

PRAYER GUIDE

Supporting Global Missions
Through Prayer

Dear BelPres family,

First, I want to thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times - Romans 1:8-10

As global outreach for BelPres, our heart's desire is to bring Jesus' healing to where we live, work, play, or learn. We do that locally, but we also do that globally. We believe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ will reach to the far corners of the world as we pray together strategically and earnestly in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This prayer guide has been produced to glorify God and to connect you to His heart. Join prayer warriors at BelPres and around the globe praying for people and organizations far away from us who are being obedient to God's call in their lives. We are excited to partner with them and encourage them to keep serving, as we walk alongside them in solidarity.

We are thankful to God for the volunteers and staff who helped produce this prayer guide. And I am grateful to God for each one of you who has chosen to devote time to pray for the ministry of Bellevue Presbyterian Church.

*“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
– Romans 12:11-12*

Thank you for joining us in prayer.

For the fame of Jesus Christ in the nations.

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How to Use this Prayer Guide

1. Consider using this prayer guide personally or corporately, with a small group of people, and commit to pray regularly for our Mission Partners.
2. Select a country, praying for outreach to 'unreached' people groups.
3. Choose to pray for a different Mission Partner each week; perhaps, send them a note that you are praying for them.
4. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you understand the needs and opportunities for your involvement in the Global Outreach of BelPres.

*"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest field."
– Matthew 9:37*

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Bolivia

Republic of Bolivia

Latin America

People Groups: 43 (2% unreached)

Official Language: Spanish; Aymara; Quechua

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	9,125,048	90.97	1.6
Evangelicals	1,628,371	16.2	4.6

Challenges for Prayer:

Evangelical Christians are growing in number and influence, but face many challenges. Low literacy levels, lack of biblical knowledge, and limited discipleship opportunities give rise to theological error and moral failure. There is a great need to raise the standard of discipleship. The Association of Evangelicals (ANDEB), a major fellowship link for churches, is committed to widespread prayer and unity. Pray for these to be achieved and for believers to increase both in quantity and quality.

- For Bolivia to become at least 30% evangelical. While growth is impressive, this goal is still some way off from being achieved.
- Increased mission sending. Bolivia's sending has increased significantly, but there is still scope for further growth, especially into cross-cultural missions.
- Social engagement. Evangelicals must be at the core of Bolivia's battle against poverty, injustice and vice by demonstrating radical Kingdom values.



Niños con Valor

Niños con Valor is a ministry based in Cochabamba, Bolivia, for children who have been orphaned, abandoned, or rescued from violent home situations. Programs include residential care and therapy, preparation for the transition to adulthood, and external family support. Most of the children in NCV's care live with special medical needs, and all lack healthy alternative care options. NCV works to create a second family, based on God's unconditional, tremendous love. NCV heals wounds left by the trauma they have suffered and filling them with hope for the future.

BOLIVIA

Prayer Focus:

- The children in NCV's care will experience the peace of Christ in their lives, and the assurance that no matter how alone or on the margins, they might feel at times - He is always there for them.
- Staff and volunteers, who often bear immense emotional burdens in working with the children, would experience the rest and rejuvenation that God offers to his servants.
- Wisdom among NCV leaders navigating a changing social and political climate in Bolivia to have a clear vision for the future of the ministry – that God's will for NCV will be realized.
- That we would find sufficient financial support for the many complicated medical treatments, therapies and operations that we are anticipating over the next 12 months.

ninosconvalor.org



Cambodia

Kingdom of Cambodia

Asia

People Groups: 42 (71% unreached)

Official Language: Khmer

Languages: 25

Largest Religion: Buddhist

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	471,162	3.13	8.4
Evangelicals	240,196	1.6	8.8
Buddhist	12,545,264	83.34	

Challenges for Prayer:

Pray for the less-reached. The window of opportunity that now sees many enter the Kingdom may not stay open for much longer; the opportunities must be urgently seized.

- The Buddhist majority. Buddhism has lost some of its monopolistic grip on the people, but reactionary forces are moving against the clearly noticeable growth of the Church.
- The Cham, almost entirely Muslim. The majority practice folk Islam, which incorporates animistic practices into more orthodox Islamic practices; within this is a strong strain of Fojihed Islam, which is rife with pre-Islamic magic and superstitions. There are a few Christians; pray for them to be gathered into fellowship together.
- The tribal peoples. Only among the Mnong, Jarai, Krueng, and Stieng have significant numbers come to Christ. A further 18 Southeast Asian peoples can be considered unevangelized; pray for loving and appropriate witness to these peoples.



Cambodian University Scholarship Project

Cambodian University Scholarship Project (CUSP) is dedicated to making education accessible for poor rural students in Cambodia to attend high school, vocational schools, and college as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty. CUSP teaches English in 21 Cambodian villages to over 600 students from the ages of 5-14. In the fall of 2019, CUSP supports 48 students from rural villages in two dorms in Kampong Thom. These students will go to high school for three years in Kampong Thom. After high school CUSP will support them in college or vocational school. CUSP has seen over 40 students graduate from college or vocational school.

Students are selected from the poorest of the poor remote villages. CUSP supports the students from high school and on to college or vocational school. Internships have been established in various industries for the students. The goal is to provide a seamless track for bright students from an early age. Creating opportunities for education and engaging with the Christian faith through our Cambodian staff, the goal is to bring bright, mature young Cambodians to the workforce.

Prayer Focus:

- Students to have discipline and be successful in their studies in high school and college, and that God will keep them safe.
- Wisdom and safety for the Cambodian leaders, especially on the roads of Cambodia which are dangerous.
- Holy Spirit's guidance in bringing these young people to faith in Jesus.

cusp.org



Develop Our Village Economy

Develop Our Village Economy (DOVE) is a Cambodian Christian organization supported by BelPres and three other Pacific NW churches that focuses on the development of emerging Christian leaders across Cambodia and not-yet-believing emerging leaders in the DOVE neighborhood. DOVE is holistic and relational in our discipleship. God is using DOVE's ministry to bring emotional healing and transformation in the lives of these emerging leaders.

DOVE requests prayers for expanding our influence in Phnom Penh and different parts of the country and for the new director, Ms. Sarady Na who has directed one of DOVE's provincial satellites for ten years.

Prayer Focus:

- The leadership transition as DOVE's founding director moves into a part-time role and DOVE calls a new director, Ms. Sarady Na.
- Ms. Sarady as she leads into the future, that God will develop in her a prophetic vision and courage to use it. And perseverance as she makes her way as a woman leader in a patriarchal society.
- DOVE to provide a safe community to encourage the emotional and spiritual growth of emerging leaders.

missiondovecambodia.org



Brian Maher

Bryan's vision is to see a pool of emerging leaders to become emotionally and spiritually healthy, empowering, and encouraging others in all their life's contexts.

He trains Cambodian nationals who can provide organic, safe pre-discipleship and disciple venues in the form of growth groups, support groups. Additional training helps these emerging leaders transform their emotional pain, enabling them to achieve emotional health to become more fully equipped and proceed effectively on their spiritual journey of growing toward having the mind of Christ.

