

A United Call for Prayer on behalf of all Oral Peoples, and for those working in Orality/UUPGs & Great Commission Partner groups.

“Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful. ... that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ.” (Col. 4:2-4)

Praying Each Thursday

EACH THURSDAY we ask you to link in united prayer for those working in Orality & for our Great Commission Partners. *If you are available, please join us live...

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Praying for the UUPGs & Bible-less Oral Peoples...

Pursuing God for Spiritual Awakening and Global Harvest

We continue taking a focused look in strategic prayer for specific peoples of the world who are primarily oral and are still unengaged. Linking together and following the Harvest Ethne Prayer Strategy Network 12 month calendar for unreached people groups. Our plan will be to bring the remaining people groups that Finishing the Task (FTT) is tracking into our prayer view and strategically focus on the remaining 56 UUPGs from the original 639 UUPG List of people groups with over 100,000 in population that are still in need of engagement and strategy.



AUGUST – Harvest Ethne Prayer Network

South Asia Buddhist and other small religions

Source: <http://legacy.joshuaproject.net/ethne.php?es=2ðnmonth=8>

This month, we are praying for **South Asia Buddhists and other Small Religions** where there are **263 UUPGs** residing in **Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India & Maldive Islands.**

Source: <http://goo.gl/Un0NGJ>

*The FTT group is headed up by Paul Eshleman and is a Great Commission Partner Group working to track progress of (UUPG) Unengaged Unreached People Groups since 2000. Their goal is to get to ZERO. **The Original 639 UUPG List all had populations over 100,000.** This quest has led to new levels of modeling collaborative efforts all over the globe.

Source: Joshua Project Unengaged Lists

<http://legacy.joshuaproject.net/unengaged.php>



South Asia – Buddhist & other Small Religions

Prayer needs - There are **457 total different people groups in this region.** It is hard to imagine an area of people groups this large with no adequate access to the Gospel and having **263 UUPGs residing in this region.**

Praying for A Father's revelation

In every people group there are fathers who love and provide for their children. They each have something in them that connects with our Father in Heaven. Our prayers can focus the attention of the Holy Spirit on these fathers.



Jer 10:7 *Who should not revere you, O King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no-one like you.*

God of Glory, who can be compared to you? You are faithful and true, redeeming that which is lost and restoring that which is broken. You are worthy of all our worship and devotion. Father, we thank You for the Holy Spirit, and pray for the fathers among these peoples. Holy Spirit, we ask You to visit these fathers and spark in hearts revelation needed to embrace the Good News of Jesus. Over-shadow them with Your presence Lord. Touch them with the Truth of Your love. We ask You to stir up the Father's heart in them to search for their Heavenly Father and to carve a path for others to follow.

Workers: God's favor for workers

Is. 61:9 *Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed.*

Lord, You own everything. The earth is Yours, and everyone on it. You are sovereign. If You are for us, no one can be against us. God, thank you for all the workers that are reaching out in South Asia. Let Your favor shine on them today, open doors for them in communities. We ask for divine appointments, connections, and favor with influential people who can help them. We ask for God's favor to give them access to people & places that are impossible to reach. Let Your favor smooth the path before them, and open doors for them that no man can shut. Let Your wind be at their back today, Lord and enable them to push forward the cause of Christ among these people groups in South Asia.

Regional: Culturally sensitive TV and radio

Reaching the unreached is a monumental task. TV and radio can be incredibly powerful mediums for communicating the Gospel, they can penetrate areas where Christian workers may not be able to go.

Rom. 15:20 *It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.*

*Lord, we thank You for all the unique cultures and languages You have created. You know and understand all of them. Thank You that even in places we cannot go, You are there. There is no person that is hidden from Your sight, and no place You cannot reach. We ask that You would anoint and appoint workers to create relevant, culturally sensitive Christ-centered radio & TV for South Asia.

Source: PrayerGuard.net <http://goo.gl/fizjTv>

Sikh of Bangladesh, India & Nepal

What are their beliefs?

