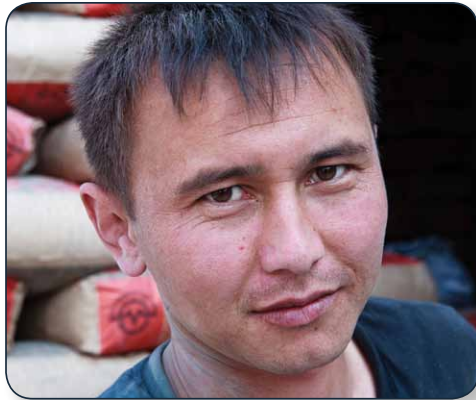
“Will you go to His feet and place yourself entirely at His disposal?”
— William Booth

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

Kyrgyz of Russia

This is one of 433 unengaged, unreached people groups of Europe.

The Kyrgyz people love music and storytelling, but few have ever heard the story of Jesus. The historical relationship between Kyrgyz (originally from Serbia) and Russians is filled with conflict. Today the 6,000 Kyrgyz living in Russia practice Islam but also believe in the spirit world. Kyrgyz women enjoy more freedoms than most other Central Asian women. These people deserve a chance to hear about Jesus.



Prayer: Ask God to make His story known to the Kyrgyz so that they, too, can sing the song of the redeemed. Pray that God will open their eyes to the truth of the Gospel. Pray for someone to go and share with them the greatest story ever told.

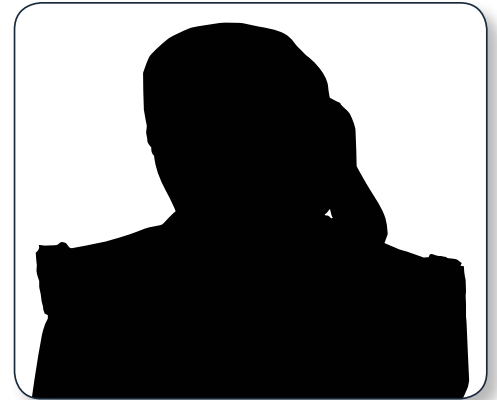
 Unengaged, unreached people group

“All my desire was the conversion of the heathen . . . I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls to Christ. I declare, now I am dying, I would not have spent my life otherwise for the whole world.” — David Brainerd

1 Timothy 2:1-7
First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lomavren of Syria

This is one of 584 unengaged, unreached people groups of Northern Africa and the Middle East.

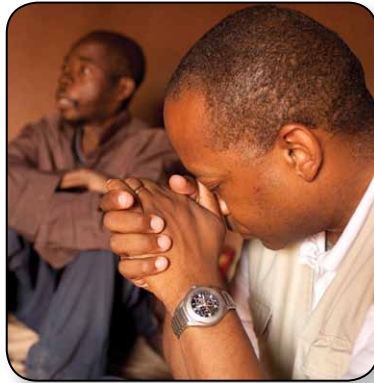


The half-million Lomavren of Syria are Islamic people who are cut off from access to the Gospel. Even though they are inaccessible to many, they are definitely on God’s radar. Ask God to dramatically reveal His truth to these people that no circumstances can dull, no setback can silence and no doubt can quench.

Prayer: Pray for work to begin with the Lomavren that reflects God’s miraculous power and spreads throughout the Lomavren.

Romans 10:11-17

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



Think of walking through your city one day and coming upon a small, hand-capped child lying on the railroad tracks. The child cannot move, and you hear a train coming. Do you stop, get on your knees and ask if it's God's will to pick up the child? If you don't get a clear sense of God's call, do you move on? Of course not. God's will is clear. Save the life.

I often think about this when the question comes of whether or not we need to go overseas. Jesus made it clear that His will was for people of every nation to know the Gospel. Why then, are so many Christians waiting on a warm and fuzzy sensation — for God to spell out "Afghanistan" in their Cheerios — before they go? The call has been given. Go. If your talents can best serve God's kingdom by using them overseas, why would you wait on a call to do so?

Let me say it plainly: I don't think you need to be "called" to go overseas any more than I think you need to be "called" to live missionally wherever you are. As a disciple, you must ask, "How can my talents best be used in God's worldwide mission?" If the answer is that you can be part of an overseas community-building, Jesus-preaching project, don't wait for a special calling. Pack your bags. — J.D. Greer

Prayer: Offer your "yes" to God, to do whatever He calls you to do in embracing an unengaged, unreached people group. Openly discuss your fears and hesitations with Him so He can help you take steps of obedience.

Psalm 108:1-5

My heart is steadfast, O God!
 I will sing and make melody with all my being!
 Awake, O harp and lyre!
 I will awake the dawn!
 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
 I will sing praises to you among the nations.
 For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
 your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
 Let your glory be over all the earth!

Prayer: God, you are worthy of the worship of all peoples. Please reveal clearly what unengaged, unreached people group You are leading us to embrace. We pray that You will work among all of the 3,800 unengaged, unreached people groups and raise up churches to do whatever it takes to see churches planted among them. Give us the wisdom, courage and resources to move forward in obedience. God, bless our church leaders and fill them with wisdom and power. We trust You for the resources and the strategy to embrace our unengaged, unreached people group. I ask that You use our church in supernatural ways to make Your name known among our unengaged, unreached people group.

Begin praying specifically for unengaged, unreached people groups. You can explore people groups at www.seetheunreached.com

- Pray for the most important leaders of that group — those who exercise the greatest influence on the members of the group — that the Holy Spirit will take away their spiritual blindness. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Pray that the specific group will become disillusioned and dissatisfied with their gods. (John 8:32; John 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:7)
- Pray that God will begin to reveal Himself among such groups (revelations, dreams, visions, healing, etc.). (Acts 2:19; Acts 4:30; Hebrews 2:4)
- Pray for open doors so someone will be able to take the Gospel to that group. (Psalm 2:8; Colossians 4:3; Matthew 9:37-38)
- Pray for wisdom and for the power of the Holy Spirit for those taking the Gospel to them. (2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 34:7; Psalm 91; Ephesians 1:17-19; Zechariah 4:6; John 17)
- Know that persistent prayer breaks down the spiritual strongholds and steadily weakens the hold that evil has on people.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal to you where the spiritual strongholds of evil are and how to conduct spiritual warfare.
- Pray that the Spirit of God will raise people from that unreached group to build a strong church among their own people.