Brian's purpose is to assist Christian leaders who are in the desert, the belly of the whale, or on a plateau, process these difficult descents, and help lead them to realize what their gift to the world is, and how to use it in the world.

Prayer Focus:

Many alumni are requesting continuing education, or deeper level programs for them as they cannot find continued sustenance for their spiritual journey. Pray that we can find the resources to accommodate them.

Brian is involved in several part-time endeavors which need our prayers:

- Translating and Developing Cambodian AA and Al-Anon materials and programs.
- A Trainer at Peace Bridges Organization: Training Peace Builders on Alcohol Abuse and Recovery.
- House of Peace (my wife's dormitory for girls) – Helping advise and create the curriculum for holistic discipleship.
- Publishing Khmer language version of the Cry of the Gecko with Uon Seila published by Found of Wisdom.



Lynn Ogata - NOVO

Lynn walks alongside young Cambodian Christian leaders, helping them to develop a deeper relationship with God and receive emotional healing to have a sustainable ministry transforming their churches and communities. She does this through mentoring the staff and leadership students of DOVE, a Cambodian faith-based organization. She helps DOVE develop curriculum and more resources in the Khmer language for contemplation and inner healing prayer. She also helps BelPres and the other partner churches with donor communications and facilitating short-term teams and interns.

Prayer Focus:

- Young Cambodian leaders to hunger for a deeper relationship with Jesus and deeper community with each other. To encourage ongoing community among Dove Onyx leadership alumni.
- Partnership with Cambodian Dove staff and volunteers to continue to develop more resources in the Khmer language for contemplative prayer and emotional healing.
- Discernment about beginning a certificate program in spiritual formation and continued opportunities for training in inner healing prayer. Developing a healthy, sustainable rhythm of life and ministry and making new friends in Phnom Penh.
- Contemplative prayer practices and inner healing prayer are becoming a significant focus of Lynn's ministry. With DOVE staff and volunteers, she continues to help develop more Khmer language resources for contemplative retreats and reflection times. Lynn also sees the need for emotional and spiritual healing from past painful experiences among the young Cambodian leaders. She is gaining more experience in inner healing prayer by training with the BelPres team and training in the Immanuel method in Cambodia.

novo.org



Central Africa - CHAD

Republic of Chad
Africa

People Groups: 141 (51% unreached)

Official Language: French (only spoken by the educated), Arabic (perhaps 30% of Arabic speakers are fluent)

Languages: 133

Largest Religion: Muslim

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	4,425,258	38.46	3.2
Evangelicals	1,161,358	10.1	3.2
Muslim	6,079,839	52.84	

Challenges for Prayer:

Training of leaders remains a significant challenge. Poverty, instability, violence, poor communication, and lack of both financial wherewithal and management hinder training of pastors and evangelists. Pray for the Shalom Evangelical School of Theology in N'Djamena (ESTES), the Apostolic Bible School ESDRAS, CoG Bible Institute, and several Christian Assemblies (ACT) schools. The Bible Training Centre (CFBP/RE) focuses on developing lay leaders and those who lack the education or time for formal theological training. Full-time biblical studies are a huge commitment when finances are minuscule, and encouragement from local churches is low.



Keith Patman - Wycliffe Bible Translators

Wycliffe Bible Translators' mission is "to see a Bible translation program in progress in every language still needing one by 2025" and "God's word accessible to all people in the language of their hearts." As a Bible translator, Keith Patman trains and equips mother-tongue Bible translators and consultants in Francophone Africa by investing in those bringing God's word to their people. He connects US believers with God's work in central Africa to share the vision and partner through prayer and giving.

In Keith's words, "we believe God desires his message to reach speakers of the 2000+ languages which still don't have a single verse of the Bible. That number has increased since last year, as a result of new linguistic research. Wycliffe recognizes that God is raising up people in these communities to carry out the translation in their languages. We look for ways to come alongside them, in partnership with their local churches and agencies, to help them respond to God's call. As Bible translation goes forward, so do efforts to meet other needs: literacy, community development, trauma healing, etc. Wycliffe's president likes to say that we are addressing "Bible poverty." As we respond to people's lack of God's Word, other needs are met too."

Prayer Focus:

- People to carry out translation in the 2000+ languages which do not have a single verse of the Bible.
- Protection and safety for those bringing God's Word to areas where Christians are persecuted.
- Resources to bring skilled workers to provide wells, clean water, and energy to needy communities while sharing God's Word.

wycliffe.org



Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic

Caribbean

People Groups: 18 (11% unreached)

Official Language: Spanish

Languages: 8

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	9,647,742	94.35	1.3
Evangelicals	931,234	9.1	2.8

Challenges for Prayer:

Foreign missions are generally welcomed, but wisdom is required for them to have maximum impact. The most fruitful and effective ministries are holistic, combining evangelism with development and education. Children at risk and the disabled are areas where ministry is fruitful.

- The sizeable Haitian underclass proves to be a scapegoat and a challenge, but a responsive mission field. Haitians are immigrants, or descendants of immigrants, who are usually despised by Hispanics and forced to work as manual laborers in unjust and harsh conditions. Pray for the Dominican church to take up this challenge with faith and good grace.
- The unchurched majority are nominally Christian, but occultism is pervasive and strong. As many as 4,000 villages have no evangelical witness.
- Youth: there are 37 universities and colleges with more than 200,000 students, but they need to work to pay for tuition and the lack of job prospects and purpose in life cripple initiative. Pray for staff/student workers and for their ministries of proclaiming the gospel and training leaders.



Children of the Nations

Children of the Nations (COTN) cares for 5,000 orphaned and destitute children in some of the poorest places on earth. Led by all local Christian staff on the ground, COTN provides everything a child needs to go from hopelessness to college or vocational school graduation, to get a job or start their own business. COTN has farms, clean-water wells, protein and vitamin feeding programs, quality Christ-centered education, medical care, Bible studies, and summer camps. COTN's vision is for the next generation to rise and transform their communities from the inside out.

Through child sponsorship, Venture Trips, Meal Packing Events, and funding various COTN projects, Bellevue Presbyterian Church has gone deep with them for many years. COTN envisions BelPres continued partnership through multiple methods. First and foremost, prayer for the 4,600+ children served daily in Sierra Leone, Malawi, Uganda, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. They also envision BelPres being involved through volunteer opportunities such as Venture Trips and resource drives. COTN appreciates BelPres for consistently supporting the children for many years and are thankful for the positive impact it has had on them.