The Sikh are divided into three religions (Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism), yet they are open to visiting the sacred places of other religious communities. They are noted for their religious tolerance, yet very few have embraced Christ as the only way to salvation. These are a resilient people, and they managed to become an influential community in India. Today, many of them are prominent in the areas of business, education, medicine, finance, technology, engineering, manufacturing, entertainment, and the armed forces. Why do they seem to rise to the top? Most likely it's because of their rigorous work ethic. It could also be because of their insistence on making sure that their children get a higher education.

Prayer Points

* Pray that prominent Sikh from all three religious communities will find Jesus to be the only way to eternal life.

* Pray that God will raise up Sikh believers as **His ambassadors** to those without Christ throughout the subcontinent

Bahais of Bangladesh, India & Nepal

What are their beliefs?

Bahais believe that when there is a crisis, God appears in the form of a prophet. They believe that Moses, Mohammed and Jesus are all such manifestations. The Bahai religion was born from the belief of a man who saw himself to be the Muslim messiah in the early 1800s. It has spread throughout the world. They are widely persecuted.

Prayer Points

* Pray that the spiritual veil is lifted from the eyes of these kind, and gracious people.

* Pray that they will see that their actions, however good, are not enough to reach God.

* Pray that thousands of Bahai find eternal life through Christ.

Burmese of Sri Lanka

What are their beliefs?

The Burmese are predominantly Buddhists. The traditional goal in Buddhism is to seek the middle path to nirvana, or ultimate peace. The Burmese have mixed these Buddhist beliefs with their own animistic beliefs (belief that non-living objects have spirits).

Their animistic beliefs center around inherently evil spirits called nats. The Burmese spend their lives trying to appease the nats so that they will be protected from other evil spirits that may seek to harm them. All Burmese homes have altars for the spirits, as well as a statue of Buddha. Sadly, the farmers spend more in a year on their religion than on education, health, and clothing for their families.

The Burmese, like other Buddhists, believe that death is not a threat to one who has done good deeds. Instead, death is simply a "passing" from one life to another. They believe that "rebirth" is determined by the accumulated good or bad deeds done in the previous life. Therefore, those who have earned less merit are reborn as demons, ghosts, animals, or inhabitants of hell.

Prayer Points

* Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go to Myanmar and share the love of Christ with the Burmese.

* Ask God to use the Burmese believers to share the Gospel with their own people.

* Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will be faithfully interceding for these precious people.

* Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Burmese towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.

* Pray for strong local churches will be raised up among the Burmese.

Source: Prayer Guard/ PrayerCentral.net

Praying For Heat in a Spiritually Cold Land: Tibetan Buddhist Peoples in South Asia

by Keith Carey, editor, GPD



Dear Praying Friends,

We often think of South Asia as a region divided between Hindus and Muslims, but we forget that there is a large swath of land where Buddhism is the dominant religion. This is the mountainous parts of this region that stretches from northern Pakistan in the west to Bangladesh in the east. It encompasses Bhutan and Nepal, the latter being primarily Hindu.

Buddhist missionaries brought their religion to this land hundreds of years ago, and it blended with the shamanistic bon religion that was already dominant. This blend is what we now call Tibetan Buddhism, which is even more prevalent in many of China's western provinces.

Tibetan Buddhists look to the Dalai Lama as their spiritual leader. In a general sense, he is the one who stands in the way of Christ. If you already have a god-king, you may see no reason to look for the King of Kings. Pray that the Tibetan Buddhist peoples of South Asia will indeed find the King of Kings as we pray this month.

Source: Global Prayer Digest <http://goo.gl/IGw1Ab>

Did You Know God is on the Move in Dallas-Ft. Worth?

