



PRAYERPOINTS

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Asian Pacific Rim Peoples

WHEN BELIEVERS RESPOND TO THE SUFFERING AROUND THEM WITH COMPASSIONATE RELIEF EFFORTS, GOD MOVES NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN NEED, BUT ALSO TO ENCOURAGE THE BELIEVERS. YOUR PRAYERS FOR THESE RELIEF EFFORTS MATTER. ASK GOD TO TAKE A SIMPLE BAG OF FOOD AND MULTIPLY ITS IMPACT BEYOND SOMEONE'S EARTHLY NEEDS – INTO ETERNITY.

Relief efforts in Thailand renew church partnerships and reach the lost

In some areas around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic seems over, but its effects continue to be profound in Bangkok, Thailand. The economy there largely depends on tourism and has suffered tremendously. People are filled with palpable fear and anxiety when they're unable to provide for themselves or their families.

God led missionaries to partner with SEND Relief, local pastors, and the Thailand Baptist Convention in the "We Care Project," a hunger relief project. Over three months, 22 churches reported God's work. A person in need proclaimed: "I didn't know what I would eat, then you brought me food for two weeks!" A community leader expressed: "Most people give food one or two times, but you gave for three months!" Another church reported praying over a girl who was possessed by a demon. Members of the church shared the gospel with her and her mother and prayed in Jesus' name. They witnessed the healing of the girl and led her to accept Christ. Now people know that the church can help.



A man smiles outside his home as he receives food

God also moved in the local church. One pastor exclaimed, "For the first time, our church members confidently shared the gospel! We haven't seen a new believer in two years; now we have seen five saved and baptized! We've also been praying for an unchurched area, but no one wanted to go. Seeing people saved has stirred a passion for evangelism, and five families committed to moving there!"

After three months, 616 food bags were delivered, 2,000 people heard the gospel for the first time, and 191 people accepted Christ. Encouraged by this renewed partnership, Thai churches and the Baptist convention excitedly asked, "What's next?"

1 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

Many Taiwanese believers don't know where to turn after they experience physical or emotional trauma. Pray that Taiwanese people will find hope and healing through trauma healing groups that are facilitated by Taiwanese church leaders.

2 CENTRAL ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES.

Many Turks in Kosovo work hard to maintain their Turkish language, culture, and religion. Their loyalty to Islam is a significant barrier to the gospel. Pray that they will long for fulfillment, encounter the gospel through media outreach, and put their faith in Jesus.

3 DEAF PEOPLES.

The Southeast Asia Deaf team praise God that 62 Bible stories were recently translated into the local sign language! These filmed stories are often the only Scripture the Deaf have access to and are vital to starting new groups. Pray for God's Word to transform lives.

4 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

Pray for new believers in Mongolia who have physical barriers to connect with other local believers. Pray that they can join local churches for encouragement and discipleship. May God bring a harvest of committed followers of Jesus from each aid project done in Mongolia.

5 DISPLACED INDIGENOUS OF BOGOTA, COLOMBIA.

Pray for a missionary seeking to minister to the 3,000 indigenous people living in two parks in Bogota. Pray that the gospel will be clearly communicated and that the people will discover the hope that is found in Christ. Pray for wisdom for this missionary.

6 SAUDI ARABS OF SAUDI ARABIA.

Most Saudi Arabs believe that God is far from His creation, doesn't want a personal relationship with people, and that Jesus was only a human prophet. They try to earn forgiveness for their sins by doing good works. Pray for Saudi Arabs to hear and believe the gospel.



7 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

Those involved with the "We Care Project," a hunger relief project, praise God for so many new believers! Pray that the local church will rally around these 190 new believers to disciple them and encourage them in their new life in Christ.

8 MUSLIMS OF TAMIL NADU, INDIA.

Matthew and his wife constantly battle fear of local, hostile Muslim groups. Recently, they faced their fears and invited several Muslim families over to share a meal and the gospel! Ask for the gospel to permeate their hearts. Pray for a church to begin in this home.

9 SEVILLE, SPAIN.

Luis believes that God exists, but he has doubts. An IMB representative explained the gospel to Luis, and he said he wanted to learn more! Pray for people like Luis who have doubts about God, and for IMB representatives to take advantage of opportunities like this.

10 MINORITY PEOPLES OF KYRGYZSTAN.

A family of believers lead a home Bible study group and hope that other believers will join

them in taking on a leadership role. Please pray that those whom the Lord has equipped will step up to fill that need.

