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LOVING THE LOST THROUGH PRAYER

A Prayer Guide for Some of the
World's Least-Reached People Groups



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Cabi-yari of Colombia

There is no Scripture available in the Cabi-yari language. A sacred, ancestral anaconda is the center of their animistic worldview, and they believe they are all its descendants. They don't have access to learn about the one true God in their language.

LET'S PRAY

Pray God will show the Cabi-yari He is the one true Creator God and will break the bonds of animism.

Psalm 107:13-14

Irantxe of Brazil

Jeremiah 31:25

The Irantxe in western Brazil have been decimated by disease, leaving only about 375 Irantxe alive today. Their struggles in the world have made the Irantxe desperately weary, and they don't have the hope found in trusting Christ alone.



LET'S PRAY

Pray the Irantxe will hear the gospel, trust in Jesus completely, and find true rest and hope in Him.



Krenak of Brazil

The Krenak believe many different spirits of nature govern the world. They are terrified of harmful spirits that they believe wander the earth and threaten humans. They don't have the peace from trusting in the all-powerful God who loves them.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Krenak people will not live in fear of spirits but believe in the One who controls all things.

1 Thessalonians 5:23



Macaguán of Colombia

The Macaguán look to their shamans for help. Shamans often use hallucinogenic herbs that they believe help them communicate with the spirit world and heal members of the tribe. There are no known Macaguán believers, local churches, Scriptures in their language, or missionaries preaching the good news of Jesus Christ in their tribe.

LET'S PRAY

Ask God to send Christians to share the gospel with the Macaguán. Pray the Macaguán will trust in Jesus for help and call on Him for salvation.

1 Timothy 2:3-6



Makuna of Brazil

The Makuna believe deeply in the animistic traditions that their ancestors have passed down. They live without hope for eternal life with the Creator God who loves them.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the light of Christ reveals the darkness of animistic beliefs and illuminates the truth of the gospel.

2 Corinthians 4:6

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

Mixtecs of Mexico



For years, believers prayed for the Mixtec people who resisted the gospel and trusted in animism and witch doctors. In 2022, God sent Christians to move into a Mixtec community. His Word spread rapidly. That year, 15 Mixtecs were baptized and became the start of a new church. Now, there are at least 40 new believers.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for Mixtec believers to continue growing in faith and learning to build healthy, godly families and a strong church.

Acts 2:47

Alas of Indonesia

The Alas people of Indonesia are very welcoming and known for their kindness. Though they are Muslim, they usually turn to witch doctors and pray to ancestors for help. They haven't heard the good news that Jesus is preparing a home for His people, and they can live forever with Him.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Alas people will welcome Jesus into their lives, casting aside all religious traditions to follow Him.



John 14:3

Bo of Laos



There are no known Bo believers, churches, or any gospel materials in their language. New believers in the surrounding area often suffer because their community sees their new faith as a betrayal. Reaching the Bo with the gospel will require an unwavering commitment and passionate prayer.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Bo will become a redeemed people and will proclaim God's glory to those still trapped in darkness.

Matthew 4:16

Oki-No-Erabu of Japan

The Oki-No-Erabu live on a small island far from modern-day Japanese cities. Easter lilies are native to their island, but the Oki-No-Erabu don't know the Easter story. They worship ancestral spirits and fear unseen powers called "kami" that they believe must be appeased to save them from harm.



Isaiah 41:10

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Oki-No-Erabu people will hear and respond to the gospel in faith and begin to glorify God in peace as they work the land and enjoy the beautiful island He made.



Pingdi Yao of China

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Pingdi Yao will cry out to God today, hear the gospel, trust in Jesus, and be saved.

Isaiah 59:1

The Pingdi Yao believe in a god of creation named Tin Zay, but they do not know the Creator God. Of the 1.7 million Pingdi Yao, less than 500 are Christian. Gospel materials are available in their language, but for years they have lived in darkness with no local church or missionary to preach the gospel.



Tai Lu of China

The first Tai Lu Christians faced great persecution and fled to start their own Christian village. Most other Tai Lu are Buddhists. They worship spirits and try to live a good life, not knowing that Jesus is the answer to their quest for spiritual cleansing and peace in eternity.

