

THE THIRTY ONE

LARGEST FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS



A GLOBAL INVITATION TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

Who are the 31 Largest Frontier People Groups?

One fourth of the world lives in reclusive Frontier People Groups (FPGs—less than 0.1% Christian of any kind). Half the population of *all* FPGs live in the 31 largest FPGs (listed in this booklet). FPGs are a subset of Unreached People Groups (UPGs, less than 2% Evangelical and less than 5% Christian of all kinds).

Why are Movements necessary among FPGs?

Frontier People Groups perceive Christianity as a foreign influence that threatens to tear apart their families and communities. Traditional church planting and witness to individuals within FPGs reinforces these fears. FPGs are only reached through Jesus movements, which bring God's blessing to heal and strengthen families and communities.

How neglected are Frontier People Groups?

The vast majority of mission prayer, giving and laborers focuses on strengthening Christians where Christians are already present. Only a tiny fraction of mission prayer and other resources go to UPGs at all, and only a tiny fraction of this goes to FPGs—the quarter of the world where faith in Jesus is still totally foreign.

Why pray for these 31 Largest Frontier People Groups?

As God answers our prayers for movements in which the families of these FPGs receive God's blessing in Jesus, these largest FPGs will in turn influence many smaller FPGs to welcome God's blessing.

Where can I Learn More?

Joshua Project (JoshuaProject.net) is a collaborative research hub, helping to define the unfinished portion of the Great Commission by highlighting the least-reached people groups of the world.

How can I Get Involved?

Form a team to adopt (pray consistently for) one of these 31 FPGs, or for one of the other 365 largest FPGs. Ask God to make this people group your inheritance (Ps 2), and follow His leading in working with others to see movements multiplying God's blessing in Jesus among the families and communities of your adopted FPGs. Apply at Inherit the Nations to be connected with a field team in your people:

InheritTheNations.net

Can MY Prayers make a Difference?

Just as prayer preceded Pentecost, most mission breakthroughs throughout history have resulted from prevailing prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Robert Glover summarizes the role of prayer in the history of missions:

From Pentecost and the Apostle Paul, right down through the centuries to the present day, the story of missions has been the story of answered prayer. Every fresh outbreak of missionary energy has been the result of believing prayer. Every new missionary undertaking that has been owned and blessed of God has been the germinating of seed planted by the divine spirit in the hearts of praying saints.

In Ps 2:8, the Lord invites us: “Ask of me and I will make the peoples your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession.” All we can take with us into eternity as our inheritance are other people, who become part of His eternal family. Our joy and crown, just as for the great Apostle Paul, will be those who come to Christ through our efforts.

One of the most strategic things we can do to advance God’s Kingdom on earth is to persistently pray for the Frontier People Groups that have no movements to Christ yet, and no breakthrough of God’s blessing for their families. So we urge you to form a prayer team to “adopt” one or more of these 31 largest Frontier People Groups.

A quarter of the world’s people live in Frontier People Groups, with virtually no believers, and no evident movement to Jesus bringing God’s promised blessing to families. Half of this population lives in just the 31 largest Frontier People Groups (listed in this booklet).

Pray for all UPGs and Frontier People Groups globally:

- Pray for God to pour out His Holy Spirit for every Unreached People Group to have a movement to Christ by 2025. Pray that He will raise up many prayer teams to “adopt” each of these 31 largest FPGs, praying until the blessing of knowing Jesus is spreading rapidly from family to family (Ps 2:8, James 4:2b).
- Pray that God will cause the revelation of His love and His Word to run swiftly across the earth until He is honored and worshiped by all peoples, including Oral and Bibleless Peoples. Pray that He will exalt His Word among every UPG through Bible Translation and Orality movements by 2025 (2 Th 3:1; Eph 4:16).

For Teams Adopting Specific Larger FPGs:

- Pray for God to bring forth His blessing—strengthening and healing families and communities within your adopted people group. Ask God to cause His abundant life and love through Jesus to be widely embraced by the families and clans of your group (Gen 12:5, 28:14; Acts 3:25, 10:43).
- Pray that God will overthrow the spiritual forces of darkness that oppose the spread of His Gospel, and send His people to bless and overcome suffering and evil in His name. Ask God to deliver the families and communities in your adopted FPG from any fears that hinder them from embracing His blessing. Ask the Holy Spirit to replace fear with love, power, and self-discipline, as God’s blessing flows from family to family (Rom 12:21, Gen 3:10, Is 25:7, II Tim 1:7).
- Pray for God to pour out His blessing on the religious and secular leaders of your adopted Frontier People Group. Ask Him to bless the families of these leaders, and inspire whole communities to welcome salvation through faith in Jesus (I Tim 2:1-5).
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the people of your adopted Frontier People Group to love His Word and spread its influence, so that your adopted people group will love Him with their whole being and walk in His ways (Acts 6:7, 12:24, 19:20, Mk 12:29-31).
- Pray for God to pour out His Holy Spirit in anointing the families of your adopted Frontier People Group, especially the children and youth. Beg (*deomai*) God to raise up and send out (*ekballo*) a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses within your adopted people group (Mt 9:37–38, Lk 10:2).

The Importance of God's Word

In every movement, the Bible is the central authority for believers and churches. Even in non-literate cultures, where the Bible is shared through oral storytelling, the Bible guides doctrine and practice.

Faith comes by hearing God's Word; transformation comes in applying it through obedience. Every person has the right to have the Word of God in their own heart language, in a form they can understand and apply.

God's Word was conveyed orally before it was committed to writing. Jesus used stories in His teaching. In oral societies, the Old Testament is critical for revealing the bloodline of Jesus from the beginning of God's story.

The 31 FPGs are primarily oral communicators. For such peoples, Oral Scripture in the heart language is essential for the Gospel to be fully heard, understood, and received, and for heart transformation to occur.

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.” Heb 4:12

Scripture Availability among the 31 Largest FPGs

- 7 People Groups have NO Full Complete Bible available: Uyghur in China; Arain, Jat, Pashtun, Rajput, and Shaikh in Pakistan; Northern Yemeni in Yemen (These 7 are Islamic, and primarily Oral Communicators by society and culture. While 6 of the 7 have Written Scripture (WS), Uyghur in China only has the New Testament.)
- 6 People Groups have NO Oral Scriptures (OS) in their heart language: Arain, Jat, Pashtun, Rajput, Shaikh in Pakistan; Northern Yemeni in Yemen
- 2 People Groups have NO Full Written Scripture (WS): Uyghur in China; Northern Yemeni in Yemen
- 1 People Group—Northern Yemeni in Yemen—is without direct access to the Scripture in their heart language or mother tongue: NO Written Scripture, NO Oral Scripture, NO Jesus Film.