11 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

Praise God for renewed and strengthened Baptist partnerships between missionaries and local churches. As missionaries and Thai churches work together to expand His Kingdom, pray for unity and love as they push back the darkness.

12 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.

A West African country is undergoing a lot of infrastructure development, attracting guest workers from Asian countries. Pray for Baptist missionaries from Asian countries who will join IMB teams in Africa to reach the influx of Asian guest workers with the gospel.

13 AMERICAN PEOPLES.

New missionaries have been memorizing Scripture, learning to tell Bible stories, and working on sharing their testimonies all in Spanish. Pray that they will have many opportunities to share God's Word in their new language.

14 JEWS IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOM.

During the WW2 era, 10,000 Jewish children were brought to safety in Great Britain. Most who remain don't know the Messiah. Pray for four survivors who are regularly visited by a believer. Pray that these individuals will see their need of Jesus and trust in Him.

15 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

Some Taiwanese church leaders have been trained to facilitate trauma healing groups. Pray that they will start more groups and train new Taiwanese groups this year.

16 MAITHILI SPEAKERS OF NEPAL AND INDIA.

Pray for the Kishangaj and Araria districts of Bihar, India. Both districts are over 50% Muslim, and little to no church-planting work is going on

there. Ask God for more laborers for this harvest and for faithful local believers to be burdened for these two districts.

17 BRITISH OF ENGLAND. Pray for believing students in Leeds, England to dedicate time to spend with the Lord. Pray that in their relationships, they will speak boldly about their faith. Ask that they will be bright lights in their community, pointing others to Christ and encouraging each other.

18 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Pray for the Khalka Mongol women who've heard the gospel through various relief projects but haven't believed yet. May their hearts be softened to the gospel so that they will not only impact their community through teaching sewing but also eternally by sharing the gospel.

19 FULANI OF WESTERN NIGER. Please pray for Western Fulani believers as they share their faith. While they desire to be faithful witnesses, they must also be discerning and wise because of intense persecution from a local religious group.

20 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Pray for women who are working in community development projects to not only learn, but also lead. The community development helps them provide well for their families as well as be examples to the other women. Pray they will lead others to Christ.

21 SOUTH ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES. The 331,000 Bhondari of India are unengaged and unreached with the gospel. They live in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Pray that these Hindu people, some of whom make a living by cleaning ears, will have ears that are open to hearing truth about Jesus Christ.

22 URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF MANAUS, BRAZIL. Some Venezuelan refugees in Brazil are teaching other refugees how to start small businesses. These classes will also

give the Venezuelans the opportunity to share the gospel and their testimonies. Pray that the gospel will be shared in a clear and effective way.

23 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Believers in Taiwan who have been trained in trauma healing have connections to believers in China. Pray that through their influence, the training will spread to more believers and ministers in China, resulting in many people experiencing God's healing in their lives.

24 TURKS OF ISTANBUL, TURKEY. A Turkish woman has heard the gospel many times. Even as an unbeliever, she tells her family and friends about the Christian faith. Pray that she will realize that the gospel is true. Ask that God will draw her to Himself and that she will repent and believe.

25 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN UNENGAGED PEOPLES. The Masalit of Chad are subsistence farmers and follow Islam, although they may still rely on their ancient animistic beliefs for help. Ask God to come near to the Masalit and draw them to His Word. Pray for the few believers among them to boldly share the good news.



A Thai pastor brings a food package to a family as he shares the gospel with them.

26 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Pray that the gospel seeds that were planted among the 616 families who received food distribution bags through the "We Care Project" in Bangkok, Thailand will grow. May these families realize that they need more than spiritual food, and that Christ is the Bread of Life!

27 DEAF PEOPLES. Isabel, who is Deaf, knows the gospel and has even shared it with others, despite not following the Way herself. To enter heaven, she said she hopes her good works and prayers will outweigh her sins. Pray for Isabel and other Deaf who do not have assurance of salvation.

28 HUNGARIANS OF HUNGARY. Praise God for the first baptisms in a new church plant! A young couple made public their decisions to follow Christ. Pray for their friends who witnessed the baptisms. Ask God to draw them and give them a new understanding of what it means to truly know and walk with Jesus.

29 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. After many people in the Asia-Pacific Rim encountered the church by receiving physical help and hope, pray that people will remember the truth the church proclaimed about spiritual hope. Pray that the church will be seen as beacons of hope in their communities.

