



*"In a recent meeting of church leaders from a refugee settlement in northern Uganda, I asked how many of our leaders had come out of a Muslim background. Approximately ¾ of the participants were Muslim background believers. God is doing a mighty work among these brothers and sisters, and we are seeing many Muslims come to follow Jesus because of the faith and testimonies of these men." –missionary in Sub-Saharan Africa*

## Once Blind, Now Seeing!

"As Muslims in Darfur, we were told to stay away from Christians. They are evil people, and if you were to go near to the Bible, you would not even make it home alive. But when we came to the refugee camps, we found that the Muslim organizations only helped other Muslims, but that the Christians helped everybody.



So, we wondered, 'Were Christians terrible people?' And we found that they were not. They were not bad at all. This caused us to question, 'What else did they lie to us about in Darfur?' After hearing the Word of God, we are now Christians, and we are learning how to follow Jesus."

–Muslim-background believer in Uganda

*"He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves" (Col. 1:13, HCSB).*

**1 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray for God to meet refugees with the hope of the gospel. May he open their eyes to eternal joy, peace, and security in Christ, resulting in multiplying disciples and healthy churches.

**2 ROHINGYA OF MYANMAR AND BANGLADESH.** Pray for the refugee camps. Petition for peace, protection, and provision for the Rohingya people.

**3 NORTH CAUCASUS.** Please ask the Lord to provide a helper for the aging pastor of the local fellowship, someone who could lead the community in the coming years.

**4 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray that child refugees have access to education and those lost from their families will be reunited. Pray that women and children will be safe from exploitation. Pray that they will know God as their Heavenly Father, their protector.

**5 SOUTHERN YEMENI ARABS OF YEMEN.** Pray over Yemenis suffering during the war. Pray the violence will end and God's peace will reign.

**6 EAST ASIA.** Pray for Christians to hold strong to the faith while under attack. Pray that their witness will be bold as they unashamedly hold onto the hope they have in Christ.

**7 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray that God will bring healing to those who have suffered trauma. Pray that Christians will find jobs that can help them provide financially for their families while not hindering them from sharing the gospel boldly.

**8 PHILIPPINES.** Pray for a local partner who has been diagnosed with a bone infection. He is unable to walk and is in great pain. Pray for his complete healing.

**9 PERU.** Pray for the Christians who've fled the famine in Venezuela and are now living in Peru. Pray Peruvian churches will welcome them and that they will serve well together.

**10 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray for new Christians as they face persecution. Pray that the Lord will give them strength to endure threats, and boldness to continue proclaiming the gospel.

**11 IRANIANS OF TURKEY.** Pray that God will provide for the Iranian Christians who are refugees in Turkey. Ask God to work mightily through them.

**12 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Ask the Lord to raise up local Christians who don't see refugees as a problem to be feared and ridiculed, but rather as an opportunity to get the gospel to peoples who otherwise would never have a chance to hear.

**13 MALTA.** A new church plant has encountered some difficulties. Join us in praying that they will persevere and handle God's Word correctly as they walk forward in faith.

**14 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray that the Lord will continue to provide resources for projects such as English centers and job training in refugee communities in major cities that would otherwise be unwelcoming to Christians.

**15 NORTH AFRICANS OF THE NETHERLANDS.** Pray Christians are able to use digital tools like social media to reach people who may never hear the gospel any other way.

**16 BELGIUM.** Pray for a seeker who is attending a local Bible study. May her heart be softened and may she accept the Lord as her Savior.

**17 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** In our day, we have seen history's largest migration of people to major cities. Pray God uses this movement to save many who otherwise would not have heard the gospel, and that one day they may return to their homes with the Good News.



*Refugees in Uganda are 75% women and children.*

**18 BULGARIA.** Pray for Pastor Niki.\* The churches in his area are struggling with unity, and Pastor Niki is in need of encouragement.

**19 INDIA.** Lift up the women at a Bible study in a red-light district. Pray that these women will have ears to hear and understand what they are learning.

**20 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray that God will strengthen the Muslim-background believers to be bold in their newfound faith and to share the gospel with courage and clarity. Pray for their families to also follow Christ.

**21 AMAZON BASIN.** Pray that the remote tribes of the Amazon will be able to meet Christians and have access to the gospel for the first time.

**22 CENTRAL ASIA.** Give thanks to God for new Brazilian workers who are moving into Central Asia. Pray that they will have the strength and courage needed to learn new languages and cultures.

**23 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Most congregations have fewer than five Bibles per 200 people. Without the Scriptures, they are stunted in their growth and susceptible to false teachings. Pray that God will provide access to his Word for every Christian.



*Workers provide cooking lessons for female refugees.*

**24 DEAF PEOPLES OF CENTRAL ASIA.** A Christian couple has begun a Bible study among Deaf refugees in Central Asia. Pray for clarity in teaching, as there are multiple languages involved.

