

PRAY FOR THE KWANGALI OF NAMIBIA



Have you ever woken up right before the sunrise? Maybe you had to wake up early to go on a trip, or for a special event; or maybe you were awakened by the music. What music, you might ask? Well, bird song. Birds all over the world often fill the sleeping silence with their pre-dawn chorus. There is one specific bird called the African fish eagle, that has such a distinctive morning song that it is sometimes known as “the voice of Africa.” The fish eagle is somewhat similar to the American bald eagle. It spends most of its time on a high perch overlooking a body of water. Its sharp talons allow it to easily grip slippery fish which makes up most of its diet, although it has also been observed eating other African animals like flamingoes, baby crocodiles, and small monkeys.



Along the Kavango River, where fish eagles dwell, there is an unreached, unengaged people group called the Kwangali. They are considered unreached because although they might identify themselves as Christians, they still worship and serve a false god, Nyambi. They are considered unengaged because there is very little, if any, known gospel witness among them.

The African fish eagle does every day what it was designed by God to do. It plays its part in this world that God has set in motion, and by doing so displays the glory of its Maker. People made in the image of God also play their part. We eat, we drink, we sleep, we work, we play, but do we display the glory of our Maker? The African fish eagle hunts and kills because it lives in a fallen world. We sin and fall short of the glory of God because we too live in a fallen world. But, God being rich in mercy has provided a way for us to display His glory in His Son. Through Christ, through the gospel, we can eat, and drink, and sleep, and work and play to the glory of God. But how would we be able to, if we were not told? Pray now that someone will go to the Kwangali, displaying the glory of their Maker, by proclaiming the good news of salvation that the One True God has freely offered in Christ.



Don't forget to pray for the Kwangili children, too! They probably know all about the fish eagle that shares their river as home (it's also their national bird). They might even have heard “the voice of Africa” ushering in the coming of the dawn but they haven't yet heard what we read in Psalm 29:3 “the voice of the Lord (that) is over the waters.” Pray that they too might hear the voice of our good God, who made the eagles and gave them a joyful song to sing. Pray also that God would send someone like John the Baptist who said he was “a voice crying out in the wilderness” to prepare the way of the Lord.