LET'S PRAY

Pray that Tai Lu Christians will powerfully share the gospel with other Tai Lu, standing firm on God's Word even under oppression.

Matthew 13:31-32



Varese of the Solomon Islands

The Varese are some of the poorest people in the Asia-Pacific Rim. Their islands are prone to natural disasters. Few have read God's Word. Instead, they trust the words of Roman Catholic bishops or priests and bow to saints they believe will protect them.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for the Varese people to be freed from the traditions of man and become fervent disciple-makers for Jesus.

Galatians 4:8

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

People of the Asia-Pacific Rim



In 2024, Vanessa left her home country to study in Taiwan, where she met believers. She had never heard the gospel back home, but after months of learning God's Word in Taiwan, she chose to follow Jesus! She now regularly shares her faith. When Vanessa nervously told her mom about her new faith, she discovered that her mom had also recently believed!

LET'S PRAY

Praise God for what He is doing in Vanessa's family. Pray for Vanessa to continue to grow in her faith and impact her home country as she shares the gospel.

Romans 1:16



Hindi-speaking Jains of India

The Hindi-speaking Jains throughout India are known for their radical commitment not to harm or kill any living thing. Jains painstakingly keep many rules because they're afraid of earning bad karma or even causing harm to their ancestors in the afterlife.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for God to embolden His Church to share the good news with Jains. Pray many Jains will joyfully receive the truth and become His faithful followers.

Colossians 2:8



Kalanadi of India

Most Kalanadi follow Hinduism. They are known for performing ritual dances at village shrines. Through these rituals, Kalanadi people hope to achieve happiness and oneness with Hindu gods and goddesses. They do not know that Jesus is the only way to the Father.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Kalanadi will hear the gospel, turn from worshiping idols, and worship the true and living God.

John 14:6



Kamalia of India

Some of the Kamalia sell metal idols that they believe will bring healing to anyone who prays to them. The Bible and many gospel resources are available in their language. Still, most Kamalia practice Hinduism.

LET'S PRAY

Ask God to make a way for the Kamalia to hear and respond to the gospel through repentance and faith in Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:4



Kraal of India

The Kraal make earthenware pottery. The Bible is in their language, but there are no known Kraal believers. Most Kraal practice a mystical version of Islam. They wear amulets with verses from the Quran to protect them from illnesses or evil spirits.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for the Kraal people, who are like empty and broken jars that cannot carry water, to gain access to the living water of Jesus Christ through gospel witnesses.

Luke 10:2

Modaks of India

Psalm 19:9-10

This Hindu group make sweets for a living. The Modaks have the Bible in their language, but they have not tasted of the Lord's goodness or been nourished by the living Word of God. There are no known believers among them.



LET'S PRAY

Ask God to send Christians to proclaim the gospel among Modaks so they might believe and have new life in Him.



Zakhrin of India

The Zakhrin are very hard to reach because of limited roads and hilly terrain. They are primarily animistic and blend traditional Buddhist practices with magic and superstition. Anthropologists claim the Zakhrin are on the verge of extinction, but God has a place for them before His throne.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for the Zakhrin to understand that God is the One who holds all things together and is the only One worthy of their worship. Ask Him to send believers to share the gospel so that the Zakhrin might trust in Jesus.

Psalm 121:1-2

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

Wagheri of India



Until 2024, there were no known Wagheri believers. A Wagheri man was searching the trash for his family's daily meal when he met a Christian who shared the gospel with him and prayed for his persistent illness. God brought him physical relief, and he trusted in Christ. Since then, God has provided sustenance for his family. Several Wagheri in other villages have also followed Christ.

LET'S PRAY

Ask God to continue to draw the Wagheri to Christ. Ask for the gospel to continue to bear fruit among this people group.

James 5:15,16b

Chechens of the European Diaspora

Many Chechens in Europe fled from conflicts. Even though they're far from their homeland, many Chechens in Europe miss it and hope to go back someday. Most Chechens follow Islam, seeking righteousness through religious practices rather than through faith in Jesus.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Lord will give Chechens in Europe the opportunity to hear the gospel clearly and that they will respond to it in faith.