Prayer Focus:

- Sponsors for children who still need them.
- Safety of COTN children and staff during hurricane season in the Dominican Republic.
- New vehicle to use for Dominican Venture Team trips.
- Successful completion of the new I Love Baseball field.

cotni.org



Egypt

Arab Republic of Egypt

Africa

EGYPT

People Groups: 39 (59% unreached)

Official Language: Arabic

Languages: 27

Largest Religion: Muslim

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	10,838,069	12.83	1.4
Evangelicals	3,282,646	3.9	4.6
Muslim	73,213,986	86.67	

Challenges for Prayer:

The Coptic Church is by far the largest body of Christians in the Middle East and is a strategic key for the evangelization of the region. Pray for:

- Church leaders, especially the Coptic Pope. Wisdom, grace and confidence are needed in handling the Muslim authorities, Islamist persecution and the questioning world.
- A spiritual awakening Church-wide in the midst of mounting pressures and communal tensions.
- The biblically based renewal movement in the Coptic Church, which has steadily gained momentum since 1930. It strongly emphasizes Bible study and personal faith, and many are fervent witnesses for the Lord.
- Christians are numerous in business, the professions and health services, but overall the Coptic influence within Egypt is much less than their large numbers warrant. Pray that Copts might have a positive and transforming effect in the nation, just as Joseph did millennia ago.



Evangelical Seminary in Cairo

Founded in 1863, the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC) is the official educational institution of the Presbyterian Evangelical Church in Egypt. ETSC prepares, equips, and trains pastors, ministers, and leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt, the Middle East, and Arabic speaking communities abroad, to be qualified to serve the Church and society in Egypt and the Arab world. ETSC welcomes students from various Christian denominations who wish to acquire theological knowledge that qualifies them for various fields of ministry. ETSC offers ten degree and nondegree program as well as various activities and seminars. The aim of the programs is to offer different packages in multiple concentrations that fulfill the diversity of ministry needs.

Prayer Focus:

- Political and economic stability in Egypt.
- Students, faculty, and staff of ETSC for grace and wisdom to handle educational, administrative, and ministry challenges.
- Our newly launched on-line programs to reach, so it would serve people from different countries and backgrounds.

etsc.org



Greece

Hellenic Republic

Europe

People Groups: 46 (22% unreached)

Official Language: Greek

Languages: 24

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	10,228,331	91.46	0.0
Evangelicals	41,376	0.4	1.6

Challenges for Prayer:

The Greek Orthodox Church is the official church of Greece, and the strong force that perpetuated the Greek culture and language during the long Ottoman rule. Most of the population (98%) considers themselves to be Orthodox, but less than three percent attend any church regularly.

- Greece's economic and social travails of the past few years have caused much uncertainty, upheaval, and disruption. The massive deficit and debt, the Euro crisis, and the threat of financial meltdown regardless of what actions are taken cause fingers of blame to point in all directions. Pray that these realities will drive people to Jesus for lasting peace and security.
- Pray for churches and ministries caring for the thousands of refugees who have come to their shores.
- Pray for a clear presentation of the Gospel to reach a nation where very few have heard the Truth.



Humanitarian Initiative Bridges

In 2013, 252 Syrians and 107 Iraqis applied for asylum in Greece. The numbers were small, but God had stirred Voula and her Syrian husband to be prepared for the refugees that would come.

In 2016, 26,677 Syrians and 4,810 Iraqis applied for asylum in Greece. But God had already prepared for a time like this — to reach the unreached, to welcome the unwelcomed, to give voice to the voiceless, to share His Word and His light to all coming to Greece from the Middle East. Bridges preaches salvation, healing, freedom, restoration, and makes disciples, who will reach the next European country and will spread the good news of salvation and establish New Testament Church principles.

Prayer Focus:

- “BRIDGES is not only for Greece and not only for refugees”. Bridges is thrilled to see a new church planted in Belgium, pray for this new church.
- Bible studies in the refugee camps to continue and not be interrupted, that new believers will grow in their faith.
- Hundreds of people are homeless due to new laws. Many are people that Bridges serves. Please pray to keep looking for ways to stand by them to provide for housing, food, schooling, financial support, etc. Hundreds keep coming to Greece on a daily base.

bridges.org.gr

GREECE



Guatemala

Republic of Guatemala

Latin America

People Groups: 60 (2% unreached)

Official Language: Spanish; 23 recognized Amerindian languages

Languages: 42

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	13,819,058	96.12	2.4
Evangelicals	3,514,428	24.4	3.2

Challenges for Prayer:

Children at Risk. The majority of children between ages six and 18 live in extreme poverty, with large numbers orphaned or from broken homes. Non-existent social support structures drive them to child labor or toward drugs, gangs, or the sex industry. Around 15,000 children live on the streets. Several local and international ministries seek to help them; pray for the real solutions to these desperate needs.

Mayan culture is enjoying a renaissance after the rediscovery of their ancient civilization. For some, this is a resurrection of the old, long-submerged Mayan religion, but to others, it is a blossoming of indigenous Christianity aided by the many new translations of the Bible in indigenous languages. There are church-planting movements among many groups, most notably the Kekchi. There has been outreach to every tribe. Pray for these churches to become mature, effectively led and a vital contribution to the Church in the nation.



Arms of Jesus Children's Mission

Recognizing the needs of children and Jesus' special concern for children, the Arms of Jesus Children's Mission (AOJ) is an evangelical ministry, committed under God, to respond to the physical, emotional, material and spiritual needs of children. The AOJ assists local churches in developing countries help and minister to children. AOJ also provides opportunities for Christians in North America and other countries, to help children of the world by providing prayer, financial support, Christian service, food for the hungry, homes for the homeless, and healing for the sick. AOJ also has opportunities for teens from North America to help with these needs. Children's Mission helps facilitate people to serve these children in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Focus:

- Students in middle and high school will finish their education and not drop out of school.
- 2019 graduates will find sustainable jobs and continue onto college.
- Fresh oil from the Holy Spirit to operate effectively and accomplish their calling as AOJ workers in each department: administrative, teaching staff, social work, maintenance and security.

armsofjesus.org



Nicolás Fund for Education

Nicolás Fund for Education's (NFE) mission is to equip the future generation of leaders in Guatemala through Christ-centered education to transform their families, villages, and to see the Ixil region flourish. The purpose of NFE is to assist the next generation of the Ixil to overcome poverty, despair and social injustice through education. Academic scholarships (junior high, senior high and university education) which cover tuition, uniforms, transportation, nutrition and books for secondary school implement our vision. For university-level students, scholarships cover 100% of tuition for the first two years. In the third year of university education, students receive a 50% scholarship for tuition and must cover 50% of their own tuition themselves. Nicolás Fund for Education also provides 5th and 6th grade tutoring in villages for students to promote a student's chances of succeeding in secondary school.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for the Ixil people of Guatemala, the targets of genocide in a 36-year war. The war left the Ixil impoverished, malnourished and psychologically traumatized as they lived on the run to avoid being killed. An entire generation went without education due to the war.
- Give praise to God for He has restored peace, brought them security and new homes, sustainably-farmed crops and markets. Now God is doing a new thing: secondary and university education through Nicolás Fund for Education as a means to escape poverty!

nicolasfund.org



Haiti

Republic of Haiti

Caribbean

People Groups: 9 (11% unreached)

Official Language: French (10% speak it). Common languages Haitian Creole, English and Spanish increasingly used as a second language

Languages: 2

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	9,690,992	95.12	1.6
Evangelicals	1,633,193	16.0	2.2

Challenges for Prayer:

Haiti needs godly leaders who will prioritize the good of the nation and address its massive problems. Two centuries of misrule, tyranny and recent flawed democratic attempts have brought hopelessness and despair. Corruption is rampant, and robberies and kidnappings commonplace. The economic plight of most Haitians deepens each year, exacerbated by the events of 2010. Many seek to escape, some physically by fleeing the country in unsafe and leaky boats, others emotionally through taking drugs. Pray that men and women may be raised up who will reverse these trends and establish justice, righteousness and long-term stability.



