

JANUARY

■ 1 Kuka of Chad

The Kuka are virtually all Muslim. There are no reported Christians at the present time. The gospel needs to come to these tribes in oral form, since they are an oral society and because scripture is not available in their language.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

- Pray that this people group will be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.
- Pray these people groups in Chad will be given an increasing interest in Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih).
- Pray for Jesus to appear to some in dreams or visions.
- Pray for Christian workers to follow up such visitations.

■ 2 Rohingya of Myanmar

The Rohingya are Muslims living in Rakhine state, Myanmar. Some people claim the Rohingya are indigenous to this area while others disagree and say most Rohingya are migrants from Bengal. They have been called one of the world's most persecuted minorities, and most have been denied Burmese citizenship and voting rights. Clashes with Burmese Buddhists in 2012 led to some 140,000 Rohingya now living in displacement camps.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

- Pray that this people group will realize that they were meant to be in God's image, and they need to change their ways to get back to Him.
- Pray for a change of heart by the Burmese government which will result in protection for the people and for citizenship to be granted.
- Pray Burmese Christians will become advocates for the Rohingya.

■ 3 Khattar of Pakistan

The Khattars are a prominent ethnic group in Punjab, and generally well off, except for the very smallest land-holders or tenant farmers. About 2/3 of Khattars in Pakistan are farmers. Urban Khattars are mostly in Rawalpindi and Lahore cities. Almost all Khattars are Sunni Muslims.

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Genesis 12:2-3

- Pray for many leaders in today's people group to seek and find God's blessings, which He intended to give to them since the beginning of time.
- There probably are no followers of Jesus among the Khattar community at present but pray for the ones that will soon come to Christ.
- Pray they will be zealous to learn of Christ and follow him.
- Pray the Lord will give them a hunger to know Christ, then satisfy that hunger.

■ 4 Atta Berber of Morocco

Rather than calling themselves "Berbers," they refer to themselves by the name of their particular subgroup, in this case, Atta. Berbers also use the overarching term "Imazighen." Gospel radio and television beamed to North Africa is very helpful in reaching them. Materials distributed to North Africans on the docks of southern Europe find their way into the hands of many Berbers.

And he brought him outside and said, Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them. Then he said to him, So shall your offspring be. And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:5-6

- Pray that members of today's people group will understand that they can become part of God's holy family and experience His goodness.
- Pray the Berber peoples of Morocco would have access to the good news of Jesus in many forms, hearing clearly who he is in their mother tongue.



■ 5 Maasina Fulani of Mali

The Fulani people comprise the largest nomadic society in the world. The Fula Maasina are located predominantly in the Maasina region of Mali. Houses belonging to the settled Fula Maasina are typically round with mud walls and thatched roofs. They are strongly Sunni Muslim.

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Exodus 15:2

- Pray that members of today's people group will look to the Lord alone for strength and victory.
- Pray for workers, for the harvest is ripening.
- Pray the few Christian believers among the Maasina Fulani will be sent teachers and materials to help them grow in Christ.
- Pray they will clearly understand the gospel of grace, not mixing it with the religion of good works.
- Pray they will see the need to be obedient to Christ out of gratitude.

■ 6 Chamling of Nepal

Chamling people are defined by their language as well as by ethnicity. There is popular interest in the language spoken by some of the Rai tribal people in Nepal; you can find Chamling folk songs on YouTube. There is also a great gospel message for them sponsored by Global Recordings Network (GRN).

Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? Exodus 15:11

- Pray that today's people group will understand that glory, holiness and power come only from our Lord and king.
- Pray for Jesus movements to bless extended Chamling families so the gospel will spread rapidly among this people group.
- Pray for the spiritual lives of the Chamling people to become fruitful and joyful as they follow Christ.

■ 7 Central Tibetan of China

Nomadic tribes roamed Tibet as early as the second century BC. Around 600 AD the clans of Tibet were united, and the ancient Tibetan Bon religion (a mixture of magic, divination, demon worship, and sacrifices) was blended with Buddhist teachings. Tibetan Buddhism is the life-blood of the Tibetan people.

Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people. Exodus 18:11

- Pray that non-believers among this people group will be convinced to follow the Lord because of His miracles.
- Pray for workers needed to sow God's word into Tibetan families, healing and strengthening households with God's blessings.
- Pray for Tibetan Buddhists to increasingly hunger to know a personal God, one who loves them, and who has sent his son to die for their sin.
- Pray these Buddhists will feel the reality of sin and seek the only savior.

■ 8 Turk of Russia

Like many young people in today's world, the new generation of Turks living in Moscow is consumed by the pursuit of pleasure. Food, drink and dating are among their top priorities. Though they are officially Muslim, their worldview is secular. Many do not practice Islam, seeing it only as their heritage and culture, not as something that affects their daily lives. Many Turkish people have immigrated to Russia since 2000, mostly by marriage to Russian citizens.

You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

- Pray for this people group to understand and obey this essential and central command.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among Turks that will be satisfied by none other than the only Savior, Jesus Christ.



■ 9 Dangaleat of Chad

Most Dangaleat people are farmers. Each Dangaleat village is run by a chief or headman who is primarily in charge of settling disputes between the villagers. Every village also has a “chief of the land,” who holds the “religious power” of the village. The Dangaleat people need more educational opportunities and quality health care facilities.

You shall serve the LORD your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. Exodus 23:25–26

- Pray that many from this people group will serve the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.
- Pray that God will call Christian teachers and medical workers to minister to the Dangaleat people.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local fellowships of believers among the Dangaleat people.

■ 10 Urdu of Canada

Large numbers of Muslims speak the Urdu language in Pakistan and North India. In Canada their children are doing well in education and in work. They are involved with local politics. Some are involved in the arts, especially poetry. Many are professionals in medicine, and many have their own businesses. There are many Urdu speaking students in Canada.

See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship. Exodus 31:2–3

- Pray that as members of this people group become part of God’s holy family that they will also find His purposes for them.
- Pray that God will give the Urdu dreams and visions showing that Jesus Christ is the way to salvation and lead them in their next steps toward Christ.
- Pray for Urdu speakers to begin their own movement to Christ and take the only savior back to South Asia.

■ 11 Budega Jangam of India

The Budega Jangam people are known as wandering monks and gurus devoted to Shiva, the “destroyer” god of Hinduism. When a Jangam monk arrives in a village, he is treated as though he was Lord Shiva. The Jangam often perform rituals, dance and play music in temples dedicated to Shiva.

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance. Exodus 34:8–9

- Pray that members of this people group will soon have as rich an understanding of the need for God’s presence as Moses did.
- Pray that the tiny number of Jangam believers would be trained and able to share the gospel with their Hindu families and neighbors.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus will bring entire Jangam families and communities into a rich experience of God’s blessings.

■ 12 Hindu Ghanchi in India

The Ghanchi name has to do with oil pressing, which is their traditional work. They belong to a caste which gives them good status in Hindu society. Many work as day laborers or in small businesses. Some still work as oil pressers.

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Exodus 40:34–35

- Pray for many from this people group to experience the glory of the Lord and allow Him to transform them forever.
- Pray for faithful workers to go to them with the heart-transforming gospel.
- Pray that the Ghanchi would be attracted to Jesus, read the Bible and give their lives to Jesus Christ.
- Pray that gospel recordings and the JESUS Film would help them to begin their own church planting movement.

■ 13 Kodaga in India

In times past, every Kodaga village was self-sufficient. They had workers in many occupations, such as potters, blacksmiths, carpenters, goldsmiths and barbers. Their prosperity waned, however, and they have since sought other jobs, such as working on coffee plantations or doing other types of agricultural labor. Modern individualism is adversely affecting the unity that was once found in Kodaga families. The Kodaga people live near many Christians and churches. The church can reach them for Christ.

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. Leviticus 19:1-2

- Pray that new believers among this people group will seek holiness by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform them from the inside out.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up long term workers to join the few who have already responded.
- Pray that God would raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through worship and intercession.