Ephesians 6:12

A photograph showing a person walking away from the camera through a large stone archway. The person is pushing a bicycle. The archway is made of rough-hewn stone and is illuminated from within, creating a warm glow. Outside the archway, a body of water is visible, reflecting the sunset sky. In the background, there are some buildings and trees. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Khunsari of Iran

The Khunsari follow Islam and live in rural areas near stunning mountains and springs. Most earn their livelihood through farming and herding. There are no Bible resources in their primary language or any known believers among them.

LET'S PRAY

Ask God to raise up faithful men and women to translate Scripture into the Khunsari language so that many may believe.

Matthew 9:36

Tajiks of the European Diaspora

Tajikistan is one of the poorest countries in Central Asia. Almost one-third of the working population migrates to Europe seasonally and sends money back home to Tajikistan. Many young people strive to move to Europe for better work and educational opportunities.

LET'S PRAY

Pray Tajik migrants in Europe will see their spiritual need, not just their financial needs. Ask God to give them a longing for truth.



Ezekiel 36:26



Western Baloch of Turkmenistan

The Baloch minority in Turkmenistan foster a profound sense of solidarity. Family is central to their culture, and they are forbidden to marry outside the Baloch community. It's hard for Baloch to seek truth outside of Islam because their community would see that as being disloyal.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Lord will send believers to share the gospel with the Baloch in Turkmenistan whose hearts are seeking truth.

Philippians 3:8

Yazidis of Germany

Fleeing persecution as a religious minority in Iraq, many Yazidis made a new home in Germany, host of the world's largest Yazidi community outside Iraq. Yazidis in Germany have preserved their culture and religion. They worship through a mediator called the "Peacock Angel." They do not worship God through Jesus Christ.

LET'S PRAY

Pray Yazidis who know German will hear the gospel through interactions with German Christians and believe in Jesus' name.



John 1:12

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

Baloch of Central Asia



In the 2015 edition of *Loving the Lost*, you prayed for the Baloch people. The Lord answered! One Baloch man believed after encountering Jesus in his dreams and watching a gospel film. He has suffered persecution because of his love for Jesus but is still boldly sharing the gospel with his family.

LET'S PRAY

Praise God for drawing the Baloch of Central Asia to Himself. Ask that He will establish His Church among them.

Psalm 105:1



LET'S PRAY

Pray for missionaries and local believers to have more opportunities to reach Deaf Gambians with the gospel.

Luke 19:10

Deaf of Gambia

The Deaf of Gambia have no access to the Bible in their sign language. There are a few Deaf Gambian believers, but they are scattered and live secluded from hearing people. In 2023, several Deaf Gambians attended an event, where they saw Bible stories signed in their language for the first time.



Deaf of Jordan

Most Deaf in Jordan follow Islam, hoping to please Allah through works without any assurance that they've done enough to earn salvation. Believers have been working for several years to translate Scripture into Jordanian Sign Language. The Deaf there need more Christians to engage them with the gospel.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for partnerships to develop among church planters and Deaf believers who will share Christ among the Deaf of Jordan.

Mark 16:15



Deaf of Cambodia

The Deaf in Cambodia do not have much, if any, opportunity to see the gospel story signed in Cambodian Sign Language. Less than 2% of Deaf Cambodians have a personal relationship with the God who made them in His image for His glory.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for open doors for workers to engage the Deaf of Cambodia with the stories of the Savior and His love for them.

Matthew 18:14



Deaf of Afghanistan

There are no known Deaf believers in Afghanistan. No part of the Bible or any gospel resource is available in Afghan Sign Language. Most Deaf in Afghanistan live marginalized lives without much hope to access the good news of abundant, eternal life in Jesus Christ.

LET'S PRAY

Ask God to open doors for His Word to be translated and spread among the Deaf of Afghanistan. Pray for many Deaf people to trust in Jesus for salvation.

2 Peter 3:9



Deaf of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Over 1.4 million Deaf live in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). A handful of Deaf believers are scattered throughout the country, but there are no known Deaf churches or missionaries to help take the stories of God's message of salvation to the Deaf there.

LET'S PRAY

Pray Christians will share the gospel among these Deaf communities. Pray for opportunities to translate Scripture into the local sign language.