Bruce & Deb Robinson

Jesus came to save souls. However, He all met the physical needs He encountered. Our mission is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Northwest Haiti and meets their needs. These needs overwhelmed the local churches, so they formed the Organization for Integrated Rural Development for Northwest Haiti (ODRINO) to help with spiritual and physical needs. ODRINO brings drinking water, irrigation, development of agricultural land, construction of churches and schools, education, mission teams, and medical work in Jesus name through local Haitian churches. Local churches address pressing physical needs while assisting them in their core ministries of evangelism, church planting, and church and leadership development. Meeting physical needs builds relationships so the local churches, and we can tell them about their real need- Jesus Christ and do discipleship in real-world situations.

Robinsons also offer one-on-one discipleship and Bible study. Deb leads a weekly ladies Bible study, and Bruce studies with young male interns in the summer and weekly meets the Haitian engineer to study the Bible.

Prayer Focus:

- Hurricane recovery work is ongoing and will be for several more years. Vital supplies have been delayed.
- Major spring in the mountains was being capped and installation of 20 miles of pipe began to bring safe, clean drinking water to several thousand people. It is on hold for two years because of a group of 'leaders' have stopped the project. Thousands of people suffer for lack of safe water where cholera killed many and remains a threat. Operational fountains help hundreds of people, but the rest walk far for contaminated stream water. Pray for the Gospel to change hearts to continue to bring people clean and safe water to people in the name of Jesus.
- Consortium to bring irrigation water to gardens for people to grow their own food if they only had water is complicated. It is repairing or redesigning abandoned existing irrigation infrastructure that has never worked properly. Pray for all the relationships and testimony and disciple opportunities.

odрино.com



India

Republic of India

Asia

People Groups: 2,533 (88% unreached)

Official Language: Constitutionally there are 22 official languages. The official language is Hindi (spoken by 40% of the population). English is a subsidiary official language

Languages: 456

Largest Religion: Hinduism

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	71,011,000	5.84	3.7
Evangelicals	26,290,283	2.2	3.9
Hinduism	902,711,323	74.33	

Challenges for Prayer:

Training Christian workers is an important need that is immediately urgent and essential in the long term. The life and health of the Church depend on the proper development of pastors, teachers, evangelists and missionaries. Pray for:

- Degree-level seminaries, which now number over 100; praise God for the multiplication of these!
- Bible schools number over 1,000 and are doubling in number every 10 years. Evangelical institutions are full.
- Training centers for indigenous workers play a significant role. Set up largely for church planters, these number over 100 with 7,000 currently receiving training.
- New, creative ways for multiplying leaders must be developed. The need is greater than what residential institutions can produce, and 90% of pastors lack access to adequate theological training.
- Training Christians – those outside of the traditional roles of pastor, evangelist and missionary – to be effective witnesses and ministers is essential.
- The house/cell church movement is rapidly spreading in many parts of the country, with estimates of up to 100,000 such gatherings. These movements are proving culturally appropriate, affordable, biblically authentic and very effective.



Bless Ganges Connection

Bless Ganges Connection envisions the total transformation of northern India by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, planting churches, and baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. A project of a BelPres mission partner in India, BGC is committed to planting house churches among unreached peoples in every village along the Ganges by the year 2030. Part of this large vision is pre-evangelism among women and children called the Women and Children's Freedom Ministry. They provide education and self-sustaining work among the Dalit (untouchable) community in North India as a bridge to sharing the Gospel message of Jesus with them. Two orphanages provide homes, education, and ongoing care for 48 children of various ages, each being disciplined as future leaders of the church.

Significant efforts of BGC involve sending church planters into villages to establish groups of believers in house churches. Local training centers run by BGC offer discipleship classes for house church pastors — both men and women — as well as ongoing education for the house church planters. Thousands are coming to know Christ in their lives, grow in their faith, and share their story with those around them through these efforts!

Prayer Focus:

- That God would continue to work in the lives of the orphans in the BGC homes and those who care for them. May they grow in faith and understanding.
- That the Holy Spirit would be present in the training centers, that the house church pastors grow in insight and understanding of God's Word, which they can then share with those they pastor.
- That the Holy Spirit would guide the house church planters and pastors as they boldly seek to reach the unreached, preparing the hearts of those who have not yet heard about Jesus.



Indonesia

Republic of Indonesia

Asia

People Groups: 784 (26% unreached)

Official Language: Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia).

Languages: 722

Largest Religion: Muslim

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	36,853,908	15.85	1.6
Evangelicals	13,010,751	5.6	2.8
Muslim	186,734,219	80.31	

Challenges for Prayer:

Indonesia's vast diversity is both its strength and its peril. With 17,000 islands strewn across nearly 10 million sq km of ocean, 33 provinces, 722 languages, even more ethnic groups, myriad religious expressions and deeply divided political agendas, hold this nation together is a monumental task. Pray for political strength for the maturing democracy to stay balanced between national unity and religion identity. Pray also for the government to act with righteousness in honoring all people and communities. Indonesia's history, especially recently, is characterized by discrimination, exploitation, and favoritism.

A spiritual conflict rages for Indonesia. Ancient and strong occult powers seek to oppose the influence of the gospel, while modern Muslim stratagems seek to eliminate Christianity and remove the presence of the good news. Pray specifically for the binding of these powers and for continued growth of the Church in the midst of intense opposition and growing persecution.



Mike & Brigit Adams

First Response Radio (FRR) delivers critical information, to affected communities and amplifies local voices in the immediate aftermath of disasters.

FRR is a network of local teams in disaster prone countries that draw on expertise from radio broadcasters, NGOs and government partners. Our mission is threefold:

1. Equip teams with simple equipment that can easily be transported into any disaster area. The “Radio in a Suitcase” equipment includes a studio, FM transmitter and antenna.
2. Train teams with skills and experience necessary to travel to a disaster area, set up a temporary radio station and broadcast critical content in partnership with the affected community.
3. Respond with teams to be on air within 72 hours after a disaster occurs. First Response Radio teams decide whether to deploy based on standard assessment questions, and in consultation with partners.

Prayer Focus:

- Our hope is to expand the work of FRR beyond the Far East. Pray for permission to be able to seek and work with other partners to bring hope and healing in disaster prone areas of the world.
- Pray for Christians who have a passion for using radio as a humanitarian aid tool as a way to bring hope and healing to devastated communities, to join/support First Response Radio.
- Pray that those who are served by First Response Radio broadcasts would know that they have been blessed by followers of Jesus, and believers would be regarded with greater respect because of FRR work.

firstresponseradio.org



International

International

7.7 Billion

People Groups: 16,543 People groups (41.8%) unreached

Languages: 6,909

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	2,229,951,315	32.29	1.2
Evangelicals	545,886,818	7.9	2.6
Islam	1,800,000,000	24.1	
Hindu	1,150,000,000	15	

Challenges for Prayer:

Praise God that, more than before, the needs of the most vulnerable and needy are being addressed. Also, give thanks for:

Ministry that cares for orphans and widows uplifts the poor, brings liberty to the oppressed and sets captives free reflects the heart of God, the values of the Scriptures and the role of the Church. Caring for the vulnerable and demonstrating practically Christ's love are increasing — and rightly — the focused activities of evangelical ministry.