Breakthroughs in Dallas-Fort Worth

Kika, a Nagaland church planter, works with Bhutanese and Nepali, but he's not working in South Asia. Kika is a student at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas reaching Bhutanese and Nepali refugees in Dallas. Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) is the number one destination of refugees coming to the U.S. **Renod, a Lebanese believer**, was persecuted for his faith in his home country. He immigrated to the U.S. as a teenager with a hatred for Muslims due to his suffering. Now, Renod has a great love for Muslims and offers free workshops on how to reach Muslims for Christ. This is vital considering **Dadu, a Malayalam speaker and church planter** in northern India, first took the Perspectives course in 2012. He is now coordinating the first Perspectives class at his home church in Richardson, TX, a city rich in diversity of unreached peoples. In the Fall of 2013 three Perspective classes enrolled more than 400 students, and eight classes are planned for Spring 2014. **God is on the move in DFW!** Kika, Renod, and Dadu are among a growing number of harvest workers from foreign countries that God is raising up. DFW is quickly becoming an area of diaspora mission activity & has the second fastest growing Muslim population of any U.S. area. There is much training in discipleship which is occurring in response to the over 239 languages spoken, representing many unreached peoples.

[Learn more at joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net) PRAY for the growing diaspora (worldwide) mission movement taking shape in DFW. Pray that representatives from every unreached people group would come to the United States, encounter Christ, and then return to their homeland to preach the gospel and fulfill the great commission.

Source: Global Prayer Digest <http://goo.gl/edTjTE>

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Telling Stories Over the Mountains in Nepal

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A team in Nepal recently traveled over high mountains and through much snow to show love to and treat over 200 Tazig* people. The American doctor that was with them was able to pray and share with dozens of patients. The Tazig nurse, Pat, who is trained in simple dentistry was a big help and pulled many teeth! Although she is not yet a believer, she spent three weeks praying with them, hearing about the goodness of God, and experiencing the team's heart for her people.

The team was excited to find the small group of believers they visited doing well and growing in their faith. They were given the Old Testament story videos (made by the team), audio Old Testament stories, and some more Scripture. They met three nights in a row and sent the team to the next valley with a prayer of blessing done in a very Tazig way. We rejoice with the team that they are growing and that their faith is being integrated into their lives in indigenous, yet God-honoring, ways.

Would you join us in prayer for the following:

- All the people with whom the team interacted, prayed, and shared. Pray that God would be working on their hearts. They shared with several people who had terminal cases of different diseases. Pray that they would accept the life of Jesus.
- The believers to grow stronger and stronger. After they shared their new videos with one believer, she told them she really wants to share them with her dad. Pray that the stories of Creation, the Fall, and Abraham portrayed in the stories would speak to his heart and he would want to know more.
- Pema who will be spending the next five months in a Tazig village working at a health clinic. Pray that God would capture her heart and that she would turn to Him.
- Our team's continued efforts to bring the Gospel to the Tazig.

Source: ActBeyond *Name of Unreached People Group changed
<http://beyond.org/telling-stories-mountains-nepal/>

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from [Team Expansion](#) - <http://vimeo.com/97610662>



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Orality Focused Prayer Requests



EASTERN PLAINS PEOPLES OF SOUTH ASIA - "This time of year in the Eastern Plains, the temperatures average around 105F, it's tempting to seek refuge in a room with an air conditioner until the summer passes. But for believers who know what's at stake, staying indoors all summer just isn't an option! Already this year, our workers have met with men and women in local congregations to train them to go out and make the Good News known in their villages and the surrounding areas. Several women on our team have given trainings in 'Henna Storying,' helping local women to spread the story of Jesus using the beautiful local art of temporary henna tattoos. Lift up the faithful believers in the Eastern Plains this summer as they share their story--His story--in the blistering heat. Pray for all the workers on the team."