Luke 4:18

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

Deaf in West Africa



We have been praying for the Deaf in West Africa for years. At an event where Deaf can learn Bible stories, a Deaf man watched, riveted. As a Muslim, he knew the risks of following Jesus, but he believed and was baptized. Then, he hurried to contact a Deaf friend and told him the Bible stories. His friend believed and was baptized, too! Then that man shared with another Deaf friend, who also trusted in Jesus.

LET'S PRAY

Praise God for bringing these Deaf men to salvation in Jesus Christ. Pray the gospel will continue spreading among the Deaf in West Africa.

Colossians 4:2

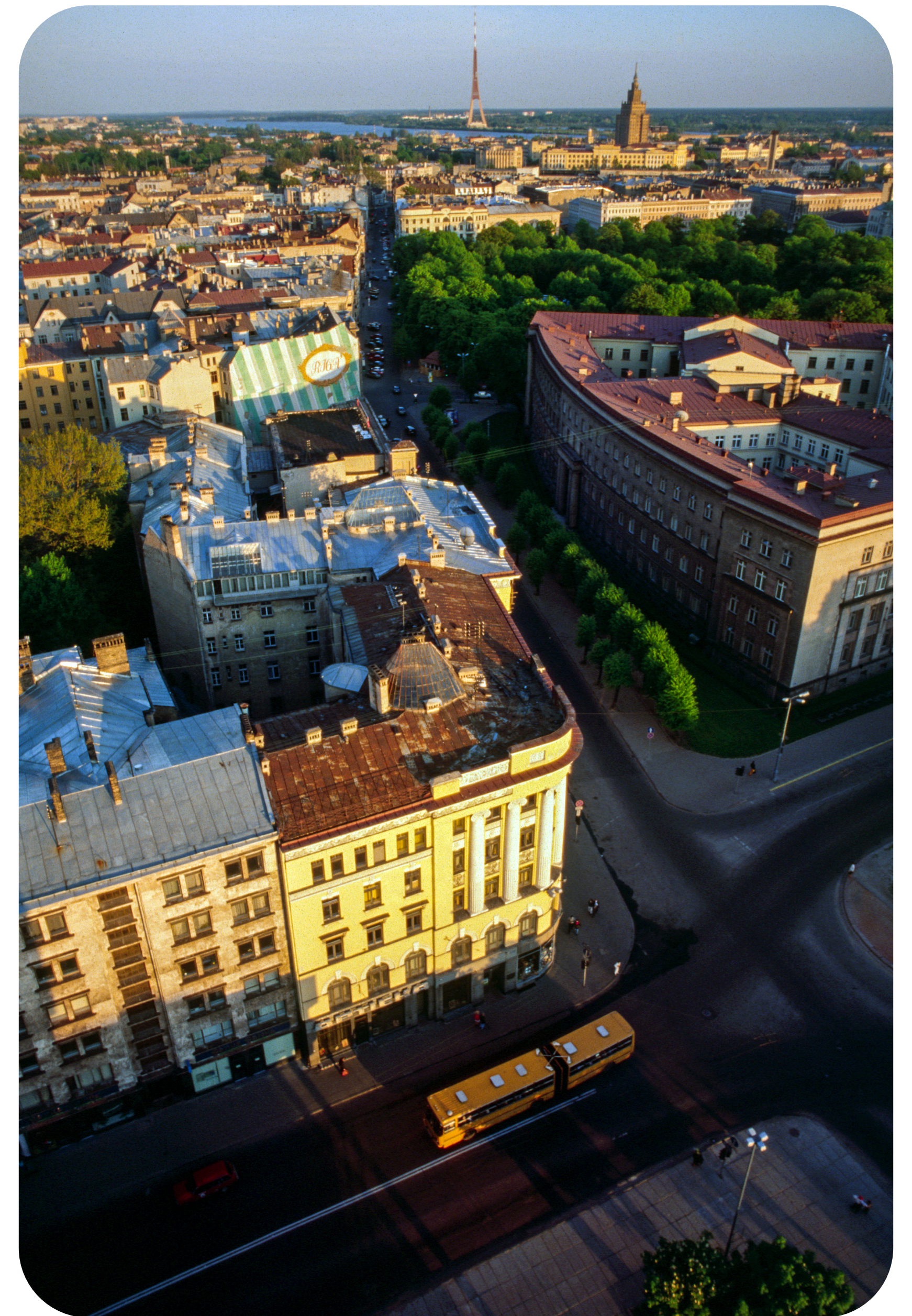
Balkan Romani of Latvia

Psalm 68:4-5

Balkan Romani in Latvia live at a high risk of poverty. They often suffer from discrimination, and they don't have many opportunities for good jobs. They aren't a part of any organized religion. The social divide and language barrier are challenges for Latvian believers to reach Balkan Romani with the gospel.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for the Balkan Romani of Latvia to hear the good news that they are beloved by God, and ask that they receive salvation.