Pray for God's Word to reach every people group in their own heart language, and to spread rapidly and be honored by all. Pray that those who receive God's Word will base their lives on Jesus and His Word, being obedient doers, not forgetful hearers.

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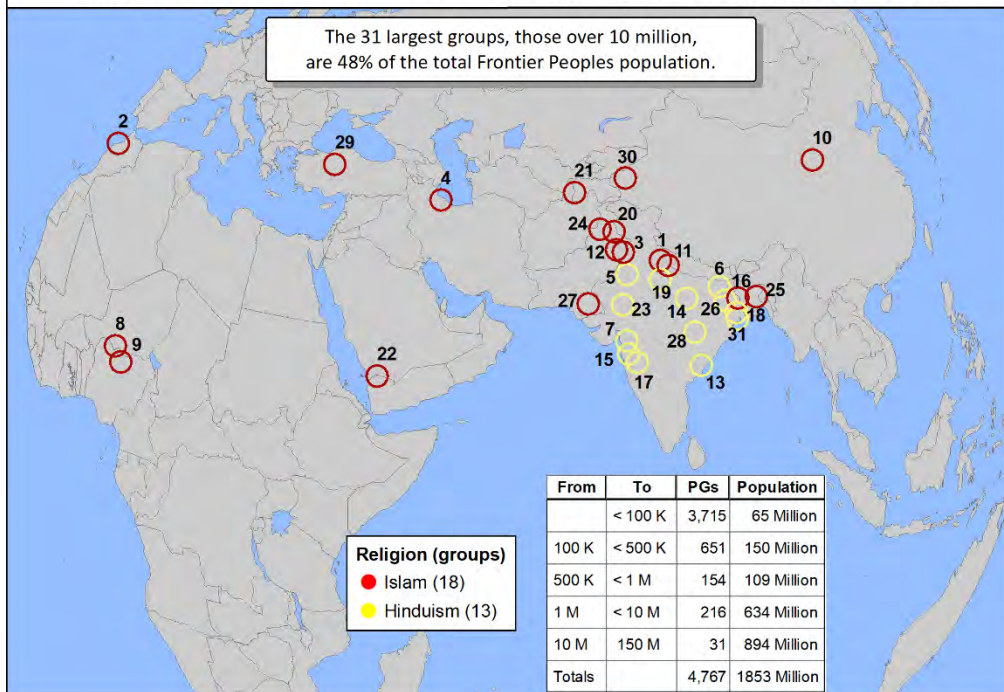
Largest Frontier People Groups

Global Population >= 10,000,000

Christian Adherents <= 0.1%

No reported Jesus Movement

The 31 largest groups, those over 10 million, are 48% of the total Frontier Peoples population.



People Groups	% of Unreached People Groups	% of all People Groups	Population	% of Unreached Population	% of World Population
31	0.4%	0.2%	894,431,000	28.4%	11.8%

Frontier Peoples over 10,000,000 sorted by People name then Country

1 ● Ansari in India	11 ● Jat (Hindu) in India	22 ● Northern Yemeni in Yemen
2 ● Arab, Moroccan in Morocco	12 ● Jat (Muslim) in Pakistan	23 ● Rajput (Hindu) in India
3 ● Arain (Muslim) in Pakistan	13 ● Kapu in India	24 ● Rajput (Muslim) in Pakistan
4 ● Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk in Iran	14 ● Kumhar (Hindu) in India	25 ● Shaikh in Bangladesh
5 ● Bania in India	15 ● Kunbi (Hindu) in India	26 ● Shaikh in India
6 ● Brahmin in India	16 ● Kurmi (Hindu) in India	27 ● Shaikh in Pakistan
7 ● Dhobi (Hindu) in India	17 ● Mahratta in India	28 ● Teli (Hindu) in India
8 ● Hausa in Niger	18 ● Nai (Hindu) in India	29 ● Turk in Turkey
9 ● Hausa in Nigeria	19 ● Northern Pashtun in India	30 ● Uyghur in China
10 ● Hui in China	20 ● Northern Pashtun in Pakistan	31 ● Yadav (Hindu) in India
	21 ● Northern Uzbek in Uzbekistan	

Day 1 – Ansari in India



Photo: Biswarup Ganguly

People Name	Ansari
Country	India
Population	10,541,000
People Cluster	Urdu Muslim
Language	Urdu
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	210 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 1 – Ansari in India

According to a legend, the Ansari were inhabitants of Medina, and Ansari was the title given to those who gave shelter to and helped the prophet Mohammad in his first religious war against Mecca. In recent years, the Tableeghi Jamat has instilled religious fervor among them and made them aware of the principles of Islam. Their literacy rate is low and girls discontinue their studies due to social pressures.

Ministry Obstacles

The Ansari must begin to see Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih) as God in the flesh, much more than a prophet. They need prayer for spiritual discernment.

Outreach Ideas

Pray the Ansari will be captivated by Jesus, and be prompted by the Holy Spirit to find out more about this Man.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few if any followers of Jesus among the Ansari. Pray for existing Ansari believers to be effective and fruitful in sowing God's word

among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Ansari families to be increasingly drawn to seek forgiveness for their sins, and to recognize the wholly adequate provision found in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

Day 2 – Arab, Moroccan in Morocco



Photo: Joshua Project

People Name	Arab, Moroccan
Country	Morocco
Population	19,085,000
People Cluster	Arab, Maghreb
Language	Arabic, Moroccan Spoken
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	381 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 2 – Arab, Moroccan in Morocco

In 670 AD, the Umayyads of Damascus completed the first Islamic conquest of the North African coastal plain, settling in what is now Morocco, which they called "Maghreb al Aqsa" or "The Far West." Arabs and Berbers have shared this region since, and at one point ruled most of Northwest Africa. This cultural mix resulted in scholarly advances in science, mathematics, astronomy, geography, and medicine.

Ministry Obstacles

Much ministry in Morocco has focused on winning individuals away from their families and gathering them into new churches. This has fueled fear of Christianity as an invading threat to their families and communities.

Outreach Ideas

Christian businessmen may have opportunities to apply the model Jesus gave in Mt. 10 and Lk. 10 to find persons and households of peace and bless whole families and households among these Arab / Berber peoples.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through the many people witnessing to the Moroccan Arabs. Pray for Moroccan Arab believers to become effective and fruitful in sowing God's word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole Moroccan Arab families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"That all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no one else."

