



PRAYERPOINTS

A PRAYING PEOPLE IMPACTING A LOST WORLD

The gospel is spreading through the peoples of Northern Africa and the Middle East (NAME) to other peoples in NAME and beyond. Sometimes, the Good News spreads within the same religious group, but other times, NAME believers share with other NAME peoples of a different religious origin. Clearly, the gospel is breaking down age-old barriers and God's kingdom is coming in and through NAME.

Catching the Vision

"We need training in how to share our faith with Muslims," states Pastor Sami,* who was born in the Middle East and has lived beside Muslims all his life. Sami had no desire to witness to the people who historically were the oppressors of his Christian ancestors. But all that changed when refugees flooded into his country. Sami was convicted by the Holy Spirit to follow the words of Acts 1:8 and be a witness to his neighbors and beyond. Pastor Sami and his congregation received training,

especially designed for those who live beside them, in evangelism, discipleship, and the growth of new churches. Praise God for the obedience of these believers!

Mahmood* is eternally grateful that Pastor Sami stepped out of his comfort zone and shared the truth of how Jesus came and paid the penalty for his sin and shame. Mahmood's life was characterized by violence, but after accepting Jesus, it became one of enduring peace. Now Mahmood and his wife have learned to share their faith, and abundant joy and peace shine on their faces. Pray that Mahmood and his family will be faithful in telling others the Good News. Pray that they will multiply their witness among others.



"What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2 ESV).

1 NAME PEOPLES. A group of Jesus followers recently fled homes devastated by war. They met other believers who thought they were alone in the faith. Praise God for the groups who now worship together! Ask God to meet all needs as they reach out to neighbors with the Good News.

2 CHINA. Pray for two believers who bought a business this fall. Ask for them to have favor with authorities as they seek to comply with all regulations.

3 KOLKATA, INDIA. Recently, a believer and his wife have begun receiving threats from some neighbors. Ask the Father to keep them close and to silence the accusers and threats.

4 NAME PEOPLES. Refugees are meeting to worship and study the Word. Though struggling to survive, they are not afraid to face persecution for taking the gospel to others. Pray that God will wipe away every tear. Ask that through these believers, many will come to faith.

5 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. New students have begun their studies at the Mexico Baptist Theological Seminary. Please ask the Lord to help, provide for, teach, and encourage both the new and the returning students.

6 DEAF PEOPLES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. Matthew Walker* was recently able to share the gospel at a friend's birthday party. Pray that this friend will choose to follow Christ.

7 NAME PEOPLES. Schools begun years ago by believers from the West are now run by groups of local believers in their Middle Eastern countries. Praise God for Arab teachers who share their faith! Pray that each student will hear the gospel and accept it.

8 LAST FRONTIER. Pray for some workers who recently returned to the field. Pray that these workers will be able to discern God's will in renewing partnerships and ministries.

9 CAMBODIA. Pray for a Khmer couple who are struggling with cultural adjustments. The wife had a miscarriage one month ago. Please pray for the Lord's comfort and healing for her as she grieves.

10 NAME PEOPLES. A handful of local believers from Africa are leaving their families, friends, and jobs to translate for non-Arabic speakers and to share the Good News with Middle Eastern refugees—a new experience. Ask that they will tell the story clearly.

11 YOKAHAMA, JAPAN. Pray for many more opportunities to partner with local believers and churches in spreading the gospel. Specifically intercede for discipleship efforts and prayer groups that will be beginning soon.

12 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray for Brazilian workers serving in a country of the Middle East that is closed to a traditional gospel witness as they engage the Kurds with the gospel.

13 NAME PEOPLES. Believers in the Horn of Africa are teaching Bibleless peoples to craft Bible stories in their heart languages. These stories are powerful in discipling and starting groups that become churches. Pray that truth will spread in the Horn.

14 PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL. Please pray for the work in the city of Guaiba in the greater Porto Alegre area as the local church presses forward with the new church plant.