Georgians of Russia



Most Georgians in Russia identify as non-religious. Few have heard the gospel. There is now a resurgence among local Orthodox Georgians to bring back the old religious traditions after years of living under communism and atheism. Georgians of Russia don't know that only faith in Jesus can save them.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for the Georgians of Russia to hunger for a relationship with the one true God instead of embracing empty religious rituals.

Mark 7:9



Gorani of Albania

The Gorani people live in a mountainous region and keep to themselves. Islam remains a central part of their identity, and because of their isolation, the Gorani have limited access to the gospel.

LET'S PRAY

Despite their isolation, pray the Gorani will hear the gospel and experience true fellowship with God through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 3:20

Sammarinese of San Marino

San Marino is the world's oldest continuous republic. The people proudly call their country the "Ancient Land of Liberty," but most do not know freedom from the power of sin. They give their hearts to worldly wisdom and modern comforts that keep their hearts locked away from the truth of the gospel.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for Christians to go and share the gospel in San Marino. Ask God to free the Sammarinese from bonds that keep them from embracing the truth of Christ.



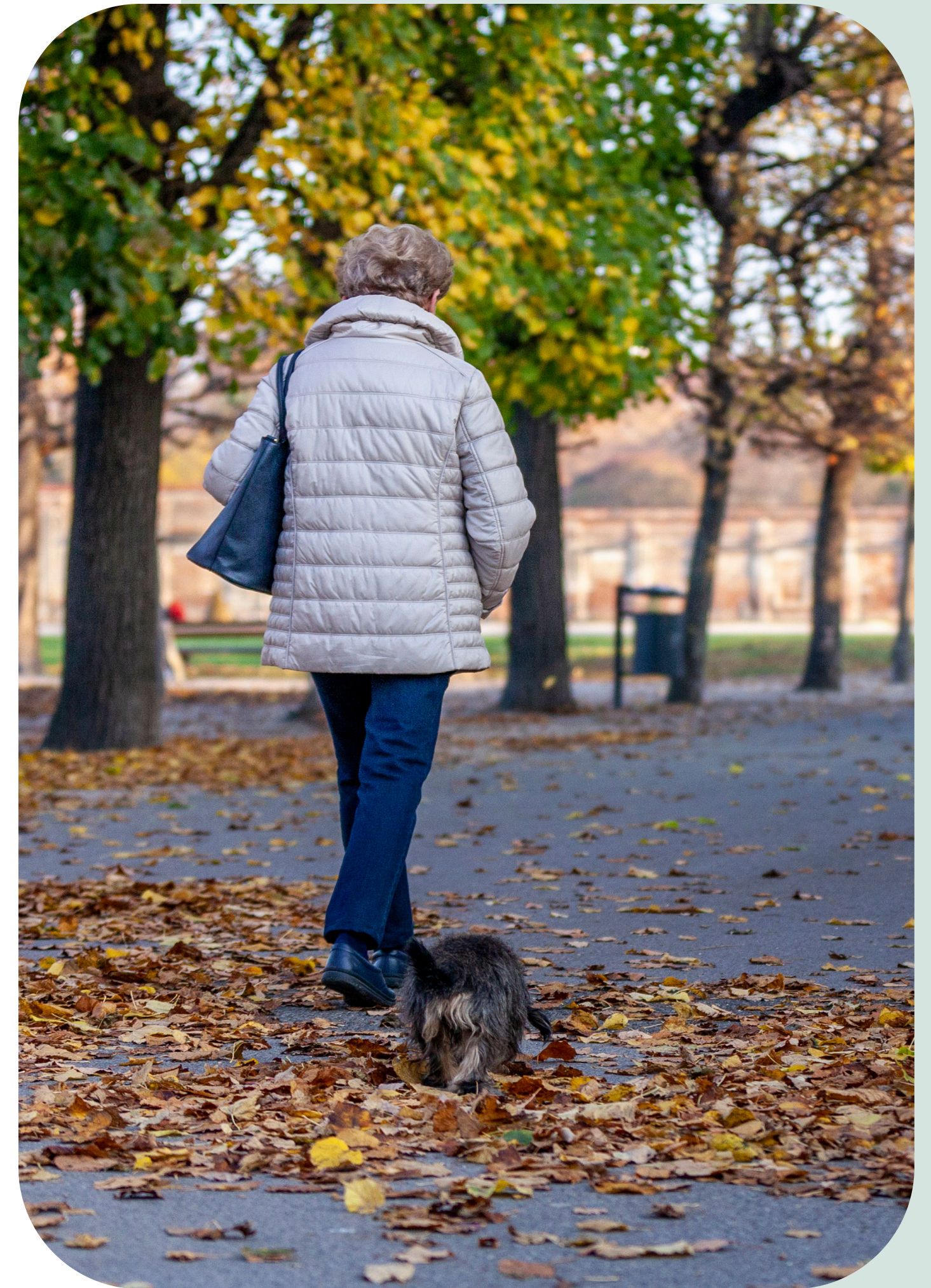
John 8:31-32

Vlax Romani of Germany

Vlax Romani people have lived in Germany for centuries. Prejudice against them, socioeconomic challenges, and a lack of trust in faith communities keep the Vlax Romani in Germany from hearing the good news of Jesus Christ and joining His family.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for believers in Germany to reach out to Vlax Romani people in their neighborhoods and workplaces with the gospel.



Romans 10:14-15a

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

Russian Speakers of Eastern Europe



At a medical outreach clinic for Russian-speaking people impacted by the war in Ukraine, believers prayed for and served over 80 patients, including Lola. They invited her to another outreach event, and she loved it. She joined a local group of believers for worship and Bible study each week. After a few months of studying the Scriptures, Lola surrendered her life to Christ.