1 Kings 8:60

Day 3 – Arain (Muslim) in Pakistan



Photo: Imran Ali Arain

People Name	Arain (Muslim)
Country	Pakistan
Population	10,931,000
People Cluster	Punjabi
Language	Punjabi, Western
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	None
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	218 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 3 – Arain (Muslim) in Pakistan

The Arain are Muslims of Arab origin who migrated to the subcontinent with Muhammad Bin Qasim and then did not return due to the fear of persecution by the then rulers in Damascus. When the British wanted land developed in the Punjab after its annexation, Arain were brought in to cultivate lands around the cities. The Arain were favored for their "hard work, frugality and sense of discipline."

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Arain families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Sustained, focused prayer is needed to open the hearts of Arain families to experiencing God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are no known believers within the large Arain community. Pray for laborers to have wisdom in applying the pattern Jesus gave in

Mt. 10 and Lk. 10 for blessing Arain households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Arain families to be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih), and to the Bible to find out more about this man. Pray that the Lord will start a movement of Arain families experiencing God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"God has granted to the Gentiles [nations] also the repentance that leads to life." Acts 11:18

Day 4 – Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk in Iran



Photo: Travlr

People Name	Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk
Country	Iran
Population	16,221,000
People Cluster	Azerbaijani
Language	Azerbaijani, South
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	324 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 4 – Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk in Iran

In Iran this people group is known formally as Azeri, but informally the Azeris and other Turkic speaking Iranian populations are commonly referred to as "Tork" (Turk). Despite friction in the past, the Azeri in Iran came to be "well represented at all levels of political, military, and intellectual hierarchies, as well as the religious hierarchy." The living conditions of Azeris in Iran closely resemble that of Persians.

Ministry Obstacles

This region of Iran and Azerbaijan does not offer easy access to those who seek to introduce local families to God's blessing.

Outreach Ideas

There is a strong movement of God's blessing among Iranian families. Pray that some will spread this movement also among Azeri families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few believers among the Azeris of Iran. Pray that they will become effective and fruitful in sharing and discussing Bible stories with their own and other families.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that the Azeri families of Iran will increasingly be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih), and to the Bible to find out more about this man. Pray that the Lord will start a movement of Azeri families experiencing God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations." Mark 13:10

Day 5 – Bania in India



Photo: Joshua Project

People Name	Bania
Country	India
Population	29,413,000
People Cluster	Bania
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	588 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 5 – Bania in India

"Bania" is something of a generic term, and there are many Bania communities. The Bania trace their history back about 5000 years. About 50 communities have a traditional caste council, election to which is by a voice vote among 44 communities and by secret ballot among six. Widow remarriage is allowed among half of Bania communities, and divorce has gained social approval among 33 communities.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Bania families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for discovery Bible studies to spread rapidly in blessing Bania families and communities. The Bania are widely dispersed. Pray for workers.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for Bania followers of Jesus to be effective in demonstrating how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the Bania, that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." Revelation 11:15

Day 6 – Brahmin in India



Photo: Anonymous

People Name	Brahmin
Country	India
Population	59,690,000
People Cluster	Brahmin
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	1193 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 6 – Brahmin in India

The Brahmin are a priestly class, described as having originated from the face of Prajapati (Viratpurusha). A Brahmin concerns himself with the spiritual guidance of the people and is consulted for reading the meaning of Scripture. On auspicious dates and events he officiates at ceremonial functions. They are considered custodians and transmitters of sacred traditions. As custodians of Brahminical Hinduism, the Brahmin worship deities on a large scale.

Ministry Obstacles

Brahmin pride, and the perception that Christianity breaks up families and promotes many social problems, are serious obstacles to Brahmin families and communities accepting God's blessing for families through Jesus.

Outreach Ideas

Sustained, focused prayer is needed to open the hearts of Brahmin families to experiencing God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Brahmin Jesus-followers to be effective in demonstrating how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Brahmin families and communities to discover and embrace the free gift of life found by trusting in Christ and his finished work.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The people who walk in darkness, will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them." Isaiah 9:2

Day 7 – Dhobi (Hindu) in India



Photo: Joshua Project

People Name	Dhobi (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	12,336,000
People Cluster	Hindi
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	246 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 7 – Dhobi (Hindu) in India

The Dhobi are from the Dalit caste in India. That means they are considered "untouchables" by those from higher castes. They are not afforded the same opportunities for employment and education as other castes. Their livelihood is earned by washing clothes for people of castes above theirs. The whole family is usually involved in the process of providing this service. Most of the Dhobis follow popular Hinduism and worship local gods as well as the washing stones.

Ministry Obstacles

The perception that Christianity will turn individuals from their families and communities and promotes many social problems is a serious obstacle to Dhobi families and communities humbly accepting God's blessing for families through Jesus.

Outreach Ideas

Who does not need to have their clothes washed? Indian believers could make it a special point to reach out in love and with the truth to the ones who provide this crucial service across the entire country.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are apparently a very small number of Dhobi who follow Jesus. Pray that they will be effective in demonstrating how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus among the Dhobi to heal and strengthen their families and communities, and to provide improved career and education opportunities. Pray they will not be forgotten by local representation and services.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap."
Malachi 3:2

Day 8 – Hausa in Niger



Photo: Anonymous

People Name	Hausa
Country	Niger
Population	10,592,000
People Cluster	Hausa
Language	Hausa
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	211 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 8 – Hausa in Niger

The Hausa is the largest ethnic group in Niger, and one of the most influential groups in West Africa. Nearly one out of every two Nigeriens is Hausa. The majority have been Sunni Muslim since the 11th century. In addition to Islam, many continue to practice their traditional religion, called Maguzawa, especially in remote locations. Hausa Muslims are known for being hospitable to strangers. In the Hausa language, one word, bako, is used to define both "guest" and "stranger".

Ministry Obstacles

Long-held traditional beliefs present a challenge to the spread of the gospel among the Hausa. Additionally, the perception that Christianity breaks up families and promotes many social problems is a serious obstacle to Hausa families and communities humbly accepting God's blessing for their families through Jesus.

Outreach Ideas

There are a number of Hausa believers. Pray that they will be trained to engage their families and community in discovering and

experiencing God's blessing through sharing and discussing Bible stories.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for Hausa believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Hausa families and communities.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in." Matthew 25:35

Day 9 – Hausa in Nigeria



Photo: www.i-pics.info

People Name	Hausa
Country	Nigeria
Population	30,817,000
People Cluster	Hausa
Language	Hausa
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	616 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 9 – Hausa in Nigeria

The rise of the seven Hausa states of northern Nigeria occurred between 500 and 700 A.D. The area's history is intricately tied to Islam and the Fulani who wrested political power from the Hausa in the early 1800s through a series of holy wars. Originally the number of Hausa who accepted Islam was small, and Islam was usually practiced along with traditional Hausa religious beliefs. It was not until the early 1800s that the Fulani began to put pressure on the Hausa to undergo large scale conversion.