Doors to many places and peoples previously closed are open to aid workers, educators, technical tradespeople and virtually any other occupation. As significant are the opportunities to present an excellent witness for God's transforming love through practical assistance to those in need.

May this global trend continue to pave roads for the spread of the gospel to those among whom Christians wish to serve, to non-Christians laboring alongside Jesus' followers and to community and government leaders who are themselves potentially great change-makers for the Kingdom of God.



David Hackett - visionSynergy

Rev. Dave Hackett, a former associate pastor at BelPres, serves with visionSynergy (www.visionsynergy.net) to develop effective, large-scale collaboration among Christian mission groups, particularly among unreached peoples. Dave directs visionSynergy's work in the Middle East and North Africa, developing mission networks that can significantly impact entire people groups, countries, and regions with the Gospel through collaboration across ministries and denominations. Dave and his team's objective is to see genuine breakthroughs from collaborative mission where the challenges are too big, the situations too complex, and the resources required simply too great for any one organization. This depends on the development of effective networks which depend on effective, catalytic leaders. We train and coach collaborative leaders!

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for Dave as he works with Christian workers in an Arabian Peninsula country (unnamed due to security) seeking to develop a well-functioning country partnership among the missionaries in that country.
- Pray for positive responses from Egyptian ministry leaders as Dave introduces them to new, collaborative forms of doing God's work together.
- Pray for the efforts of Dave's team in a North African country to establish its first country partnership joining together nationals who are Christian ministry leaders, and for visionSynergy's role in assisting that effort.

visionsynergy.net



International Justice Mission

International Justice Mission's (IJM) mission is to protect the poor from violence by working with local law enforcement to rescue victims, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors to safety and strength, and help law enforcement build a safe future that lasts. IJM is currently working to combat slavery, trafficking and other violence against the poor in 19 communities throughout Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Southeast Asia. As a community of believers, a core part of IJM's global model is to mobilize the global Church to joyfully serve as Christ's hands and feet to victims of violent abuse and their families—to advocate against these abuses and to actively defend and serve victims in their communities.

Prayer Focus: Ghana

- Child labor within the fishing industry along Lake Volta.
- Pray for IJM as we set-up a satellite office along the northern part of Lake Volta so we can rescue children in the most remote areas.
- Since many of the children are enslaved at such a young age, they don't recall where they are from. Pray for our social workers to find and identify safe family members to reunite the children, or safe homes for them to heal and thrive in.
- Pray for good collaboration amongst IJM staff, government officials and law enforcement which will lead to more rescues.

ijm.org



ScholarLeaders International

ScholarLeaders (SL) gives scholarships in theology to Christian Majority World leaders who earn graduate degrees and then return home to serve, lead, and teach. SL also equips international seminaries by facilitating conversations about faculty development and financial stewardship. Finally, SL explores new ventures – including peer counseling retreats for women theological leaders and how the Church can minister in the context of Islam and other major world religions.

Among the most edifying aspects of our work is the cooperative spirit shared with our partners. Executives and faculty from leading schools of theology in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe work closely with us to guide investments. We count it a privilege to collaborate with colleagues at Overseas Council, Theological Book Network, the Langham Partnership, and other global ministries. Foundation executives and donors regularly contribute ideas. Faculty at Fuller Theological Seminary and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School have been instrumental guides.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for ScholarLeaders staff to serve and steward joyfully as God has called us.
- Pray for the scholars and leaders we support whom the Lord has called to serve the Global Church. They face many challenges, including studying on tight budgets while away from home and religious conflict/war/terrorism upon returning to serve. Many have families to care for.
- Pray that they may have safety, joy, and endurance to run the race the Lord has set before them.
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and the health of seminaries in the Majority World and for our staff as we serve in facilitating growth in these areas.

scholarleaders.org



Iran

Islamic Republic of Iran

Asia

People Groups: 103 (90% unreached)

Official Language: Persian (Farsi; Dari and Tajik are major dialects); almost all Iranians speak some form of Persian as a mother tongue or second language.

Languages: 79

Largest Religion: Muslim

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	384,897	0.51	5.1
Evangelicals	117,678	0.2	19.6
Muslim	74,054,491	98.64	

Challenges for Prayer:

The Iranian Diaspora is around four million. Most have found refuge in the USA, Canada, Western Europe, Turkey, Gulf States and other lands – where they can be evangelized. Western countries are making it harder for Iranians to immigrate.

Pray for:

- Diaspora churches.
- Ministries reaching out to the diaspora, providing not only evangelism tools and outreach but also church planting, discipleship and leadership training, so that Iranians living abroad will be reached and hopefully then reach other Iranians.
- Young people are particularly responsive to the gospel. With nearly two-thirds of the population under age 30, with disillusionment at an all-time high and with frustrated desires for freedom, there is a unique window of opportunity to impact this generation with the liberating good news about Jesus.



Elam Ministries

Elam's mission is to strengthen and expand the church in Iran and beyond. It's vision is that all the people of the Iran region would have the opportunity to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, follow Him as disciples, and that Iranians would be instrumental in taking the Gospel to other Muslims.

These are truly significant days for the Persian-speaking church. Through our work on the ground, we know that millions of Persian-speakers are searching for meaning and truth – and many are coming to Christ. This is just the beginning of a life-long journey of discipleship. Often this discipleship journey is full of difficulties, particularly for new believers from an Iranian background. We are deeply committed to reaching and discipling Iranians. We want to see new Iranian believers mature into mission-minded Christians who are deeply rooted in Jesus.

Prayer Focus:

- That church growth will continue much more through widespread scripture distribution and through the ministry of courageous, committed, and trained Persian-speaking leaders.
- That copies of the complete Bible would be available to encourage spiritual growth among the rapidly growing church.
- That God will instill in new believers a passion for the Scriptures, as they gain knowledge of its teachings.

elam.com



Japan

Nihon

Asia

People Groups: 34 (68% unreached)

Official Language: Japanese

Languages: 16

Largest Religion: Buddhist

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	1,955,729	1.54	-0.2
Evangelicals	596,498	0.5	-0.4
Buddhist	88,376,107	69.59	

Challenges for Prayer:

Japan is the largest unevangelized nation that is completely open to missionaries. Yet, due to spiritual, socio-cultural, linguistic and financial difficulties, becoming an effective minister of the gospel is a long, hard process of adaptation.

Opportunities for missionary service are many, the most needful being evangelism, teaching, and planting and serving churches. Many missionaries are involved with existing congregations, assisting them to become reproductive through church planting and discipleship training. Long-term missionaries are the greater need because of the years needed to acquire the language and understand the culture.