30 KAMPALA, UGANDA. Refugees who lost their businesses during COVID-19 restrictions are now looking for a fresh start. The Kampala Urban Team is offering small business classes to help them get back on their feet. Pray that these classes will bear fruit in seeing the lost come to faith.

31 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Pray for a continued heightened urgency and excitement from Thai local churches to partner with one another to fulfill the Great Commission. As they remember the great work that God already did, may they continue to pursue Him in the other ways He is waiting to use them!

Relief projects bring physical help and eternal hope to women in Mongolia



The new sewing shop was established by a relief project.

To provide for her family, Faith purchased a sewing machine with the help of a Baptist relief agency. Now Faith runs a business and trains other women in her community to sew. Along with a sewing machine, Faith received knowledge about the gospel. Her heart is softening to the truth. When the relief agency delivered firewood, food, and the gospel to Charity, who cares full-time for her disabled son, she believed! In a country where there is no church, relief aid projects opened doors for 18 families to hear of Jesus. Mercy was among them, and she asked the Baptists to pray for a job. They all watched God provide a job for Mercy! Praise God for relief among the Khalka Mongol. Ask that they will trust in Jesus and find lasting relief in Him.

Through trauma care, Taiwanese receive ‘God’s life-changing healing without rebuke’

“Bring your worst to God” may sound odd, but it occurred to Taiwanese church leaders who were transformed by Jehovah-Rapha, the God who heals. Many Taiwanese believers don’t know where to turn after they experience physical or emotional trauma. There is little transparency in Taiwan as their culture teaches to keep personal trauma hidden so families are not shamed. In 2020-21, missionaries launched trauma care training. Church leaders’ skepticism about the training changed when they saw that the instructors only wanted to help them bring their pain to God for healing and renewal. Many church leaders felt astonished at experiencing God’s life-changing healing without rebuke. Pray that more Taiwanese experience God’s healing!



Online trauma healing training with Taiwanese church leaders.

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43,500

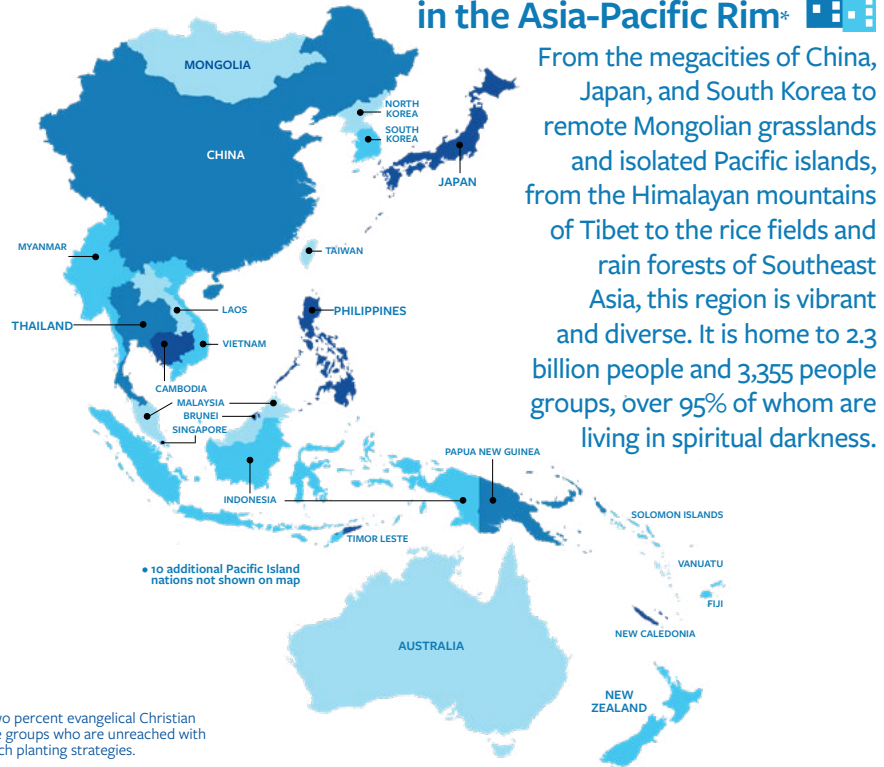
DYING DAILY WITHOUT CHRIST

1,122 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS (UPG)**

489 UNENGAGED UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS (UUPG***)

MAJOR RELIGIONS

-  **NON-RELIGIOUS**
624 Million (27%)
-  **BUDDHISM**
483 Million (21%)
-  **ISLAM**
266 Million (11%)
-  **ETHNIC RELIGIONS**
527 Million (25%)



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