Ministry Obstacles

There is much mistrust and hostility between the Muslim tribes of northern Nigeria and the more generally Christian tribes to the south. Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Hausa families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Pray that the followers of Jesus in southern Nigeria may find ways to more effectively carry the good news of Christ to Hausa households among their neighbors to the north. Pray the

the Hausa will be delivered from their fears of Christendom as an invading influence.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few followers of Christ among the Hausa to become effective and fruitful in sharing and discussing Bible stories with their own and other families.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Hausa families and communities. Pray that the Lord will give Hausa families teachable and understanding hearts. Pray also for peace in northern Nigeria.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Mat 9:37

Day 10 – Hui in China



Photo: Leslie D. Montano

People Name	Hui
Country	China
Population	13,705,000
People Cluster	Chinese-Hui
Language	Chinese, Mandarin
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	274 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 10 – Hui in China

Numbering over 13 million, the Hui are the largest and most widespread of China's Muslim nationalities, and are widely scattered throughout the country. Their ancestors are largely Arabs, Persians, and Mongols. One of the worst cases of genocide in history occurred between 1855 and 1873 when one million Hui people were massacred. They may be the largest people group in the world without a single known Christian fellowship group, although there are a few scattered believers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Hui have a long history of strong commitment to Islam. In recent years an increasing number of Hui have traveled to Mecca for the annual Haj pilgrimage.

Outreach Ideas

Perhaps the many Han Chinese believers in Jesus will desire to reach out to the Hui people. Pray to this end.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Hui followers of Jesus to become effective and fruitful in sowing God's

word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Hui to become increasingly aware of their need for forgiveness of sin, and that Jesus has been provided as a sin offering for them. Pray they will hunger to study the Bible together, and that this hunger will be satisfied.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."
Revelation 5:9

Day 11 – Jat (Hindu) in India

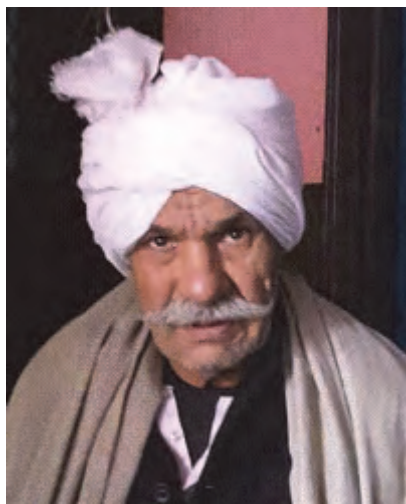


Photo: Anonymous

People Name	Jat (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	19,293,000
People Cluster	Jat
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	385 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 11 – Jat (Hindu) in India

The Jat are a dominant peasant community of north-west India. Popular local tradition attributes their origin to the matted hair (jata) of Lord Shiva. Another tradition connects them with Jata, one of the sons of Brahma, the Supreme Being. Current scholarship suggests that the Jat were a section of the pastoral communities who migrated from Central Asia to western India between the second century BC and fifth century AD.

Ministry Obstacles

The Jat fear Christianity and the Gospel as an invading foreign influence that breaks up families and promotes many social problems.

Outreach Ideas

Followers of Jesus can seek to introduce Jat families to God's blessing through His Word while building bridges of friendship and trust with the Jat community.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few followers of Christ among the Jat community to be effective in blessing and healing their families through sharing and

discussing the Word of God.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement of God's blessing to flow through Jat families discussing and applying God's Word.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."
1 Chronicles 16:24-25

Day 12 – Jat (Muslim) in Pakistan



Photo: Steve Evans

People Name	Jat (Muslim)
Country	Pakistan
Population	32,809,000
People Cluster	Jat
Language	Punjabi, Western
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	None
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	656 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 12 – Jat (Muslim) in Pakistan

All theories of origin for the Jat communities are speculative, but the Jat have been in Pakistan for many hundreds of years. Most likely the word jat is derived from jatta, a generic term for cattle-grazers and camel-raisers. Current research suggests that the Jat migrated from Central Asia. They were speakers of the languages of the Indo-Aryan language family. The Jat are a landowning community.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Jat families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Sustained, focused prayer is needed to open the hearts of Jat families to experiencing God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few if any followers of Jesus among the large Jat community. Pray that these believers will be fruitful and effective in sharing

God's Word and blessing to strengthen their own families and spread God's blessing to other Jat households.

Pray for the entire people group

Ask Father God to pour out His blessing on Jat families and communities, healing and strengthening broken families and multiplying this blessing throughout the Jat people.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

Day 13 – Kapu in India



Photo: Anonymous

People Name	Kapu
Country	India
Population	15,207,000
People Cluster	Telugu
Language	Telugu
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	304 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 13 – Kapu in India

In Telugu, the word Kapu or Kaapu means protector. Kapu subcastes have evolved based on occupation. Those who engaged in trade were referred to as Balija. Balijas who took up military service and protected trading caravans were called Balija Naidu. Today many Kapus have diversified into industry, arts, and academia. However, many Kapu are still farmers. Modern day Kapus have banded together to fight for their political rights in the caste system. They have also organized agricultural unions to protect their way of life.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions is one means Satan uses to hinder Kapu families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Believers among the Kapu can be trained to engage their families and community in discovering and experiencing God's blessing through sharing and discussing Bible stories.

Pray for the followers of Christ

A few Kapu individuals have identified themselves as Christians in the Indian census. Pray for all Kapu believers to be bold in loving and discussing God's Word with their families and communities, and in seeking a multiplying movement of God's blessing throughout the Kapu people group.

