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NORTHEAST MUSLIMS OF PAKISTAN


There had been no new believers among one mountainous people group from Northern Pakistan and had never been any female believers. A year and half ago the first new believer from this group in over 15 years believed, and it was a woman. This winter the small group of believers from this mountainous people group gathered to study the word together. One of the brothers brought along a female relative who was seeking. He had shared some with her, but she still had lots of questions. On the second day of the gathering, after the Romans Road was shared with her, she stood up in front of the whole group and boldly proclaimed who Jesus is, what he had done for her, and that she wanted to leave her old life behind and follow him. This small group of believers from Northeast Pakistan is growing and beginning to catch the vision of the role God wants them to play in getting the Gospel to every corner of this region. Please continue praying for harvest workers in Northeast Pakistan to have wisdom and discernment as they seek creative ways to do outreach among unengaged and unreached people groups (UUPGs) and difficult to access areas. Pray for local laborers to join in the harvest.

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UUPG ENGAGEMENT

The Bakkarwal are a nomadic people group of goat herders and shepherds in the Himalayan mountains of South Asia that many of you prayed for last year during Ramadan. A group of local believers with a passion and heart for seeing this people group reached with the Good News of Jesus began engaging a couple of villages through medical outreach avenues. The Lord answered your prayers and the Bakkarwal have been moved to unreached people group (UPG) status due to this engagement. Last year, six UUPGs in North India were engaged and are now UPGs. Praise the Lord! Pray for continuing outreach and discipleship in these people groups. Please continue to pray for the remaining 41 UUPGs in North India and 16 UUPGs in Pakistan to be engaged with the gospel. Ask the Lord to send out more laborers in his harvest and to give believers in India and Pakistan the desire to send witnesses to each of these UUPGs.

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UUPGS OF KPK

KPK is made up of many diverse people groups. KPK is a region of Pakistan called Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, located in the northwest corner and bordering Afghanistan. KPK has many mountains, rivers, and valleys. The area has been known for conflict, terrorism, and unrest. This terrain and unrest have made the area very difficult for gospel work. There are many unreached people groups as well as 10 unreached and unengaged groups in KPK. All of these people need gospel witness in the form of God's people, bold evangelism, the Bible, and churches. Pray that God's people will live and work in KPK, and that they will be a bold witness for Christ and the salvation He offers. Pray for the Bible to be available to the peoples of KPK. Pray that more translations of scripture resources will be made available for the peoples that only know their local languages. Pray that God would do the mighty work of salvation and call people from each of the people groups of KPK to Himself.

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MUSLIMS OF NORTHERN INDIA


For years, many people shared with Basirat*, a Muslim man in Northern India. A few months ago, he repented and was baptized. Now, Basirat* is growing quickly and sharing broadly with his friends and family members. Praise the Lord for the work he has done in Basirat's* life. Pray for him to continue to be strong in the Lord and bold to share with his community about the hope he now has in Christ. Pray that many more like him throughout Northern India would hear the good news, turn and be saved.

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SHINA PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN (UUPG)

The Shina People of Pakistan, with a population of 747,000, is the second largest UUPG in Pakistan. They live in Gilgit-Baltistan, in the northeast of Pakistan. Many also live in the urban centers of Pakistan. The Shina people are almost 100% Muslim with only a handful of known believers and no indigenous church. There are two major problems hindering efforts to reach the Shina people. First, there is not a Bible in the Shina language and very few Bible resources in the language. Second, long-term harvest-workers are no longer allowed to live in Gilgit-Baltistan. For this reason, it is important that strategies include plans to reach the Shina people outside Gilgit-Baltistan. Please pray for Bible translation projects to be completed so the Shina will at least have portions of the Bible in their language. Pray for Pakistani believers to develop a burden to reach the Shina. Pray for the fellowship of Shina believers. Pray for opportunities to reach the Shina people in major cities outside of Gilgit-Baltistan.