AR OF COLOMBIA (ahr) - Pray for the "Pal" village, where monthly Gospel stories are shared. The village has traditionally claimed to be Christian, but there is a lot of confusion about what it means to be a Christian. Workers have been traveling this year with the goal of sharing the evangelistic Bible stories progressively each time they visit the village. The desire is that once they hear, understand, and respond to the Gospel message, they will be the ones best equipped to take that same message to the rest of the Ar people. Nationals have so many more open doors. The traditional religious leaders are holding meetings to plan & discuss optional ways to provide for health and education in this village, which would prevent outsiders from coming and going. Pray that the doors will remain open for ministry to these people. Ask God to provide ways to meet the Ar people's health and education.

GURAGE OF ETHIOPIA (goo-ra-gay) - Small house groups are meeting all over the region, but they have little of the written Word in their language. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them as they discuss Genesis (the only book they have) or the radio Bible stories that they have heard. Pray that they will love Jesus and follow Him faithfully. Ask that the New Testament work will move forward steadily so that in the future, there will be the written Word to study and learn when they meet together.

DAKAR, SENEGAL (dah-KAR) - "Several young men who follow a world religion, who have been hearing Bible stories in their English classes at our Baptist Center here in Dakar, have expressed an interest in wanting to know more. Pray that their hearts will remain open and that they will proactively seek to know the truth that comes only from God. Pray for us as we have opportunities to discuss the Good News with these seekers."

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES - "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" (Isaiah 42:7). Living on the mountain, they are neglected because, as people say, "Vidunda villages are difficult to reach." The Vidunda (pronounced vee-doon-dah) need to know the Creator and Sustainer of life. They need to hear the stories of Jesus, to understand the Good News, and to experience the peace that comes from accepting the gift of salvation through Christ. Pray for obedient proclaimers with beautiful feet; ask that they will come and share the life-changing Gospel message with the Vidunda on the mountain. Pray for open hearts to hear God's call for the engagement of the Vidunda people.

DINKA OF SOUTH SUDAN (DINK-ah) - Pray that the chronological Bible storying training received by 15 nationals will lead to newly formed storying groups and new church plants.

SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGER (SOH-koh-toh fu-LAH-nee) - "As the rainy season approaches and many Sokoto Fulani are preparing and planting their fields, we are praying that the Lord will plant His Word in their hearts," writes the Sokoto Fulani Team. "Gospel seeds are being planted, as Fulani believers are using their occupations as a way to share with everyone they meet. Many are hungry to hear more of the Truth and are receiving memory cards with the Word so that they can continue to listen to the Truth on their own. Pray for those who are hearing the Gospel, asking that the seed of Truth planted in their hearts will grow and that they will come to believe in Jesus."

ZEFETO OF THE HORN OF AFRICA (ze-FE-toh) - In an area where Zefeto people are listening to the audio New Testament, believing in Jesus, gathering in house churches, and enjoying changed lives, a religious leader from another area stood at a gathering of the people in the valley and, over a loudspeaker, forbade the people to listen to the audio New Testament and accused those changed ones of being heretics. The people stood against this man and appealed to a higher official for permission to continue. God arranged for this official to be influenced by a believer. The accuser was forced to announce from the loudspeaker that the changed ones were telling the truth and that the audio New Testament was indeed a Holy Book. The believers are rejoicing. Their friends and neighbors are now asking for audio Bibles. Thank God for this season of openness to the truth and peace! Ask God to build up the believers as they walk in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit like the believers in Acts 9:31. Ask Him to provide thousands of audio New Testaments. Pray that God will strengthen the faith of the believers for the next round of persecution.



PRECIOUS SUNSHINE CITY, EAST ASIA - "One of the unreached people groups that we are focusing on this month is the L people. Most of the hundreds of thousands of these precious people have never heard of God. They worship the spirit of their ancestors, and every few years, they sacrifice a cow for their dead ancestors to eat in the

afterlife. Please pray that the few believers who are in this people group, along with believers in another minority group who are neighbors, will truly love their family, friends, neighbors and co-workers with God's love. Ask that they will not only long for others to know Him, but also share His Good News with all who will listen. Pray for Christians to meet regularly to know Him and love Him."