15 SOUTH ASIANS IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE. Pray for the believing Nepali community in Germany and the Netherlands. Pray for their knowledge of God through the Bible to increase.

16 NAME PEOPLES. As they walk down streets where Paul taught 2,000 years ago, Adnan* and other Middle Eastern refugees are sharing the Good News and coming together to praise the Father. Thank him for new groups and multiplying followers.



17 COLOMBIA. Pray that the Embera Chami people of Colombia will have an understanding of the gospel, that their hearts will be turned to the Savior, and that their lives will be changed.

18 NAME PEOPLES. When Nora* left the country and faith of her mother to go to Europe, she didn't know she'd find family in the Father. Now, she meets often with Muslim-background believers who disciple her and others. Praise God! Ask for growth and unity.

19 UZBEKS OF POST-SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA. Please lift up Kora* and Jamie,* asking that the Father will work in their hearts and draw them to salvation.

20 RUSSIA. Pray for Sabina,* a wealthy, nominal Muslim woman. Pray that she will see how the gospel is relevant to her.

21 NAME PEOPLES. Sent out and supported by their believing Jewish congregation, a few believing Jewish women pitched their tent outside the town. A fellowship of a couple dozen women was born. Ask for strength and learning so these new saints can share.

22 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. Praise the Lord that multiple people have accepted Christ! Pray for wisdom in the discipleship of these new believers.



23 BANGALORE, INDIA. The chapel of Bangalore Baptist Hospital has been renovated. Pray that it will be a place of worship, prayer, and comfort. Ask that many will meet Jesus there.

24 NAME PEOPLES. "Telling stories is the best way to bring the truth of the Word to life for my people in North Africa," declares Ahmed.* "Pray for boldness and belief as we share these life-giving stories with our friends, families, and neighbors."

25 CONAKRY, GUINEA. Please continue to lift up Benjamin* and Erica* as they seek to reach out to the students at a local university. Pray that they will be able to find a time to meet together with the students outside of class.

26 THAILAND. Please pray for Pastor Gary* and the believers in his church. Ask that God will use local Baptist representatives to encourage Gary and to spur on the sharing of the gospel.

27 NAME PEOPLES. Short and inconspicuous, yet driven, Philip* travels across North African borders to teach the Good News. A believer of Muslim background, he adeptly anticipates and answers questions. Ask that he will be led to those who seek the truth.

28 ANGOLA. Pray for Christians in Angola to witness to all, not allowing fear or a desire to maintain the status quo to prevent them from "fishing for men." Pray for Baptist pastors to reach the unreached and to lead their churches to do so, as well.

29 CENTRAL ASIA. Please pray for discipleship among believers in all the cities. There have been many people coming to faith. Pray for leaders to be raised up.

30 NAME PEOPLES. Ask God for favor for Omar* and his wife as they disciple and equip a couple dozen local believers from a Muslim background. Pray for boldness and protection. Ask God to bring more to faith as these local believers share with their peoples.

31 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for Bible studies and discipleship trainings that have begun in places all over a state in southern India. Lift up those doing the teaching. Pray that many new believers and new leaders will grow in the knowledge of the Lord.





Gateway City Bed and Breakfast

Every day, hundreds of passengers arrive at a major bus station in an African Gateway City. God gave a house church near the station a vision to open a bed and breakfast (B&B) by converting a larger space into several small bedrooms to rent out nightly. This provides additional income for the church, but more importantly, additional opportunities for sharing the gospel. Each night, as they prepare and drink coffee, they invite their guests to join them. Some decline, but many come

into the living room to sip coffee and visit. Local believers engage the guests in spiritual conversations that lead to sharing the gospel. Many people have heard and received Jesus. Bibles have also been given to passengers as they travel onward. Around 1,000 guests could stay in the B&B during a year. Pray that this house church will continue to be faithful to share and be the hands and feet of Jesus with those who stay the night with them. May God continue to send guests to this B&B.

NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

483.5
MILLION PEOPLE

520
UNENGAGED
UNREACHED
PEOPLE GROUPS



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