LET'S PRAY

Praise God for using medical missions, the local church, and prayer to make an eternal impact in Lola's life. Ask Him to continue spreading the gospel among Russian speakers across Eastern Europe.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Sidi Bedouin of Algeria

Acts 17:27-28a

Traditionally, the Sidi Bedouins raised livestock and traversed the Sahara to find food and water for their animals. Their tribal and nomadic lifestyle, as well as their unique language and commitment to Islam, make it difficult to find them and communicate the gospel in their language.

LET'S PRAY

Ask God to make a way for these nomadic people to hear the gospel and believe.



Yazeed of Sudan



LET'S PRAY

Pray for the Yazeed people to hear and believe the wonderful news that God loves them and has made a way for their salvation.

Psalm 36:5

Typically, Yazeed men travel the desert with their camels, searching for food for their herd. Although the people call themselves Muslim, most don't follow Islam's core requirements. Jesus died for these isolated, desert-dwelling people, yet most Yazeed people have no knowledge of God's steadfast love for them.

Egyptian Arabs of Qatar

Many Egyptians work in Qatar and send money back to their family in Egypt. They follow Islam, trying to find favor with Allah. It is considered blasphemy to question their faith. To leave Islam and follow Jesus can mean losing their job, their place in their family, or even their life.

LET'S PRAY

Pray that these Arab Egyptians in Qatar will learn the truth about Jesus, follow Him no matter the cost, and find freedom in Christ.



John 8:31b, 32

Jibbali of Oman

The Jibbali of Oman are proud Muslims who speak what is known as Jibbali, or "mountain language." There are no Scriptures in this language. Unless something changes, the Jibbali of Oman will continue facing each day without the comfort and guidance of God's Word.

LET'S PRAY

Pray God's Word will be translated in Jibbali, recorded, and heard by every Jibbali in Oman.



Psalm 119:105



LET'S PRAY

Pray for the Shukria of Sudan to come to faith in God through Christ and know everlasting peace.