Pray for the entire people group

Ask Father God to pour out His blessing on Kapu families and communities, healing and strengthening broken families and lifting this people group out of poverty.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"All nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name." Psalm 86:9

Day 14 – Kumhar (Hindu) in India

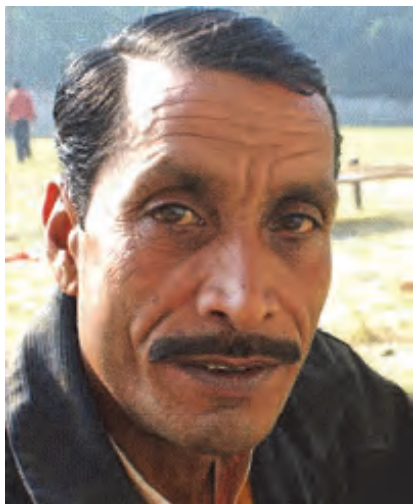


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People Name	Kumhar (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	15,455,000
People Cluster	Hindi
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	309 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 14 – Kumhar (Hindu) in India

The Kumhar believe they are offspring of Lord Brahma (Prajapati). This large people group traditionally earned its livelihood through the sale of earthen pots, utensils and other products. In fact, the term "kumhar" means "potter" in some languages of India.

Ministry Obstacles

The Kumhar often interpret an invitation to join the family of God as requiring them to abandon their family and people.

Outreach Ideas

The Kumhar are accessible in the marketplace, where outside laborers may apply the pattern Jesus gave in Mt. 10 of seeking a household receptive to the laborer and his message.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are no known believers among the Kumhar, but surely God has not left Himself without a witness among the millions of Kumhar. Pray that the Kumhar who know God will become wise in sowing the Word of God among their families and multiplying the blessing of God to other Kumhar households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to spread through Kumhar families and communities.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel." Jeremiah 18:6

Day 15 – Kunbi (Hindu) in India



Photo: COMIBAM / Sepal

People Name	Kunbi (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	17,794,000
People Cluster	Gujarati
Language	Gujarati
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	355 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 15 – Kunbi (Hindu) in India

The Kunbi are progressive agriculturists, but there are also politicians and educated professionals, including engineers and doctors. Traditionally they accept food and water from the Rajput, Brahmin and Baniya and share water sources with other communities of the village. They worship Mahavir, Hanumanji and Matamai as their village deities. Their boys study up to the primary level while girls usually do not attend school. Most Kunbis are in a farmer/tiller sub-caste and have two main branches—the Leva Patils and the Patidars.

Ministry Obstacles

Much prayer is needed, as the Kunbi fear Christianity as an invading threat to their families and communities.

Outreach Ideas

Workers need to sow God's Word into Kunbi families, healing and strengthening households with God's blessing.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that the few believers among the Kunbi will grow in sharing and discussing God's Word

with their families and community.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the entire Kunbi community to be delivered from fear of Christendom and to embrace God's blessing through His Word for their families and their communities.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"All nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name." Psalm 86:9

Day 16 – Kurmi (Hindu) in India



Photo: Rakeshkurmi85

People Name	Kurmi (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	18,950,000
People Cluster	Hindi
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	378 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 16 – Kurmi (Hindu) in India

Through excellent soil preparation practices, the Kurmi thrive in agriculture. No other agricultural caste in India is as large as this group. The Kurmi are found in many parts of India, with heavy concentrations in the northeast. Their skill in agriculture has made them relatively prosperous, even though the type of work they do makes them a lower caste, due to their relationship with the soil.

Ministry Obstacles

The Kurmi are isolated from the Bible, and fear that Christians want to win Kurmi children away from their families.

Outreach Ideas

Many with a vision for the unreached also have a passion for improved agricultural techniques. Jesus' many agricultural references may provide a bridge for helping Kurmi families experience God's blessing through His Word.

Pray for the followers of Christ

A small number of Kurmi have identified themselves as Christian. Pray that these believers will be fruitful and effective in sharing

God's Word and blessing to strengthen their own families and spread God's blessing to other Kurmi households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Kurmi households.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'" Matthew 9:37-38

Day 17 – Mahratta in India



Photo: Santosh Wadghule

People Name	Mahratta
Country	India
Population	30,494,000
People Cluster	Marathi-Konkani
Language	Marathi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	609 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 17 – Mahratta in India

The Marathas (the modern spelling) are a large influential caste grouping in the state of Maharashtra. The main hero of the group is Shivaji. The main objective of a middle class Marathi family is a secure future for themselves and their children, so financial success is a dominant concern.

Ministry Obstacles

Traditional church-planting efforts sought to win individual Mahratta away from their families into new church communities, leading Mahratta families and communities to fear and resist exposure to the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Scripture stories told in the languages of the Mahratta and discussed in households may open the door to God's blessing and healing for Mahratta families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are no known believers within this large community. Pray for laborers to have wisdom for applying the pattern Jesus gave in Mt. 10 and Lk. 10 for blessing Mahratta households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Mahratta families to be drawn to Jesus, and for the Lord to start a movement of Mahratta families experiencing God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy He will save."
Psalm 72:13

Day 18 – Nai (Hindu) in India



Photo: Anonymous

People Name	Nai (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	11,815,000
People Cluster	Hindi
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	236 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 18 – Nai (Hindu) in India

The Nai are a barber caste. In addition to cutting hair they also provide other grooming services, extraction of teeth and setting of sprains. They are also involved with marriage celebrations and matchmaking. The Nai women are employed in jobs very conducive to marriage celebrations, such as hairdressing and application of henna. They can help a person after the wedding as well, since they also serve as midwives. Though these occupations are their tradition, some are beginning to enter more professional and modern careers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Nai have a low literacy rate. The gospel must be presented to the Nai families in ways appropriate to oral learners.

Outreach Ideas

As long as people grow hair, they will need it cut and styled. Indian believers making use of Nai services could seek God's leading to persons and houses of peace, where believers can share the truth of the gospel with whole households.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few known believers among the Nai. Pray that those Nai who do know Jesus will become effective and fruitful in sharing and discussing Bible stories with their own and other families.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole Nai families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." Luke 12:7

Day 19 – Northern Pashtun in India



Photo: Steve Evans

People Name	Northern Pashtun
Country	India
Population	11,503,000
People Cluster	Pashtun
Language	Urdu
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	230 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 19 – Northern Pashtun in India

The Pashtun are not a single tribe, but a collection of many tribes. They are said to be elegant, colorfully attired, hospitable, considerate, fierce in hatred, and kind in friendship. Though very dedicated to their religious beliefs, they are also fond of pleasure. They are known for their marksmanship and their love of honor. They live by the Pashtun code known as Pushtunwali ("the way of the Pushtun")

Ministry Obstacles

Much prayer is needed, as the Pashtun fear that Christianity will turn individuals from their families and communities.