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MUSLIMS OF NORTH INDIA

A few vision trainings took place in Northwest Prathna* in February. All who attended these trainings are leaders from across Northwest Prathna* who have been trained in outreach tools before. These leaders have been encouraged to take these tools and use them in sharing with Muslims in their own areas. As many Muslims are asking God this month to reveal Himself to them, may the one true God lead them to our trained brothers to hear the truth about who God is and to come to know Jesus as he truly is, as the one announced by the prophet John the Baptist to be “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29).

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HINDKO AND GUJJAR MUSLIMS OF PAKISTAN

Please pray for the Hindko and Gujjar peoples of Pakistan as they hear the good news from laborers in their harvest fields. Ask that they will repent and believe the good news, and that this year many Muslim-background believers will begin reaching out to their own communities.

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USHOJO MUSLIMS OF PAKISTAN (UUPG)

There is a group of 2,000 to 4,000 people in Northwest Pakistan that speak Ushojo as their primary language. The Ushojo people live in the Swat Valley. It is possible that the Ushojo language is at risk of extinction since it is such a small group of people that intermarry, live, and work among multiple other language groups. This group is an unreached and unengaged group. They currently claim Islam as their religion. Pray for any current witness among the Ushojo to boldly proclaim the good news. Pray that committed harvesters will be able to faithfully take the good news of Christ to the Ushojo. Little is known about Ushojo-speaking people, but God knows each and every heart. Pray that the Ushojo may soon worship Christ as Lord, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:13-14: “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

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MUSLIMS OF LAHORE, PAKISTAN

Lahore, the “Pearl of the Punjab,” is a city of about 11 million people. It is home to many of the country’s Christians and is a great place to disciple and train followers of Christ. Pray for efforts being done to lead local believers in outreach and church planting. “Jesus called out to them, ‘Come follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people.’” (Matthew 4:19 NLT) Pray that people in this city will hear the voice of Jesus calling today and put their faith and trust in Christ alone. Pray for Lahore to have a committed harvest team soon who will sow gospel seed broadly and train up local believers so that the gospel can be known by every people and place within this megacity.

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KASHMIRI MUSLIMS OF INDIA

A few ladies successfully hosted a training time with Kashmiri women who are Muslim-background believers in Northwest India in early February. During the training, these ladies focused primarily on the church, what it is and why it is important. The time was encouraging and fruitful, and additionally two new ladies who had already taken baptism were able to join. God is moving mightily in and through these women, and they are faithfully obeying what they are learning. Pray for these women to continue to abide deeply and obey boldly. Their church is multiplying, so pray also that they would hold fast to Christ and not be swept away by false teachings.

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DOMAKI PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN (UUPG)

The Domaki people group of Pakistan is a small people with a population of only 2800. This people group is spread in small pockets across Gilgit, in Northeast Pakistan. There are no known believers from this group and no Bible resources in the Domaki language. Pray that harvest workers will gain access to Domaki villages and homes in order to have opportunities to share the gospel.

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SHIA MUSLIMS OF INDIA

Although the Shia Muslim population has been estimated to comprise 25% of the total Muslim population of India, there are no known Kingdom workers focused on this population. Pray for laborers from inside and outside of South Asia to gain a heart for this people group and begin sharing the good news with them. Pray for the Shia Muslims of India to have a committed harvest team soon who will sow gospel seed broadly among them.

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SINDHI PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

The majority of Sindhi people have practices that are mystic, far from orthodox, and are most often pursuing some sort of blessing. During this month their hope is that through their work they will receive a blessing. Pray they would understand the rich blessing that can only be found in Christ.

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SHAIKH PEOPLE OF INDIA (UUPG)

The Shaikh are an unreached unengaged Muslim people group in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. The primary occupation of the rural Shaikh is cultivation – wheat, maize, sugar cane, etc. Pray for seeds of the Gospel to be sown widely among the Shaikh. Pray that these seeds will take root and yield much fruit for the Kingdom.