Peter & Wendi Thompson

Over 30 years ago, the Thomson's followed the call to Japan to proclaim the Gospel, raise disciples, and multiply churches. Serving with Sunrise International Ministries, they work to "create Kingdom communities where community already exists"; seeking to transform business, education, and neighborhood environments. The current ministry focus is running an education center in their city. It is an outreach of the local church that offers English classes, tutoring, parenting and marriage workshops, business and life-coaching, and more. Since sharing the Gospel naturally takes place within the context of trust relationships, they work to establish and foster relationships to incarnate the love of Jesus and see Japan transformed for Christ.

The Thomsons desire to let Christ work in their relationships and be transformational. To see a real transformation, they are placing the majority of their focus on the city of Sanda. When ministry and relationships naturally take them into new areas, they will expand. Their desire is that transformed lives in Sanda will lead to greater revival throughout Japan.

The Thomson's pray for the faith of Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." They are continually evaluating where God is at work and are willing to make "risky /bold" moves to ensure that as many as possible may encounter Jesus.

Prayer Focus:

- Japan is an intensely pressure-filled society, often leading to hopelessness. Pray that the people would hear and accept the hope of new life offered by Christ.
- To expand the influence and capacity of the education center, pray for a missionary English teacher to join them.
- Pray for spiritual protection for the Thomson family. Pray for a strong marriage, parenting, and sibling relationships where they all abide and thrive in Jesus.

sunriseinternational.org



Kazakhstan

Republic of Kazakhstan

Asia

People Groups: 76 (54% unreached)

Official Language: Kazakh

Languages: 43

Largest Religion: Muslim

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	1,914,045	12.15	-1.5
Evangelicals	104,511	0.7	3.5
Muslim	8,456,457	53.68	

Challenges for Prayer:

- The expatriate Christian community is very diverse. Many speak Kazakh and are committed to long-term work in Kazakhstan. Russians, Americans, Koreans, Germans and many other nationalities all enrich the ministry in their own way. Pray for humility as they serve the indigenous Church.
- The government can be suspicious of and hostile to the presence of missionaries – pray for the doors to remain open to minister. The threat of intimidation, expulsion and even violence exists, even if it is not common.
- Christian mercy ministries. There is widespread dysfunction and brokenness in many Kazakh families. Alcoholism and drug addiction are widespread; heroin is as easy to obtain as alcohol. Family breakdown and widespread corruption exacerbate the suffering of many. Pray for Christians to have a powerful transforming effect on society as they demonstrate Christ's love.



Tom Goestch - E2 Education Services

If we could develop a country's future leaders, while discipling them for Jesus Christ, would that not be a good thing? E2 believes that our Lord has given us this part of the harvest in the Muslim countries of Central Asia. At E2 we wake up in the morning thinking how we can better develop leaders spiritually and professionally renewing nations. We do this by partnering with people, churches, institutions, and companies, who each contribute their uniqueness to the process. What you get is a movement of people serving one another and growing together, some as disciples of Christ.

Prayer Focus:

- Daily we interact across Central Asia with high school students, university students, and young professionals. Pray for receptive hearts to the Gospel of Christ.
- Our alumni are taking more and more leadership in E2's work in Kazakhstan. Pray for wisdom as we disciple and develop the next generations.
- We have access to businesses in both Seattle and Central Asia. Pray for faithfulness to give testimony to the love of Christ.

e2es.org

KAZAKHSTAN



Lebanon

Lebanese Republic

Asia

People Groups: 23 (35% unreached)

Official Language: Arabic; French and English are widely used.

Languages: 9

Largest Religion: Muslim

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	1,360,190	31.97	0.7
Evangelicals	21,410	0.5	2.1
Muslim	2,508,502	58.96	

Challenges for Prayer:

Lebanon's tragic history over the last 70 years, has included communal wars, foreign interventions and hostage-taking. With adequate political stability, Lebanon has demonstrated great resilience and potential to rebuild. Pray specifically for:

- The government and its leaders.
- Full political freedom to be gained and religious freedom protected. Lebanon, for all its troubles, remains unique in the Middle East for its freedom.
- The healing of deep hurts in communities, families and individuals. Over 80% of the population were displaced at one time or another during the wars. All have lost loved ones; many lost homes and jobs.



Homer & Mimi Lanier

Homer & Mimi Lanier are engaged in mentoring and supporting local leadership in Lebanon and then training others to mentor MMBs (Muslim Background Believers) and those who work with them. In their words, “We are passionate about making disciples. We are passionate about seeing ex-Muslims and MBBs trained to reproduce themselves spiritually across the Middle East - and beyond. We are also passionate about helping the whole person, reaching out to the poor, displaced and needy, helping with their physical needs while providing spiritual hope, as well. We are passionate about building bridges of trust, hope and fellowship along the I-19 Highway (Isaiah 19:23-25) while tearing down walls of prejudice, fear and hate. We are passionate about worship and intercessory prayer which we know is key to reaching the peoples of the Middle East.”

Prayer Focus:

- That the Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Lebanon will come to know Messiah Jesus.
- That there will be a new harvest among Lebanese who are worn down and hopeless due to a depressed economy caused by the influx of 2,000,000 refugees and instability in the region.
- For travel and training opportunities along Isaiah’s Highway (Isaiah 19:23-25).



Horizons International

Horizons exists to communicate and demonstrate the love of Jesus so that the world, particularly the Muslim world, would be transformed by God's love and forgiveness. Horizons does this through a threefold strategy:

- Proclaiming the Gospel: spreading the good news of the gospel through preaching, face-to-face evangelism, Bible distribution, and media.
- Discipling the Nations: mentoring new Christians and offer discipleship courses, internships, and conferences.
- Equipping the Church: providing powerful hands-on training for Christians to reach the world, especially the Muslim world, for Christ.

Prayer Focus:

- For more potential leaders to rise up and significantly impact their community, for the establishment of more centers and more indigenous people to lead them to advance the Great Commission across the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region.
- For people who are being persecuted in this region, and for boldness for leaders as they preach the Gospel. Pray for protection over our Centers, leaders and staff as they share the Word of God.
- For a special strength for the Lebanese churches, that the Lord would remove any obstacles in the way of their growth, for a greater and more loving unity among the Churches on the basis of their common ground which is Christ our King.

horizonsinternational.org



Triumphant Mercy

Triumphant Mercy Lebanon said yes to Jesus and responds by providing assistance to Lebanese civilians who fled south regions of Lebanon because of the Hezbollah/Israel war to seek refuge in Beirut suburbs.

Today, their vision is transforming lives through community centers, teaching moral values and modeling holistic lives focused especially on the needs of children; building the future believing that educating today raises leaders tomorrow. They work to bring emotional and psychological healing to a generation that is traumatized by war and conflicts, and emergency relief that assists people afflicted by conflict, poverty and social injustice. They witness to Jesus Christ by life, deed, and word that encourages people to respond to the gospel.