Outreach Ideas

A daftari is a man well respected in tribal councils and the greater Pashtun society. The "man of peace" may be found among this group of influential leaders to open the way for Pashtun households and communities to hear God's Word and experience God's blessing.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that the few Pashtun believers will be fruitful and effective in helping their families and communities discover the blessing God's Word brings in healing and strengthening families and communities through Jesus Christ.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that the Pashtun will understand that Jesus wants to bless Pashtun families and transform "the way of the Pushtun" rather than demolishing it.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance." Psalm 33:12

Day 20 – Northern Pashtun in Pakistan



Photo: Don LaVange

People Name	Northern Pashtun
Country	Pakistan
Population	25,509,000
People Cluster	Pashtun
Language	Pashto, Northern
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	None
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	510 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 20 – Northern Pashtun in Pakistan

The Pashtun are known by several similar names such as Pathan, Pushtun and Pashto. The majority of the Pashtun live in Pakistan, but there is also a significant population living in neighboring India. Pashtuns follow a code for their community known as Pashtunwali. Elements of this code include hospitality and asylum (Melmastia), swift revenge (Badal) and humble admission of guilt for a wrong committed (Nanawati).

Ministry Obstacles

The Pashtun fear that Christianity will turn individuals from their families, communities and way of life.

Outreach Ideas

Much in the Pashtunwali code corresponds to Judeo-Christian values. Practicing these in a Spirit-led manner may open doors to share with households of peace in the Pashtun community.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that the few Pashtun believers will be fruitful and effective in helping their families and communities discover the blessing God's

Word brings in healing and strengthening families and communities through Jesus Christ.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that the Pashtun will understand that Jesus wants to bless Pashtun families and to transform "the way of the Pushtun" rather than demolishing it.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance." Psalm 33:12

Day 21 – Northern Uzbek in Uzbekistan



Photo: Fulvio Spada

People Name	Northern Uzbek
Country	Uzbekistan
Population	25,520,000
People Cluster	Uzbek
Language	Uzbek, Northern
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	510 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 21 – Northern Uzbek in Uzbekistan

The earliest ancestors of the Uzbeks, the Central Asian Turks, aided Genghis Khan in his conquest of eastern Europe in the 1300s. Eventually, as unity between the Turks and Mongols faded, numerous warring kingdoms were formed. It was from several of these kingdoms that the Uzbeks descended.

Ministry Obstacles

Proselytizing is forbidden, and the common practice of winning individuals away to Christ away from their families is counterproductive.

Outreach Ideas

Many younger Uzbeks are looking for a belief system to satisfy their deepest spiritual hunger. Pray for workers to sow God's Word into Uzbek families, healing and strengthening households with God's blessing.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that the believers among the Uzbeks will be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the families and communities in this large people group to discover and embrace the truth about the Prophet Isa (Jesus), about whom the Koran teaches, and whom the Bible reveals in fullness.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name; make known among the nations what He has done." Psalm 105:1

Day 22 – Northern Yemeni in Yemen



Photo: Richard Messenger

People Name	Northern Yemeni
Country	Yemen
Population	12,233,000
People Cluster	Arab, Yemeni
Language	Arabic, Sanaani Spoken
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	None
Oral Scripture	None
Jesus Film	No
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	244 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 22 – Northern Yemeni in Yemen

The northern tribes of Yemen may be referred to as the Sanaani Arabs. They reside in the northern mountains and north-eastern deserts, as well as around the capital city of Sana'a. The growing of the narcotic qat has become the mainstay of rural Yemen, and nearly half of the national economy is involved in qat.

Ministry Obstacles

Muslims know Jesus (Isa) is the Messiah (al Masih) sent by God, embodying His Word, but view Christianity as a campaign to destroy their families, communities and way of life.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for laborers to have wisdom in applying the pattern Jesus established in Mt. 10 and Lk. 10 for blessing Yemeni households.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few believers among the Sanaani Arabs, that they would become effective and fruitful in sowing God's Word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among the families and communities of the northern tribes of Yemen, that Yemeni families will increasingly experience the righteousness and forgiveness found only in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations." Romans 1:5

Day 23 – Rajput (Hindu) in India



Photo: Sasvata Chatterjee

People Name	Rajput (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	45,727,000
People Cluster	Rajput
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	914 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 23 – Rajput (Hindu) in India

The name Rajput is derived from the Sanskrit word *rajputra*, meaning son of a ruler. The *Rajputra* constitutes a class of nobility. The Rajput clans emerged as a dominant community in north and western India in the colonial period. The economic data suggests that the majority of Rajput are landowners. A large number of communities have migrated to their present habitat, and this has made them one of the most mobile groups in India.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Rajput families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Sustained, focused prayer is needed to open the hearts of Rajput families to experiencing God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Rajput believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in

discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Rajput families and communities.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."
1 Chronicles 16:24-25

Day 24 – Rajput (Muslim) in Pakistan



Photo: Joshua Project

People Name	Rajput (Muslim)
Country	Pakistan
Population	17,171,000
People Cluster	Rajput
Language	Punjabi, Western
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	None
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	343 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 24 – Rajput (Muslim) in Pakistan

The name Rajput is derived from the Sanskrit word rajputra, meaning son of a ruler. The Rajputra constitute a class of nobility. The Rajput rose to political importance in the ninth and tenth centuries. In India, the Rajput have been a ruling class owning vast tracts of land.

Ministry Obstacles

Much ministry to the Rajput has focused on winning individuals away from their families and gathering them into new churches. This has fueled fear of Christianity as an invading threat to their families and communities.

Outreach Ideas

Sustained, focused prayer is needed to open the hearts of Rajput families to experiencing God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for new followers of Christ among the Rajput to be effective in blessing their families through sharing and discussing the Word of God, that a movement to Jesus may spread rapidly among Rajput families and communities

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Rajput families to be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih), and to the Bible to find out more about this man. Pray that the Lord will start a movement of Rajput families experiencing God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."
Revelation 5:9

Day 25 – Shaikh in Bangladesh



Photo: Steve Evans

People Name	Shaikh
Country	Bangladesh
Population	137,672,000
People Cluster	Bengali
Language	Bengali
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	2753 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 25 – Shaikh in Bangladesh

According to one account, the word Shaikh is a general term of courtesy equivalent to the English term of esquire. According to another account, the name is applied to people of pure Arab descent; but it has also been adopted by converts from Hindu communities. The majority belong to the Sunni sect of Islam.

Ministry Obstacles

Spiritual darkness has long prevailed over the Shaikh. Much prayer is needed, as the Shaikh fear Christianity as an invading threat to their families and communities.