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS OF COLOMBIA - In May, an IMB missionary living and working in southern Colombia was accompanied by lay worker Andres* and local believers on a boat trip down a river. They stopped in several indigenous villages to share Bible stories, do baptisms, show the "JESUS" film, and look for new contacts. Give thanks to God for this newly formed team of missionaries and co-laborers in southern Colombian! This continues to be an area highly influenced by different groups outside the law. Pray that those who heard the Gospel during the team's river trip will be open to the convicting and saving power of the Holy Spirit. Ask that Christians in the area will be faithful to share more Bible stories with these new and/or potential Christians. Pray that more visits can be made to the people groups along the river. (*pseudonym)

RIF BERBERS OF NORTHERN AFRICA AND EUROPE (reef BER-bers) - The Rif Berbers are an indigenous people native to northwestern Africa, specifically the area surrounding the Rif Mountains and the northern coast of Morocco. In the late 7th century,

Morocco saw war as Arabs settled in the region. Under their rule, the Arabs converted the Berber people to Islam; however, the Berbers kept their distinct customs and language. They follow the oral traditions of Islam that have been passed down to them for generations. Their beliefs are closely tied to their identity, because they are inherited through their family and culture. They aren't free to choose what they believe. The heart language of the Rif Berbers is called Tarifit. It's an oral language that has been unwritten for many centuries. For the first time in history, the Bible is being made available in their language, both through audio recordings and written materials using Arabic script. Now they can listen to the truth of God's Word in their language, not having to learn another language to know God and His Word. There are very few followers of Jesus among the Rif Berbers, of whom there are an estimated 3 million throughout Morocco and Europe. Please pray for the salvation of the Rif Berbers.

JOLA-FONYI OF SENEGAL AND THE GAMBIA (JOH-luh-FOH-nyee) - "For the past few years, Pastor Kouse* has been partnering with our team by serving as a translator for volunteer teams, setting up 'The Way of Righteousness' Bible stories on the radio in three different villages. He had been praying that the radio Bible stories could one day be a reality, and he is very pleased with the number of people who are listening to the stories. He was diagnosed with diabetes, he has been having more difficulty keeping it regulated and has also had other health issues. Please pray that God will heal Pastor Kouse, and ask that he will feel God's presence. (*pseudonym)

CAFE (COLOMBIAS FORGOTTEN ETHNOS) PEOPLES (cah-FAY) - "You share about God in a way that is very different from what we have heard anywhere else. We talk about what it means and can express our doubts. It is evident that you have something different, and I am inviting my friends to come and listen to the stories." Team CAFE writes: "This is an opinion that we heard expressed many times this past semester in our work with indigenous university students. God has been opening hearts and eyes to His message, and the Bible storying times have had a huge impact on the students. Pray that those students who expressed an interest and came on Friday nights will make a decision for Christ. Intercede for the students as they return home for two months during their semester break. Ask that the seeds that have been planted will not be uprooted or washed away by the influence of their traditional religious practices and family views. Pray that God will protect what He has begun and that it will produce fruit abundantly."

PA OF COLOMBIA (pah) - One of the signs that believers are growing in their faith walk is when they begin to share their faith with others. In the Pa community, the sharing of one's faith is not an easy thing to do because it brings more persecution--even from family members. It is, however, beginning to happen, and Pa believers are feeling more confident and are becoming bolder in sharing their faith and the Gospel stories with their family members and neighbors. Dary* is a woman who has made a decision of faith and has begun to share what she is learning with other members of her family. She recently shared her faith with her brother, who is blind. He asked her to invite national missionaries Henry* and Dana* to his house to share more Bible stories with him. When Dana and Henry arrived, not only was Dary's brother there to hear the story, but so were his parents and seven other people whom he had invited to listen! Pray as this and other new Bible storying groups are beginning by the invitation of other believers. As people hear the evangelistic stories, pray that they will hear and believe. (*pseudonyms)

Source: International Mission Board Prayer Director, Ed Cox
CompassionNet <http://www.imb.org/main/pray/>