Prayer Focus:

- For open hearts and open spirits to receive the gospel.
- For God's kingdom to invade the camps and whole Muslim communities with dreams visions and encounters.
- For the international agreements still needed to ensure a safe return for Syrian refugees.

tm-lebanon.com



Middle East

17 countries: Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, The United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Most common language: Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, Turkish, Kurdish, and English

Largest Religion: Islam

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Muslim	317,070,000	93	1.4
Christians	12,710,000	3.7	0.9
Jews	5,630,000	1.6	0.9

The Middle East is a region that spans the easternmost part of Europe and the westernmost part of Asia. Since the countries fall on two different continents, the Middle East is considered a transcontinental region, not a continent, country, or anything of the like.

The countries that make up the Middle East vary in size, culture, language, and climate. The largest country in physical size is Saudi Arabia. In contrast, Bahrain is the smallest total area. Arabs are the primary people group in the Middle East but there are possibly thousands of people groups that make up the region. The religions that are practiced in the Middle East are Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Mandaism, Baha'i, and Unitarian Druism, among many other smaller belief systems and practices.

Challenges for Prayer:

Heavenly Father, when we see devastating images of war and hear the inconsolable cries of those who have lost homes, livelihoods and loved ones, our hearts break. In the face of so much suffering and despair, come Lord Jesus and help me to see with your eyes, hear with your ears, think with your mind, speak with your lips, walk with your feet, love with your heart, so that I can reach out with your hands and be a future maker to my brothers and sisters in Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Egypt and Syria. Raise up leaders in the Middle East who will turn from violence and seek your ways of peace that they may act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God.



Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) works:

- To encourage US policies that actively promote a comprehensive resolution to conflicts in the Middle East with a focus on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.
- To mobilize US Christians to embrace a holistic perspective and to be advocates of equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East.
- To help church organizations, leaders and individuals nationwide advocate in a knowledgeable, timely, holistic, and effective way to express their concerns about justice and peace for all peoples in the region.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that Israelis and Palestinians will see each other as children of God, that He might heal the trauma that Israelis and Palestinians have suffered for generations.
- Pray for shalom, for the shalom of Jerusalem and all it might be, a city shared by Israelis and Palestinians, Jews, Muslims, and Christians.
- Pray for the U.S. government to end the harmful policies they are instituting and supporting in Israel and Palestine and that they will commit to seeking a just peace that incorporates all parties involved.

cmep.org



Kathy Giske - Middle East Partners

Middle East Partners exists to bring hope to the peoples of the Middle East by helping to strengthen Christians serving their community through partnership and leadership development. We also act as a catalyst for unity between the various field partners, helping them learn to support and encourage each other. Our regional focus is Turkey, Egypt, Lebanon, the Iran region, and Greece. We carry out our mission through the following initiatives:

- **CHURCH MOBILIZATION** – Through vision trips, we introduce churches to the current realities of the refugee situation in the Middle East so they can explore ways to partner with this movement.
- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – We train indigenous leaders through seminars conducted by short-term teams to help raise disciples of new believers from a Muslim background.
- **PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – We raise up partners to pray, encourage, and financially support the work long-term.
- **PEACEMAKING** – We engage in peacemaking initiatives that foster racial reconciliation.

Prayer Focus:

The current refugee crisis in the Middle East is causing thousands of Muslims to leave their homelands and arrive as refugees in countries where most are exposed to the Gospel for the first time. Greece is their first European port of entry. The recent surge of refugees arriving from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, and Syria has led to further overcrowding and deteriorating living conditions in the Greek island camps. Most of these facilities are accommodating four times more people than they were designed for, thus compounding the safety and well being especially of unaccompanied minors who are particularly vulnerable at night, without adequate safeguards in place. Here are some ways we value your prayers:

- For the quick adoption of unaccompanied minors to safe homes and shelters.
- For those serving the refugees to share the Good News of Jesus in culturally sensitive ways.
- For unity between the various ministries serving the refugees for mutual encouragement.
- For BelPres leadership to discern the role God is calling you to play in the refugee community in the Middle East.

kathygiske.com



Israel - Palestine Peacemaking Team

The BelPres Israel Palestine Peacemaking Team is a group of people who feel called to help the BelPres community better understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and find ways for us to engage in peacemaking activities that honor Jesus, trusting in His power to make all things new. A guiding principle of our call to engage the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is that Jesus offers another way — the way of grace and reconciliation — to people groups with a long history of animosity and violence. We believe God's coming Kingdom offers liberation for Israelis and Palestinians, for Jews and Muslims. The Palestinians in particular are an oppressed people. They suffer economically and psychologically and are subject to a variety of human rights violations. Through education and increased awareness of the conditions in Israel and Palestine we hope to encourage Christians to visit and pray for Jesus' healing for this conflict torn region.

Prayer Focus:

- For our mission partner, Churches for Middle East Peace, as it works to mobilize Christians to advocate for peace and justice in Israel, Palestine and other places in the Middle East.
- For Christians to become educated about the plight of Palestinians and to be willing to seek peaceful solutions to human rights violations occurring in the West Bank and Gaza.
- For our nation's leaders to work with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to facilitate a fair solution to the conflict, ensuring justice for the Palestinian people and security for the nation of Israel.

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Rwanda

Republic of Rwanda

Africa

People Groups: 13 (23% unreached)

Official Language: French, English, Kinyarwanda. The entire population speaks Kinyarwanda.

Languages: 5

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	9,159,051	89.12	2.7
Evangelicals	2,761,140	26.9	3.0

Challenges for Prayer:

- Rwanda's longer-term future must eventually move past the events of the 1990s. A development program called Vision 2020 intends to transform Rwanda's economy, infrastructure and values. Other challenges loom large on the horizon, most notably:
- Political stability is achieved, yet greater freedoms could still be achieved. Political leadership is strong, but a healthy political opposition movement and a more independent press could make Rwanda even stronger. The government is very sympathetic toward Christianity, but is not without its critics, especially in the areas of freedom of expression, human rights and foreign policy toward the DRC. Righteousness exalts a nation; pray for such a dynamic to characterize Rwanda.
- The military-political conundrum of relationships among Rwanda, Burundi, Congo-DRC and Uganda remains a challenge. With the activities of rebels and militias, relationships are often strained and rise and fall regularly. Pray for patience, understanding and cooperation to work together for justice and to root out those who would destabilize the region.



Center for Champions

The Center for Champions opened in 2008 to serve the vulnerable youth, aged 13-26, of Rwanda. This is a forgotten demographic in Rwanda and the Center accepted the challenge to bridge that gap. Center for Champions provides Christian based education and support to over 500 of Rwanda's impoverished youth. The Center consists of female and male dormitory accommodation, classrooms, vocational training centers, a multi-purpose hall, kitchen, basketball court and a sports ground. As well as feeding, clothing and educating the students, the Center for Champions ensures that students receive spiritual support and medical treatment. The majority of students begin in the Catch Up Program, which is six years of primary education condensed into three years. Upon completion of the Catch Up Program CFC offers assistance with secondary school or vocational training in plumbing, welding, construction, hairdressing and hailing. The Center for Champions continues to grow and lives are being transformed through Jesus Christ and education each day.

