

## Monday 11th January

### What does Frontiers do?

As Greg Livingstone, Frontiers' founder, *one in four people alive today are Muslim and 86% of them have never met a follower of Jesus*. According to the Joshua Project, there are over 3,000 unreached Muslim people groups with little or no gospel witness. (An unreached people group is a group of people who share a common language, culture, beliefs and heritage and who lack enough followers



of Christ, as well as resources, to evangelise and disciple their own people).

If we are serious about fulfilling the Great Commission that Jesus left us to make 'disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28) then these unreached peoples need to become a priority

for our prayers and actions. Frontiers recruits, trains and helps send new teams of long-term workers to over 50 countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia to people and places with the least access to the gospel.

Although the Muslim world is huge, Islam is influential and the need for Christ is great, the Lord is doing incredible things. In the last two decades far more Muslims have come to faith in Jesus than in the previous 14 centuries since Islam began. However, there is so much more that needs to be done; many more need to be encouraged and equipped to take and share the love of Jesus to those who don't know Him.

In the next few days, you'll discover more about the work of Frontiers, read an encouraging story from one of our workers on the field and find out how prayer is making a difference.

You can watch a [short video](#) introducing the challenge of reaching Muslims with the message of Jesus.

- Pray that the Lord would send workers out into His harvest field (Matt 9:38)
- Ask God to share His heart for the lost in the Muslim world, so that you can pray according to His will for this crucial work.
- Let's pray for families and communities to be transformed as the impact of the gospel begins to take effect.

## Tuesday 12th January

### Who goes to Muslim countries?

We work with ordinary people who use their everyday lives, jobs and passions to make a kingdom impact in the Muslim world. People joining Frontiers come from all different backgrounds and

experiences – from singles to families, twenty-somethings to retired professionals, seasoned travellers to those who have never ventured far from home.



Everyone who moves to the field with Frontiers joins or starts a team in their adopted country. This is an important part of how we work. We believe in labouring alongside others for the spread of the gospel in any Muslim community. We therefore place a lot of emphasis on helping people find a team which they fit well with, and where they can thrive using

their gifting. We currently have over 240 teams sent out from more than 50 nations.

The opportunities for using different vocations and skills in the Muslim world are many and varied. There are the more traditional examples such as teaching, lecturing and running NGO or aid projects. Other professional opportunities include engineering, medical work and running viable businesses. There are also creative ways to use skillsets which aren't often considered for ministry, for example: art and design, hairdressing and scientific research.

Our teams aim to bless their communities in practical ways in the places they live whilst building relationships and looking for spiritual openness amongst those they live and work alongside. See our webpage on ['What we do'](#) for more information.

- Pray for those within the UK church who are talking with us and exploring teams to join. Ask that they would find the right opportunity at the right time, and that God would pave the way for them to relocate to the Muslim world.
- Pray for new teams to be raised up from within the UK who can start ministries amongst unreached people groups. Ask that God would send us pioneers who are willing to go to places where there are no other workers.
- Pray that our existing field workers would thrive using the skills and passions God has given them and that they would be effective witnesses for Christ in their Muslim communities.

## **Wednesday 13th January**

### **How do we mobilise people to go?**

According to a recent Barna survey, roughly 51% of US churchgoers have never heard of 'the Great Commission'\*. Our UK church – once characterised by its spiritual reach across the world – probably reflects a similar statistic these days. We believe this statistic needs to change and we see the local church as being God's vehicle for reaching the nations. One of our primary focuses is to work with UK churches, to help them have a vision for the unreached and to equip them in sending their people to places where the gospel has never been before. We do this in several ways:

- We network across the UK to build new relationships with churches, including speaking at Sunday services and offering outreach training days to their congregations. We especially love supporting churches that have never sent someone overseas but want to grow in this area. We also work to develop strong and lasting relationships with churches that have sent field workers through Frontiers.
- We run organised short-term trips and offer a variety of other overseas experiences to envision leaders and encourage those who are praying about their future in the Muslim world.
- We love working with universities and Christian Unions by speaking at events and attending their Global Missions evenings throughout the year.
- We often exhibit at large Christian gatherings and festivals, to help raise the profile of global missions and to meet new people who are interested in becoming involved with our work.
- We partner with other mission agencies across the UK, including organising events and exhibiting together.

Please pray:

- The Lord has brought so many people from across the world to our doorsteps in the UK. Ask that he would use this to cause a new wave of mission-minded churchgoers to pray about their role in God's global plan.
- Pray for God's favour over our new connections with missional churches and individuals across the country, especially those who could have great positive influence within the UK church at large.
- Pray for opportunities to speak at Christian Unions where there are large populations of Muslim students. Ask that we might envision them with God's heart for the nations and for the Muslim world.

\*Barna Group, 2018 – <https://www.barna.com/research/half-churchgoers-not-heard-great-commission/>

## **Thursday 14th January**

### **How do we make disciples in the nations?**

When Frontiers started in the early 1980s very few people in missions believed it was possible to plant churches among Muslims, because so few were turning to Jesus. Thankfully, God took the faith of some who thought it was possible and within a few years numbers of new churches began forming right across the Muslim world.