Outreach Ideas

Much prayer is needed for Shaikh families and communities to embrace the good news of Jesus Christ. Many laborers are needed to sow God's Word among persons and households of peace that will embrace and multiply God's Word in a movement of God's blessing among Shaikh families and households. Only the Spirit of Christ can accomplish this.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few believers in Jesus among the very large Shaikh community of Bangladesh. They need much prayer support for physical and spiritual protection, and for effectiveness and fruitfulness in sowing God's Word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that as the Shaikh read the Koran, they will be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih) and to the Bible.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14

Day 26 – Shaikh in India



Photo: Irfan Shaikh

People Name	Shaikh
Country	India
Population	85,208,000
People Cluster	Bengali
Language	Urdu
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	1704 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 26 – Shaikh in India

The Arab peoples who conquered the Indus Valley in the 8th century settled there to become today's Shaikh. This people group is one of the largest in the world. Their major concentration is in Bangladesh and in India. Included in their number are members of high caste communities who converted to Islam and took the title of Shaikh. While most are Muslim, a handful are Sikh. Rather than maintaining allegiance to only one of Islam's major divisions, the Shaikh follow a mixture of both Sunni and Shia traditions.

Ministry Obstacles

Much ministry to the Shaikh of India has focused on winning individuals away from their families and gathering them into new churches. This has fueled fear of Christianity as an invading threat to their families and communities.

Outreach Ideas

Bible stories told and discussed in families and households may open the door to God's blessing and healing for Shaikh families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that believers among the Shaikh will be trained to engage their families and community in discovering and experiencing God's blessing through sharing and discussing Bible stories.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that the families and communities in this large people group will find the truth of the Prophet Isa (Jesus) about whom the Koran teaches, and whom the Bible reveals with full truth.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them." Isaiah 9:2

Day 27 – Shaikh in Pakistan

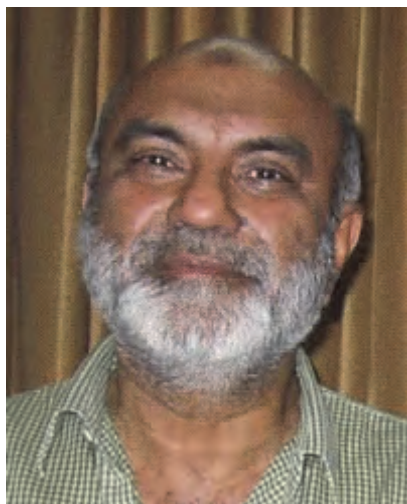


Photo: Altaf Shaikh

People Name	Shaikh
Country	Pakistan
Population	12,816,000
People Cluster	Bengali
Language	Punjabi, Western
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	None
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	256 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 27 – Shaikh in Pakistan

Also known in Pakistan as the Punjabi Shaikh, Shaikh is one of the largest ethnic groups in the world. You may be familiar with use of the term "Shaikh" or "Sheikh" as referring to a Muslim scholar or leader. While most of the Shaikh live in Bangladesh or India, Pakistan has a very significant population as well. The Arab peoples who conquered the Indus Valley in the 8th century settled there to become today's Shaikh. Rather than maintaining allegiance to only one of Islam's major divisions, the Shaikh follow a mixture of both Sunni and Shia traditions.

Ministry Obstacles

Much ministry to the Shaikh has focused on winning individuals away from their families and gathering them into churches. This has fueled fear of Christianity as an invading threat to their families, communities and way of life.

Outreach Ideas

Bible stories told and discussed in families and households may open the door to God's blessing and healing to multiply among Shaikh families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Shaikh believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to sweep through Shaikh families and communities that would permeate the group from within rather than from without.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a light dawned." Matthew 4:16

Day 28 – Teli (Hindu) in India



Photo: Etan Doronne

People Name	Teli (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	18,632,000
People Cluster	Hindi
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	372 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 28 – Teli (Hindu) in India

"A community which derives its name from the Sanskrit word talika or taila, used for the oil extracted from sesame and mustard, thus alluding to their traditional occupation...

Mythological origin of the Teli is traced to Lord Shiva who created them to destroy five demons. However, their legend also says that the first Teli was created by Shiva to rub him with oil." (Singh, K. S., India's Communities, p. 3462) Much of this oil-pressing caste has developed into small village grocers and merchants, demonstrating upward socio-economic mobility.

Ministry Obstacles

The perception of Christendom as an invading influence that breaks up families and promotes many social problems is a serious obstacle to Teli families and communities humbly accepting God's blessing for families through Jesus.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for discovery Bible studies to spread rapidly in blessing whole Teli families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few followers of Christ among the Teli. Pray that these will be fruitful and effective in sharing God's Word and blessing to strengthen their own families and spread God's blessing to other Teli households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole Teli families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory." Isaiah 66:18

Day 29 – Turk in Turkey



Photo: Garry Knight

Day 29 – Turk in Turkey

The Turks originated in Turan, a region that lies between the Caspian Sea and the Mongolian Desert. They arrived in Anatolia, Turkey in the eleventh century as conquering warriors, and ruled much of the world as part of the Ottoman empire. The Ottoman empire existed until the birth of the Turkish nation in 1923. Turkey is a secular republic and sits symbolically between the "Christian" West and the Muslim world.

Ministry Obstacles

Much effort has been focused on winning individual Turks to follow Jesus away from their families, leading Turkish families and communities to fear and resist exposure to the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for a movement of God's blessing through Jesus to multiply through Turkish households.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through the many people witnessing to the Turks. Pray for the Turkish believers to overcome a long history of converting

People Name	Turk
Country	Turkey
Population	56,481,000
People Cluster	Turkish
Language	Turkish
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	1129 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

individuals away from their families, and to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the Turks to increasingly hunger to learn more about Isa al Masih (as Jesus is called in the Koran) through a movement of households studying the Bible (which Muslims also believe to be God's Word).

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

Day 30 – Uyghur in China



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The Uyghurs live in the western portion of China. Their origins can be traced back to Turkish nomads who lived in the former Soviet Union, south of Lake Baikal. In 840 AD they were forced by the Kirghiz to leave their homeland, and most emigrated to Xinjiang province of western China, where they have remained until today. The strategic location of their oasis homes allowed them to be the "middlemen" for commerce between the orient and Europe.

Ministry Obstacles

For a Uyghur to follow Christ is to lose much of his place in family and community.