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MUSLIMS OF KARACHI, PAKISTAN


Christians in Karachi are showing a greater interest in sharing the gospel. Those who have been working side-by-side in the harvest are stepping out in faith to independently do the task. These seed sowers are also bringing others to go out sharing the gospel. A growing number of women want to be involved in the task. A university student is determined to see those in her school come to know Christ. There have been many opportunities to share with people from UUPGs in Karachi. Praise the Lord for these signs of the Holy Spirit working in believers! Please pray for Muslims and UUPGs in Karachi to have even more access to the gospel this year. Ask that they will turn from sin and self to put their full faith in Jesus Christ.

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MUSLIMS OF NORTHWEST INDIA

Praise the Lord that Raina*, a Muslim-background believer (MBB), has recently come to faith in Jesus! Many people have been praying for years for Raina and her family to come to know Jesus and follow him, especially her MBB brother and sister-in-law, Aquila* and Priscilla*, both of whom faithfully partner with those focused on reaching lost Muslims in India. It has been such an encouragement to see how the Lord has answered these prayers and has worked powerfully through the witness and generosity of Aquila* and Priscilla* toward Raina's* family in times of trial to soften her heart to the good news. Raina* has personally asked for prayer for her husband, Yusuf*, and her two daughters to believe; and for herself to have the courage to be baptized despite persecution. Please pray that Raina* would continue to grow in her faith through discipleship, and that Jesus would be known and praised within the rest of Raina's* family and across Northwest India.

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DOGRA AND GUJJAR PEOPLES OF INDIA


A faithful local brother, Amardeep*, is pressing on in the task among the Dogra and the Gujjar people of Northwest India. The Lord has been working powerfully through his witness, providing for him and his family in trials, and giving him the strength needed to host trainings in this region to encourage others to reach this people. At the same time, the laborers among the Dogra and Gujjar peoples are few, and there is a great need for the Lord to provide more laborers. A young family is planning to come alongside Amardeep in reaching the Dogra and Gujjar peoples, but the main barrier hindering them from the work right now is language. Please pray that while this couple is learning language that the Lord would give them favor in speaking and understanding along with wisdom to discern which language(s) to learn that will equip them to engage in the work that the Lord has for them. Pray also for this couple to find and connect with Dogra and Gujjar peoples in upcoming months, especially as they and others are able to temporarily move into Northwest India this summer.

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MUHAJIR MUSLIMS OF PAKISTAN

The Muhajir Peoples of Pakistan are Urdu-speaking people groups who immigrated from India to Pakistan during Partition 77 years ago. Last year, Daniel* came to faith and was baptized, praise the Lord! Despite persecution, he continues to grow in his faith and share the good news with others. His wife found out recently that he is following Jesus and was very concerned for their family's safety. They have three very young children. Near-culture believer, James*, has been sharing the good news and praying for sick and demon-possessed Muslims in his neighborhood. The men he has prayed for in Jesus' name have been healed, praise God! Please pray for a man who is still meeting with James* as he learns more about Jesus, that he will put his faith in Jesus. Pray, also, that Daniel's* wife and family will respond in faith as they listen to Daniel's* testimony and the gospel. Pray for local harvesters to become equipped to sow gospel seed. Ask that the Lord will add many Muhajirs to his kingdom this year, and for a church to be planted for those Muslim-background believers.

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SHIA MUSLIMS OF PAKISTAN

One of the sad realities of life in Pakistan is that although it was formed to be a nation-state for the Islamic peoples of South Asia, not all Islamic people are treated equally. The Sunni majority often persecutes the Shia minority. In the past, this has resulted in the Shia being attacked on their religious holidays and cell phone service is shut down as an attempt to prevent an attack on the Shia community. Shia people often take a very historic view of this persecution, saying that this is similar to how their founder was murdered while praying. There is bridge of understanding when talking with Shia people about Jesus' crucifixion because they understand wrongful death. Please pray that this year many Shia people will understand the good news. Pray for the Shia Muslims of Pakistan to have a committed harvest team soon who will sow gospel seed broadly among them.