Romans 5:1

Shukria of Sudan

Amid tension and warfare in their area, the Shukria work to support their families through agriculture. Most claim to follow Islam, but they also practice folk rituals. Their beliefs offer no assurance of salvation. No matter how much they try, the Shukria never know if they've done enough to please Allah.

Gibe of Ethiopia

Although most of the people groups around them are Muslim, the Gibe are Ethiopian Orthodox. They know about Jesus and believe He is important, but they don't believe He is enough to provide for their salvation. Their lives are dominated by observing many holy days and rituals of the church.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for Ethiopian believers to go to the Gibe with the good news of salvation by faith in Jesus.



Hebrews 1:3b-4

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

Beni Shangul of Ethiopia



In 2022, *Loving the Lost* featured the Beni Shangul, a Muslim people group. Since then, people have been praying, and God has been working. A believer started visiting Beni Shangul villages and discovered over a dozen Beni Shangul believers! In 2023, despite major challenges, these Beni Shangul believers gathered to learn how to share their faith. Now, they are starting small groups where there are no churches.

LET'S PRAY

Praise God for growing His kingdom among the Beni Shangul. Pray Beni Shangul believers will share the gospel with the lost in their families, communities, and beyond.

Romans 10:15b



Bisa of Côte d'Ivoire

Although most Bisa would say they are Muslim, many still practice animism. One barrier they face in believing the gospel is overcoming animistic traditions that are deeply rooted in their culture. These traditions teach the Bisa to perform unbiblical rituals that they fearfully hope will heal and save them.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Bisa will stop putting hope in works and will place their faith in the finished work of Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Taabwa of the Democratic Republic of Congo

Most Taabwa are Catholics, and try to earn righteousness through good works. They fear violence and rebel fighting in their area. Local authorities gave IMB missionaries permission to occasionally enter the area to provide medical care. They praise God for this opportunity but know that the Taabwa need a consistent gospel witness.

LET'S PRAY

Pray for missionaries and believers from neighboring tribes to share God's love with the Taabwa and establish a consistent gospel witness among them.



Romans 3:28



Tswa of Zimbabwe

The Tswa of Zimbabwe, who live in towns, have had opportunities to hear the gospel, but it is unknown how many of them are followers of Jesus. Those remaining in rural areas continue to fear and worship their ancestors, who they hope will bless them and curse their enemies.

LET'S PRAY

Pray the Tswa will hunger and thirst so desperately for spiritual truth that they would seek and find God. Pray that His living water and bread of life satisfy their parched souls.

Psalm 63:1



LET'S PRAY

Ask God to send someone to go and make disciples among the Wasi people.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Wasi of Tanzania

The Wasi practice folk Islam, blending Islamic practices and beliefs with those of traditional African religions. The Wasi don't easily allow outsiders to live among them. Portions of the Bible, gospel recordings, and the JESUS film are available in their language, but they have no missionary presence among them.



Wolof of Mauritania

The Wolof are Muslim with deep animistic roots, believing a verse from the Quran can serve as a curse or blessing. A marabout, or Muslim spiritual leader, holds significant authority in their community. The Wolof in Mauritania believe the word of their marabout, not the Word of God, is final.

LET'S PRAY

Ask God to call out believers from around the world to share His Word with the Wolof in Mauritania. Pray for the lost to repent.

2 Timothy 2:25b-26

Yela of the Democratic Republic of Congo

Centuries ago, Catholic missionaries ventured into jungles where the Yela live and reported mass conversions. Today, the Yela's spiritual state is unknown by the outside world. The jungle landscape and poor infrastructure make them extremely difficult to access. Missionaries are desperately needed there to research the Yela and share the gospel with them.

LET'S PRAY

Pray God will call out believers to research this remote people group. Ask Him to make a way for the Yela to hear and respond to the gospel.



Matthew 24:14

A GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION STORY

Jula of Mali



In mid-2023, new Jula believers from Burkina Faso traveled to share the gospel with Jula in Mali, who are Muslim. Two brothers who had not spoken to each other in years listened as the believers told Bible stories about Joseph and his brothers. In front of the whole group, the two men reconciled in tears. Over the next year, eight Jula people of Mali chose to follow Christ!

LET'S PRAY

Praise the Lord for working among the Jula and ask that He will reconcile more Jula people of Mali to Himself.

Psalm 22:27