Prayer Focus:

- For God to provide resources of staff, funding for building improvements, medical supplies, in order to continue this vital ministry.
- That the Holy Spirit would inspire families to become foster families to these precious young people.
- For God's protection and provision for these young students as they learn and grow in their faith in Jesus.

aerwanda.rw/centerforchampions



Joseph Nyamutera - Rabagirana Ministries

Though we have been in existence since 2015, we have inherited the work of healing and reconciliation that was done by Mercy Ministries International which closed their office in Rwanda in 2017. Our vision is to see Rwanda become a model of unity, peace and light to the nations to the glory of God (Isa 60:3). Our work of healing and reconciliation is done by conducting reconciliation events and training church leaders to become agents of reconciliation. We use arts including music, painting and drama to propagate the message of peace. We send messages of healing and forgiveness through media. Our work has reached more than 30 nations and presently we run annual schools of reconciliation in partnership with sister teams in Abidjan for the French speaking, in Rwanda for the nations and in Ukraine for former Soviet nations.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray that we will get provision to build a multi purpose hall that will reduce our dependency to foreign funding by at least 30%.
- Pray that God will help us work more with released prisoners who are coming back to the community and find it hard to re-integrate.
- Pray that God will help us find ways of facilitating reconciliation between nations in Central Africa.

rabagirana.org



Rwanda Faith Academy

Rwanda Faith Academy seeks to be an instrument of God's love, providing a safe and structured environment where children of God can receive an exceptional education in a faith-based school. The RFA in Kigali, Rwanda recognizes the inherent worth of the children being served, many of whom have had difficult backgrounds and nearly all of whom are poor. The school seeks to be the hands of God and to show His love to these children, providing a place where they can learn both traditional subjects as well as grow in their faith and discipleship. In addition to serving children, the RFA seeks to reach out to the community, providing family counseling and other services with a Christ centered approach. This outreach is strengthening relationships and improving all aspects of the local community.

Prayer Focus:

- That God will continue to look with favor upon Rwanda Faith Academy and our founder, Alexis Ruhumuriza — for Alexis and the RFA team to be equipped, encouraged, and empowered to carry out the ever-expanding vision of the Rwanda Faith Academy.
- For continued and increased impact among families in the community surrounding the RFA.
- To reach even more students with faith-based instruction and provide additional educational opportunities including potential expansion to include a high school.

rwandafaihtacademy.org



South Sudan

South Sudan

Africa

People Groups: 78 (4% unreached)

Official Language: English and Arabic

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	7,600,000	77.2	0.0
Evangelicals	3,600,000	36.3	0.0

Challenges for Prayer:

South Sudan is the world's newest country. The nation was born in a great spirit of unity, happiness, and hope. Thank God for this freedom from the long, painful domination by the north. Sudan is now mainly Arab and Muslim, while South Sudan is mainly Black and Christian. Pray for the Church to have a good influence in society and leadership, to make a life better for all people.



SIM International

By faith, SIM International see an established Church capturing the missionary heart of reaching those who live and die without hearing the gospel, and courageously crossing barriers to do so. Our strategy to reach the least reached is through ministries in felt needs and biblical discipleship with the goal of making Christ known. We have ministries in health (clinic, community health, leprosy, maternity, nutrition for malnourished kids, and clean drinking water), discipleship (in the church and with new believers, Theological education), evangelism (mostly with the refugees from Muslim backgrounds and traditional African religions) and grade school education. God has blessed us in being able to cross barriers by giving us a diverse team. We have people serving on our team from 8 different countries. This diversity allows us to engage in the culture more effectively and with the world view of a global church.

Prayer Focus:

- We are hurting for additional short and long term workers to come and join us in discipleship and outreach as well as technical fields such as health and education.
- Please pray that the different churches and mission groups in the area will act in ministry as one, like when Jesus prayed for his disciples that they would be one as God is one.
- Many of our current missionaries are not from the west and would benefit greatly from people who know Microsoft office, finance, project management and team management. Please pray for people who willing to come for 6 months - 1 year to help train our people and live with us as an encouragement.
- Please pray for the new believers in the refugee communities from Muslim backgrounds, who experience persecution for following Jesus. Pray for boldness and that our Lord would strengthen them.

sim.org

SOUTH SUDAN



United States of America

United States of America

North America

People Groups: 364 (16% unreached)

Official Language: English. The growing Spanish-speaking Hispanic population is 11.2% of the population and numbers 34 million.

Languages: 176

Largest Religion: Christian

Religion	Population	%	Annual Growth
Christians	246,553,012	77.62	0.5
Evangelicals	91,764,554	28.9	0.8

Challenges for Prayer:

The 38-million-strong African-American community suffered immensely due to its origins in slavery and to subsequent racial discrimination.

- Young people at risk. Over half of inner-city black males fail to complete secondary school. Many are in prison or in gangs. Pray for an expression of Christian faith that enables these men to leave their shackles and find meaning, belonging and fulfillment in Christ.
- Pray for effective and loving outreach to African-American Muslims, whose numbers have rapidly grown up to two million – most of these from a Christian background.
- Pray for the community impact of African-American churches that have always had a strong redemptive influence in their communities.



Annie Aeschbacher - InnerCHANGE

InnerCHANGE LA is in MacArthur Park, a low-income, Central American immigrant neighborhood bursting with color, faith, hardship and hope. We live as neighbors among people on the margins, loving and serving them in the name of Jesus and seeing God's transformation happen from the inside-out and bottom-up. We long to see Gospel movements as people experience the joy of transformed life in Christ; becoming leaders, disciples, and agents of transformation for the Kingdom. As we pay attention to how God is moving, we step into Kingdom life with our neighbors – through such things as Bible studies, art clubs, tutoring, music, stewardship, discipleship, leadership formation, women's retreats, advocacy, prayer, worship, fellowship, friendship and walking together through life's ups and downs. It's the greatest joy and privilege to share in the life of the Spirit happening in our midst, and to witness God's transformation of us all in the process.

Prayer Focus:

- Please pray that more people in our community will continue to grow in their relationships with Jesus; that they may have a living relationship with God, and that there is a fanning of the flame of faith in each heart by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray that the love, peace, hope and strength of Jesus continue to reign strongly in this place as they dispel despair, isolation and fear.
- Please pray for God to continue to stir the hearts of those who would be local leaders in this community both with IC and outside of IC in whatever realm of work God is calling them.

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World Relief

Around the world, World Relief empowers the local church to serve the most vulnerable. Here in Seattle we help churches like BelPres serve refugees and other vulnerable immigrants. For those who have fled war, violence, or persecution in another country, a welcoming church offers community, help learning English, apartment furnishings, and more.

Imagine being a refugee child starting school in a new country and in a new language. Many refugee children have experienced trauma and had gaps in their education as they fled war or persecution in their home countries. Please be in prayer these students who have so many obstacles to overcome. Please pray for their teachers. And, please pray for all of our church volunteers who work with them through our next generation programs.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for a community of welcome and hospitality for refugees, asylees, and vulnerable immigrants.
- Pray for our leaders and country, that the US would continue to provide safety and resettlement to refugees and asylees.
- Pray for World Relief Seattle staff: for energy, encouragement, and rest.

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