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KANKALI MUSLIMS OF INDIA (UUPG)

The word kankali is derived from a word meaning pauper. This is why the Kankali Muslims of India were once known to be a community of professional beggars and most of them are share-croppers. Pray for this UUPG to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Pray for the gospel of Jesus to come among the Kankali and satisfy their souls.

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MUSLIMS OF DELHI, INDIA

Noor*, a Muslim lady living outside Delhi, invited two believing ladies that she had met three months before in a durgah to her home in early February. A durgah is the burial place of a Muslim saint thought to bring blessings to those who offer prayer there. During their visit, Noor expressed her desire to follow Jesus, and prayed to receive him as Lord and Savior. She began counting the cost of leaving Islam behind – the dargah saint, Islamic prayers, Ramadan, Muhammad, the Quran, and more – and was struggling with leaving all of it. She shared that her husband and brother-in-law did not want her to learn more about Jesus and that she would have to stop meeting them. Noor* is not alone in experiencing this. Many seekers from a Muslim background face spiritual warfare and opposition from within their own families. There are often heavy expectations from Muslim family members to celebrate Ramadan, even if their beliefs are changing. Only the Holy Spirit can give the boldness to go against the wishes of family members and bring the needed clarity and courage to follow Jesus no matter the cost. Pray that Noor* — and other seekers in this same situation — would listen to the book of Matthew on her phone, pray to the living and true God in the name of Jesus, and trust him to lead her, following him completely. Pray also that many others in her family and the surrounding community would come to know Jesus through her.

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SARAIKI PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

The Saraiki people are an unreached people group of over 26 million people living mostly in the Sindh province. A Saraiki man named Mohammed* placed his faith in Christ this last year. Please pray for Mohammed* as he grows in Christ to become rooted deeply in his new faith and that the Lord would continue to stir a passion in him to proclaim the gospel among Saraikis.

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UNDISCOVERED UUPGS OF PAKISTAN

Pakistan has hundreds of unreached, unengaged people groups (UUPGs). UUPGs are people groups among whom there are no believers. They have no access to the gospel of Jesus! The situation in Pakistan is even worse in that most of these UUPGs are not even on our list! When we don't have UUPGs on our list, we call them "undiscovered UUPGs". Please pray that God will help us re-evaluate the UUPGs of Pakistan so that we can more accurately engage the lostness of this great country. We need to more accurately know the UUPGs of Pakistan so that we can partner with God in His Revelation 7:9 vision for every people group in this nation.

**APR
02**

PAKISTAN


Please pray for Pakistani Muslims during Ramadan to feel spiritually empty and lost during their ritual fasting, almsgiving, and 'good works'. There is no merit from human effort, except the Good Work that Jesus has already done. Pray, also, for the 1% of believers, some of whom are from a Muslim background in Pakistan, that they will have a heart for sharing their testimony and the good news with the majority Muslim community and continuing to pursue any of their neighbors who are seeking to know Jesus with the good news. Ask that many Pakistanis who are currently asking, seeking, and knocking to this year put their faith in Jesus.

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03**

MUSLIMS OF INTERIOR PUNJAB

The Punjabi culture is one of the oldest and richest cultures in the world, dating back to the Indus Valley Civilization in 2600 BC. Traditionally, Punjabi women look after the household and children, as well as work in agricultural fields and manage the finances of the home. A movement among the Punjabi people occurred just shy of a century ago on the subcontinent of South Asia. Millions of people in what was then called India came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Since the time of that movement, many things have happened, including the establishment of Pakistan as a sovereign Muslim nation. For a variety of reasons, there has been little fruit since that mighty work was done. Please pray that whatever the obstacles to the gospel may be, that they will be overcome! Ask that the hearts of the Punjabi Muslim people will be softened to the truth of the gospel. Pray that millions of Punjabis will find hope in Jesus Christ and come to a saving knowledge of who God truly is and what He has done for all peoples. "Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13 ESV). Pray for the salvation of the Punjabis of Pakistan.