**25 PAKISTAN.** Pray for a team of Christians who have a heart to reach everyone with the gospel. Pray that they will see God use them this year to lead many to saving faith in Jesus.

**26 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** The needs for food, fresh water, and soap for cleaning are great. Pray that God will provide for the refugees out of his abundance.

**27 GUINEA.** Lift up the young family that has been sent by a local church to a coastal island town to share God's love. Pray that they

will all see God's hand at work in their lives, and ask the Lord to provide for all of their needs.

**28 JAPAN.** Pray for a new church plant in the Takasaki area which was started in a local Christian's clinic. Pray that as many continue to come to the clinic to have their bodies healed, many more will come and hear the truth of God's Word.

**29 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Multiple organizations have converged on the refugee camps in Uganda, attempting to meet the many needs found there. Pray that God will provide a spirit of cooperation and teamwork as they minister together in his name.

**30 RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.** Organized crime, danger, and corruption are out of control throughout the state. Ask for changed hearts and for the message of Christ to transform lives.

**31 THAILAND.** There are only a small number of Christians among the Thai-Malay people. Ask that they will have the boldness to share their faith with others. Pray that they will be aware of the presence of the Lord and that they will gain access to God's Word.



*A church gathers to worship in Adjumani Refugee Settlement.*



# Someone Needed to Tell the Good News

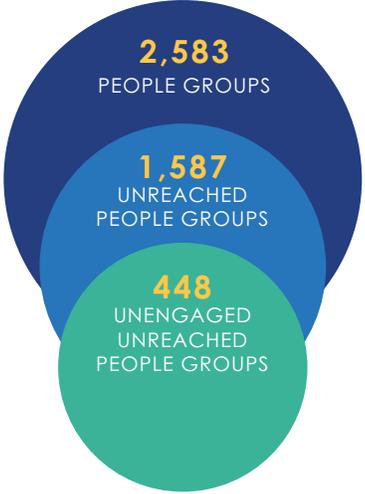
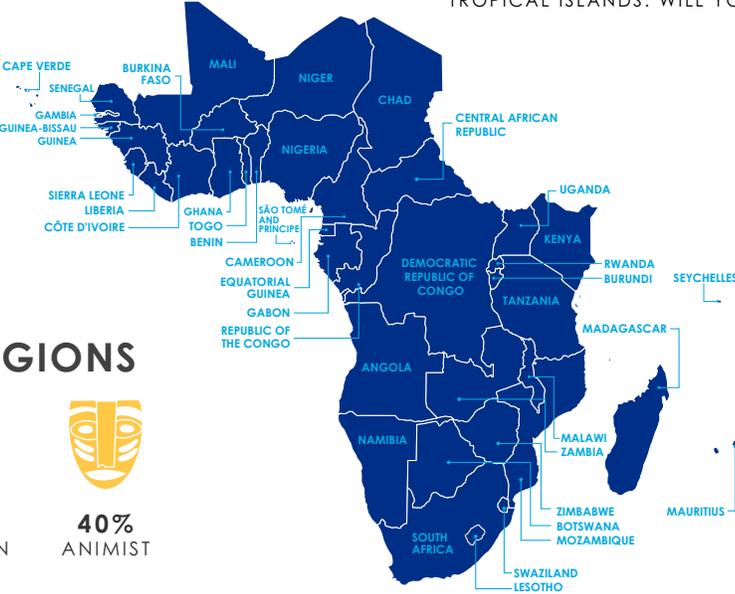
Farhan grew up in a country ravaged with civil war. At a young age, he was no stranger to violence and fear as Islamic militants murdered his father. Farhan had almost no exposure to the gospel except for a radio broadcast he would secretly listen to for one hour each day. His heart was stirred by these broadcasts, but he could not truly understand them because there was no one to tell him what it all meant.

As Farhan grew older, he fled his country and ended up in South Africa. For the first time in his life, he was

in a place where there were followers of Christ, but he lamented because, due to fear of his people group and of Islam, none of them would share the gospel with him. One day, Farhan began taking English classes at a center run by Christians. Finally, he heard the true story of Christ in a language he could understand. Farhan struggled with fear, even being afraid that his Christian teachers were setting some sort of trap to kill him. Through God's grace, though, and the work of the Holy Spirit, God saved Farhan because someone was willing to be there to tell the Good News.

## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA HAS A GROWING CHRISTIAN POPULATION, BUT IT'S STILL HOME TO NEARLY 1,600 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS IN SPRAWLING CITIES, BARREN DESERTS, RAIN FORESTS, AND TROPICAL ISLANDS. WILL YOU HELP US REACH THEM?



### MAJOR RELIGIONS



21% MUSLIM



36% CHRISTIAN



40% ANIMIST

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*\*Names changed*

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