■ 14 Sale Mala in India

The Sale Mala are a Scheduled Caste, meaning that they have low to average standing as a Hindu community. Most of them are very poor. As Hindus they depend on the gods and spirit beings who they believe will provide them with protection and favor. The Sale Mala speak Telugu. There are plenty of Telugu speaking congregations and gospel materials.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

- Pray this blessing on today's people group.
- Pray for intercessors and workers to faithfully adopt the Sale Mala people.
- Pray for spiritual hunger that will lead them to the only savior.
- Pray for them to understand that the Lord can provide for all of their physical and spiritual needs.

■ 15 Hunan Lu Mien in China

The Hunan Lu Mien people have battled with the Han Chinese for centuries. The present Chinese government has maintained the policy of trying to turn the Lu Mien into Han Chinese. The Lu Mien have resisted these efforts and still speak their own language as their heart language. Most Lu Mien still practice their ancient religion.

He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Deuteronomy 10:21

- Pray that many from this people group will make the Lord their only God, and thank Him for His miracles.
- Pray for Chinese Christians to go to the Lu Mien and build redemptive relationships with them.
- Pray the Lu Mien would begin to read and study the recently translated Lu Mien Bible.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a church planting movement among the Lu Mien of China.

■ 16 Srimali Bania in India

Bania are among the wealthiest people in India and even the world. A Srimali Bania might be the proud owner of a giant business, a small one, or he might be working in a bank. He might even own the bank. Others work in government ministries or as lawyers, judges, teachers, scholars, stockbrokers or engineers. They are often resented by other castes because they lend much needed money at high interest rates.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8

- Pray that many from this people group will not only study but apply what God teaches through His word.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers with a business background.
- Pray that the veil of deception would be lifted from the eyes of the Srimali Banias and that they would see that the only true wealth is the spiritual riches gained through a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

■ 17 Iyer Brahmin in India

Iyer Brahmins were once involved with all kinds of Hindu rituals, but not today. Brahmins can be reached, but it must be done in a way that they understand. Early in his ministry Jesus' disciples understood him to be a teacher, but many did not understand his lordship until later. Likewise, Brahmins will need to learn about who Christ is one step at a time. The social status of an Iyer Brahmin can be jeopardized if they decide to follow Christ. Few would dare to take this step. Only those who are spiritually hungry will do so.

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. Joshua 4:24

- Pray that the "nation" we are praying for today will know that the Lord's hand is powerful and will give Him praise.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give them spiritual hunger.
- Pray that the Iyer Brahmins would have meaningful, life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ.

■ 18 Mehtar Valmiki in India

The Mehtar are a Scheduled Caste. Their traditional work is scavenging and sweeping. Many of them still do this kind of work. Some of them work for the government. Though their education level is improving, it is still low. If they only win individuals, these people are regarded as rebels and rejected by their community. Community leaders need to be evangelized first.

The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge! Ruth 2:12

- Pray for today's people group to seek and find refuge with the Lord and be rewarded.
- Pray for Mehtar family and clan leaders to embrace Christ and open the door for others.
- Pray for spiritual discernment and a hunger for truth that will lead them to Jesus.
- Pray for a powerful Disciple Making Movement among this community.

■ 19 Berti in Sudan

The Berti people live in the Darfur region of western Sudan. They herd livestock and raise crops and they try to avoid the violence that plagues their land. However, intertribal wars have entered their region.

There is none holy like the LORD; for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. 1 Samuel 2:2

- Pray for influential members of this people group to understand that there is no solid rock like our God!
- Pray for all of Sudan to experience a just and lasting peace.
- Pray for an honest and just national government.
- Pray for the Berti people to find peace in Jesus Christ, leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray that Christian relief workers would show the love of Christ in such a way that peoples will come to the King of kings.
- Pray for quality Christian radio to be widely available throughout Sudan.

■ 20 Northern Kurd in Iran

The Kurds are the largest people group without their own homeland. They are spread across the towering mountains and barren plains of Turkey, Iran, Syria and Iraq. This oil-rich area is known as Kurdistan. In Iran, the Kurmanji speaking Kurds are a smaller group than those who speak other Kurdish dialects.