Outreach Ideas

Christians need to form bridges of friendship with the Uyghurs, serving them materially and physically as well as spiritually.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few Christian believers among the Uyghurs of China. Pray that they will become effective and fruitful in sowing God's Word among their families and communities to fuel a

People Name	Uyghur
Country	China
Population	11,740,000
People Cluster	Uyghur
Language	Uyghur
Religion	Islam
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	New Testament
Oral Scripture	New Testament
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	234 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that Uyghur families will increasingly be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih), and to the Bible. Pray the Lord will start a movement of Uyghur families experiencing God's blessing.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14

Day 31 – Yadav (Hindu) in India



Photo: Radhekrishna Yadav

People Name	Yadav (Hindu)
Country	India
Population	59,071,000
People Cluster	Hindi
Language	Hindi
Religion	Hinduism
Christ-Followers	less than 0.1%
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Jesus Film	Yes
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Workers Needed	1181 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Day 31 – Yadav (Hindu) in India

The Yadav believe they are the descendants of king Yadu, from whom Krishna descended.

Their traditional occupation is animal husbandry. They have expertise in oral traditions like sevagaridi, i.e. group singing in praise of Lord Vishnu. They freely share wells, roads, schools, crematoria, temple, etc. with other villagers. This caste group shows great leadership—politically and socio-economically—especially in the two largest states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Yadav families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

The strong Yadav oral tradition suggests that an oral approach of Bible storytelling and discussion will be most effective in helping Yadav households receive and enjoy God's blessing.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few believers among the Yadav. Pray that they will become wise in sowing the Word of God among their families and multiplying the blessing of God to other Yadav households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement of God's blessing to flow through Yadav families discussing and applying God's Word.

Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"And those who lead many to righteousness [will shine] like the stars for ever and ever."
Daniel 12:3

The 401 Largest FPGs (over 500,000 in population)

One quarter of the world lives in Frontier People Groups—with virtually no access to the Gospel! The 31 Largest FPGs highlighted in this prayer guide (over 10 million in size), contain half the population of all FPGs.

We can cover 88% (7/8ths) of the population of all FPGs in prayer by including an additional 370 Large Frontier People Groups between 500K and 10 million in size, for a total of 401 groups (see map on next page).

For every 500,000 people in each of these FPGs, pray for at least:

- one prayer team to adopt that people group, and
- one engagement team to go.



24:14 Inherit the Nations invites prayer communities and field teams to partner together to focus on a specific “Frontier People Group”: InheritTheNations.net

God is accelerating the advance of His global purpose through prayer.

In August 1727, Moravian refugees in Herrnhut, Germany experienced a “second Pentecost” that launched a 100-year, round-the-clock prayer watch that sent hundreds of Moravians as missionaries and fueled the birth of the Protestant mission efforts globally.

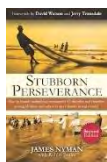
In May 2017, global prayer network leaders met with mission leaders on this same spot in Herrnhut to launch a new prayer effort for Jesus movements among every remaining unreached people group (see vimeo.com/244739881).

Within months, the global 24:14 Coalition had formed with a bold vision, by prayer and the Holy Spirit’s empowering, for global collaboration to start movements in every unreached people and place by 2025” (2414Now.net).

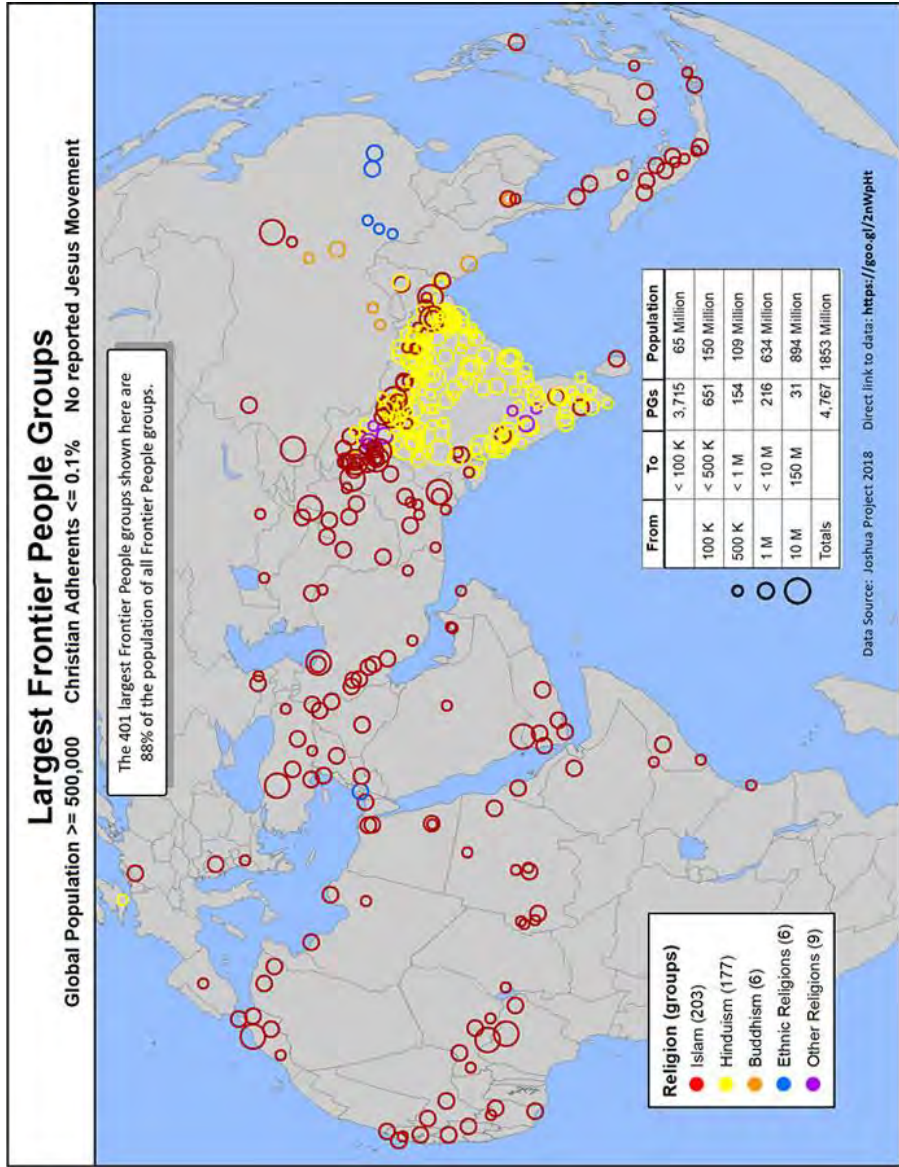


To help you understand the 24:14 vision and how God is blessing families through movements, we want to offer you a free copy of two books:

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*The harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are
few. Therefore, beseech
the Lord of the harvest
to send out workers into
His harvest.*
Matt 9:37-38



Full map and people group listing at: joshuaproject.net/frontier/3

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