During the 1990s we saw something even greater happening when those churches, especially the house churches started to multiply. We had to find new terms to describe what God was doing. Now we talk about 'movements', where disciples are making disciples and churches are reproducing

quickly and starting other churches. The good news is that these 'movements of disciples and churches' are occurring in the Muslim world - from West Africa to Indonesia.

With 1.8 billion Muslims in the world these new disciples still only make up a tiny proportion of their



communities. Without radical intervention, most Muslim people will be born, live and die without ever meeting someone who could share the gospel with them. That's why we at Frontiers continue to mobilise, train and work with the wider UK church to send workers to unreached peoples.

All our Frontiers fieldworkers have a passion to see movements of disciples and churches begin among the Muslim peoples God has called them to. Our workers are trained in looking for 'people of peace'; people in the community who are open to hearing the gospel and willing to pass it on to others. The spread of the gospel through movements often starts with an evangelist from outside, but churches only multiply as people of peace on the inside pass on the message and find other people of peace. Tomorrow we will read about one Frontiers family who have seen such movements to Christ as a result of their work in the last ten years in West Africa.

- Let's thank God for the dozens of movements that have emerged in the last 20 years, as a result of which so many people are coming to know the Saviour. It's harvest time in the Muslim world, so let's pray the harvest won't rot through lack of workers.
- Pray for protection for existing and emerging movements which often come under heavy spiritual attack and persecution.
- Pray for perseverance for our workers as they look for key 'people of peace' in their communities. It's a job often compared to looking for needles in haystacks.

## **Friday 15th January**

### **A story from the field about movements to Christ**

This story is from a Frontiers family who live in a country in West Africa:

"Ten years ago Jibi, a Fulani man in the Sahel region in West Africa who had never heard the gospel before, had a dream. It appeared Jesus was calling Jibi to come to him, but Jibi didn't know how he could do this. He came to our house the next morning, only a week after we had moved back to this country, asking how he could get close to Jesus. We began to disciple him, sharing the good news and telling him about Jesus and our loving heavenly Father. Over several months, not only did Jibi come to faith, but so did his three brothers!

Our family then had to leave the town we were living in, because of threats from fundamentalists.



My husband Simon coached this small group of believers from a distance and with occasional visits. Eight years went by and those four brothers grew in their faith, were discipled and shared the good news widely with their family and friends. A few were added to their numbers, but there was still little sign of kingdom growth beyond this brotherhood.

However, after eight years it became clear that God's Spirit had begun moving on a wider scale. Their wives began coming to faith, then their children, their uncles and aunts, their neighbours, and their friends in nearby villages. One of the things that seemed to touch this new wave of believers was seeing this new faith lived out in other Fulani people from neighbouring countries. Suddenly, it was as if they realised it wasn't just a faith for foreigners – it was a faith for their own people, and indeed for all people. That first little group became six more.

Now another group has started up in the capital city, hundreds of miles away from where it all began with Jibi. They want to plant a church there! God is moving, and we look with expectation and prayer for Him to complete what He's begun."

- Let's take a moment to thank God for this family and their faithfulness to the Fulani people, few of whom have met a follower of Jesus. Let's ask God to bless them and all our workers serving in many places across the world.
- It is very hard for Muslims to live out their Christian faith. They often face persecution and hardship. Let's pray for boldness for Jibi and all other Muslim background believers to stand firm in their faith and to have courage to share the gospel.
- Let's pray for more workers to go to those places and people who have yet to hear the good news and find life and freedom in Jesus.

## **Saturday 16th January**

### **Why pray?**

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* 1 John 5:14

We have read how, even today, millions of Muslims have never heard the gospel message or met a follower of Jesus. We pray because this needs to change. We know that prayer is powerful, and that God hears our prayers and responds.

Dr David Garrison, author of 'A wind in the house of Islam' has noted that: "More than 80% of all the Muslim movements to Christ in history have occurred in the past two to three decades, a time period that coincides with the modern prayer movement for Muslims."

God's plan from the beginning was that people from every tribe, nation, people and language would



be in relationship with him (Rev 7:9). Every Muslim is someone whom God loves uniquely and deeply. Through our weekly guides we learn more about them; their countries, their culture, their beliefs and the many challenges they face. We pray for more workers to go to them. We pray for those already living on the field, often in difficult places, as they obey God's call on

their lives. We join with them in asking for a harvest among those they have gone to love and serve.

God calls some to go, some to give and others to pray. We long to see even more people joining this prayer movement for Muslims. If you know of others among your family, friends or church members who may be interested in praying and receiving our weekly emails, please encourage them to contact us at [info@frontiers.org.uk](mailto:info@frontiers.org.uk)

Take a few moments now to listen to this [worship song](#) and hear what God is saying to you.

- Every Muslim is someone for whom Christ died. Let's ask God to give us a heart filled with love and compassion towards them and to commit to pray until they come to know the true and living God.
- Pray for more people to catch the vision to pray for the nations and to be part of the ongoing movement of prayer for the Muslim world.
- We are talking to leaders and key contacts about promoting prayer for Muslim nations. Please pray this will bear much fruit and more people will sign up to receive our weekly prayer guides.