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SAYYID PEOPLE OF INDIA (UUPG)

The Sayyid of India, one of the larger segments of Muslims in the country, are estimated at over nine million people, with no known workers focused on reaching them with the good news of Jesus. The Sayyids claim to be descendants of their prophet. Pray that this year the very first believer from among the Sayyid will repent and believe in Jesus. Ask that the Sayyid will long to be co-heirs with Christ and adopted children of the One True King.

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VISA ACCESS


Maintaining access is critical to the advance of the good news in South Asia. Many harvest workers, all of whom are striving toward 'no place left' among Muslims in South Asia, must apply for new visas annually so that they can legally remain in country. Some workers have received visas for only a matter of days or months, others have had their visas refused. Praise God, that some have been able to secure long-term access, such as five-year visas. Please pray with us that those who are applying this year for visa access will receive at the very least year-long multiple-entry visas, and that none will be refused.

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MUSLIMS OF THE PUNJABI PLATEAU

Pakistan is a beautiful country that has a rich landscape and culture. The Punjab province and its people (Punjabis) is one that can be traced back hundreds of years! The Punjabi Plateau has many remnants of ancient civilizations. However, few Punjabis have come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. The majority are practicing Muslims. Please ask the Lord to pour out His Spirit on the Punjabi people. Ask that many Punjabis would be disenchanted with their own spiritual condition, recognizing that the efforts they are putting forth in an empty religion will only return empty. Ask that true salvation would come to many Punjabis and for a mighty movement of Punjabis entering God's Kingdom to occur!

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KALKOTI PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN (UUPG)

The Kalkoti people are an unreached and unengaged people group that reside in and around a town on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The people of this town and nearby towns are influenced heavily by militant groups. Their locality is cut off from much of the outside world and information about this group is limited. There are approximately 7,000 Kalkoti speakers in their remote town. Psalm 14 tells us that the lost say, "there is no God," but that salvation and restoration is possible because of Jesus! Pray that the Kalkoti People of Pakistan will recognize Jesus' authority and greatness. Pray that their hearts will be softened so that they may learn what it means to understand and seek after the living God of the Bible. Ask the Lord to change their hearts and make them His people so that many from the Kalkoti people may rejoice and be glad because of His great work of salvation. Pray that He will show them mercy as He has shown us mercy.

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MUSLIM MEDIA OUTREACH

Praise the Lord that last year there were several Muslim men and women who came to faith in Christ through media outreach and discipleship, and that they remained faithful even amidst persecution! Continue praying for the Muslim-background Believer Discipleship Group as they meet regularly to grow and share their faith. Pray for the Women's Zoom Meeting and ask the Lord to help many seekers attending this online meeting come to faith this year. Keep Brother Nadeem* in your prayers as his small group is growing very fast. Ask the Lord to provide mentorship for Nadeem* as he leads these new disciples. Ask that many of our virtual disciples will meet in person for followup and community with believers in Pakistan.

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MUSLIMS OF NORTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN

South Asia is home to more than 620 million Muslims in 2024, which makes it the greatest concentration of Muslims on the planet. At current growth rates, South Asia will have one billion Muslims by the year 2047. Pakistan and India have the second and third largest Muslim populations in the world. The greatest need in India and Pakistan is two-fold: for more local harvesters to catch the vision of entering the harvest field, and for the development of new MBB leaders (both pastors and evangelist/church planters). Please pray for God to raise up, equip, and empower local believers to spearhead harvest work in many hard-to-reach areas and to shepherd his people in India and Pakistan.

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