But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. 1 Samuel 5:4

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that their gods have failed them, but God never fails!
- Pray the Lord would lead Azerbaijani and Iranian believers to build friendships with Kurds and tell them about the savior.
- Pray that God would create a hunger for the Bible and spiritual truth in the hearts of the Kurdish people living in Azerbaijan.
- Ask God to raise up Kurdish disciples who will make more disciples in Iran and Azerbaijan.



■ 21 Moroccan Arab in Morocco

In 670, Umayyads of Damascus completed the first Islamic conquest of the North African coastal plain, settling in what is now Morocco. Since then, Arabs have ruled this region, which includes the original Berber tribal groups of North Africa, some of whom were Christians before the Arab invasion. Historically, ministry in Morocco drew individuals away from their families and gathered them into new churches. As a result, many view Christianity as a threat to their families and communities.

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." 1 Samuel 17:45

- Pray that the nations will know that they cannot defy the Lord.
- Pray a strong movement to Jesus would bring whole Moroccan Arab families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

■ 22 Tajik in Tajikistan

Most Tajiks are farmers and shepherds. Seasonal grasses create suitable pastures for raising sheep, goats, cattle, camels and horses. They also practice a remarkable system of terraced, mountainside irrigation so that wheat and barley can be grown at the higher, dry altitudes. An increasing number of Tajiks have moved to the cities over the past 50 years. These Muslims have been abused by the Russians and they equate the Russians with Christianity.

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. 1 Kings 18:21

- Pray that today's people group will indeed see the vast difference between the Lord and any other deity.
- Pray that they will follow Him.
- Pray that Tajik believers would live such holy lives that others would desire to have the same spiritual riches found only in Christ.
- Pray that Tajiks would not judge Christianity as a "Russian religion," but see their own need for salvation and the forgiveness of their sins from a sinless savior.

■ 23 Shaikh in Bangladesh

The Shaikh, also known as Sheikh, are a significant Muslim community in Bangladesh. Historically, the title "Shaikh" was given to those who were teachers or leaders in Islamic societies, and over time, it has become a common surname among Muslims in South Asia. The Shaikh have a diverse ethnic background.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God. 1 Kings 18:39

- Pray that today's people group will understand the vast power and goodness of the Lord.
- Pray for effectiveness and fruitfulness in sowing God's word among Shaikh families leading to God's blessing spreading from household to household.
- Pray for many laborers to sow God's word among Shaikh households and extended families.

■ 24 Hbrogpa Amdo in China

It is difficult for outsiders to enter the Hbrogpa Amdo homeland. The Hbrogpa Amdo are Tibetan Buddhists, blending shamanistic Bon practices with the teachings of Buddha. Christians need to build bridges of trust and friendship with the Amdo. Christians need to show genuine concern for their physical and material needs and survival as a people.

As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. 2 Chronicles 7:1-2

- Pray for today's people group to be in absolute awe of the Lord when they hear of His glorious presence.
- Pray that the Amdo who follow Christ would fellowship together and would grow in love for Christ and for each other.
- Pray they would be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Pray the Amdo would be increasingly aware of their need for a savior and that there is a savior in Jesus Christ.



■ 25 Baori in India

The Baori do not trust outsiders. Because of their lifestyle, it may be difficult for Christian workers to have contact with these people. Christians need to feel genuine compassion and concern for these people and not be condescending. There may be opportunities to minister to their physical and material needs in order to establish trust.

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. 2 Chronicles 7:15

- Pray that you will be encouraged to pray, knowing that the Lord will hear your prayers that are in accordance with His will.
- Pray for the Lord to take the Baori people from despair to a place where they are productive members of Iranian society, for the glory of his name.
- Pray they would make schooling for their children a priority.

■ 26 Hindu Dabgar in India

The Dabgar trace their origin to Rajput clans who used to make leather shields. Their traditional primary occupation has been the tanning of animal hides, but today they pursue other vocations. Lack of Christian workers able to communicate in the languages of the Dabgar people may slow the advance of the good news of Jesus among them.

Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. Nehemiah 1:6

- Pray for the Lord to raise up believers from among today's people group that will faithfully and fervently pray for their people.
- Pray for Christian workers who know how to communicate the gospel orally to be sent to the Dabgar people in the Lord's timing. Telling stories from Scripture is especially effective.
- Pray that this low status people group would be able to improve their standard of living in the years ahead.

■ 27 Muslim Taga in India

Farming is the main vocation of the Taga people, often referred to as the Tyagi people. Tyaga is often used as a surname. Most of the Taga living in India live in Uttar Pradesh, the "home of Hinduism." This state has not given a home to the Christian gospel, however. Christians form only a tiny minority in this state.

Then the king said to me, What are you requesting? So I prayed to the God of heaven. Nehemiah 2:4

- Pray that you will not pass up the chance for short, but effective prayers when you intercede for the nations.
- Pray the Lord would send loving workers to the Taga.
- Pray the Lord would open the eyes of the Taga so they will see Jesus as he truly is, the only way to reconciliation with the living God.

■ 28 Satani in India

The Satani belong to the Vaishnava sect of Hinduism and follow the teachings of Ramanuja. Sacred specialists from their own community perform all the religious rites. The Satani worship Vishnu, Lakshmi and regional deities. A Hindu who accepts and follows Christ is likely to experience much disfavor and even hostility. Loss of friendships and status in the community is likely, and very difficult to deal with.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Nehemiah 8:5-6

- May this people group have Holy Spirit reverence for the Lord when they hear His word.
- Pray they would be given spiritual understanding.
- Pray for any secret believers, and for others who will one day come to saving faith.
- Pray they would be given a longing to know the one, true God.

■ 29 Pingdi in China

The mountainous area where the Pingdi are located is rarely visited by outsiders. As a result, they have minimal interaction with other people groups who might share the gospel. Pingdi believers are often viewed as strange by their families, friends and neighbors.

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. Nehemiah 8:1

- Pray for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.
- Pray Pingdi believers would overcome social obstacles by being supernaturally transformed into loving disciples.
- Pray that believers from other parts of China would bring them the good news of Jesus. The JESUS Film and some audio resources are available in Xiang, the language of the Pingdi.
- Pray for a "book of Acts" type of movement to Christ among the Pingdi people.

■ 30 Pushkarna Brahmin in India

Pushkarna Brahmins have a strong work ethic and are often leaders, whether politically, intellectually, spiritually or socially. It is vital for those who go to Brahmins to build genuine relationships; they must pray for Brahmin friends, and eventually pray with Brahmin friends. We must focus on Christ himself as a living person, and on the almighty God who was revealed by Christ as a loving father.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. Nehemiah 8:8

- Pray for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.
- Pray that the few Brahmin-background believers would exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit with those they meet.
- Pray for the eyes of Pushkarna Brahmin hearts to be open to Jesus Christ.

■ 31 Parihar Rajput in India

Parihar Rajputs have a strong sense of pride in their historical exploits. Even today they enjoy high status, which reinforces that pride. Pride is anathema to our Lord, and Rajputs will need to overcome this spiritual obstacle and accept the Kingdom of God like small children.

And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God. Nehemiah 9:3

- Pray that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.
- Pray that the small group of believers would be united in love around the truth of Scripture.
- Pray the Lord would give them a spiritual hunger, then satisfy that hunger.
- Pray that these Rajputs would understand the value of becoming part of God's royal family.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Parihar Rajput community.

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■ 1 Barma in Chad

In the 1700s, the Barma's ancestors ruled the Bagirmi Empire, a large area across Chad and into Sudan. At the end of the 1700s, the empire was attacked by Islamic Wadai armies and was never able to regain its political independence. The Barma have been devout followers of the Islamic faith since the sixteenth century.

You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. Nehemiah 9:6

- May the hearing of God's word lead to this people group understanding who God is and the fact that He gave them life.
- Pray for Christian radio to blanket the country of Chad, and that broadcasts in the Bagirmi (Barma) language would be included.
- Pray that as they become Christ followers, the Barma would live holy lives that draw others to Christ.
- Pray for adequate rainfall as a testimony of God's power and goodness.