

## Monday 21st September

### God's heart for the nations

We know Jesus' last instruction to His disciples recorded in Matthew 28:19-20: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."



But God's desire and plan from the very beginning was to see people from every tribe, nation, people and language in relationship with Him. In Genesis 9: 17 we read; "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth." Revelation 7:9 declares; "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

Throughout scripture, God has always pursued all creation so that everyone can come into relationship with Him. Every Muslim is someone whom God loves uniquely and deeply. There are 1.8 billion Muslims alive today, of which only a tiny proportion are believers. This is because without radical intervention, most Muslim people will be born, live and die without ever meeting someone who could share the gospel with them.

Yet we know prayer changes things. All great movements to Christ and revivals have happened because people were first praying and seeking God. Prayer is one of the most strategic things we can do to advance the gospel. Be encouraged that God hears your prayers and He is moving in response to the cries of His people.

- 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 for them until they come into a relationship with Jesus. (John 3:16)
- 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.
- Pray for new teams to be raised up who can start ministries amongst unreached people groups. Ask that God would send pioneers who are willing to go to places where there are no workers.
- Pray that our existing field workers would thrive using the skills and passion God has given them and that they would be effective witnesses for Christ in their Muslim communities.

## Tuesday 22nd September

**Noorbasha of India      Pop: Approximately: 700,000**

*"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." Matt: 4:8*

There are more unreached people groups in India than anywhere else in the world. This nation, together with Pakistan, Chad and Sudan, is one of Frontiers' priority countries for prayer for unreached people. Today we will be praying for the Noorbasha of India.

They are known locally as the Dudekula, meaning the cotton cleaners and mattress makers. They were originally Hindu but converted to Islam a few generations ago. Until quite recently, they wavered between the two religious traditions. Because they were poor and because of the non-Islamic customs they practised, they were looked down upon by others. Now they follow Islamic rituals, traditions and customs and they have a better status. Their spoken language is Telugu. The younger generation are learning Urdu and Arabic, languages spoken by local Muslims, in an effort to gain acceptance. The women have begun observing seclusion rules and the Muslim dress code.

To officiate over their marriage and death rituals a member of the clergy (hazarat) from the Syed Muslim sect (a descendant of the prophet Muhammad) is called upon. The weekly congregations meet on Fridays and are led by the Hazarat. The sermon (bayan) is conducted in Urdu or Arabic and later it is translated into Telugu. The Noorbasha regularly visit the Muslim shrines (dargahs) on pilgrimage to take vows or make their offerings. They recite the first page of the Quran in the name of the saint and also offer food to the poor.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to equip, empower and guide workers to these people, where they will bear kingdom fruit.
- Pray for disciple-making and church planting movements within this people group. Ask the Holy Spirit to multiply these movements until there is no place left in this people group where Christ is not preached or known.
- Ask that these movements transform this people group's culture to fully glorify God and represent His Kingdom on earth.

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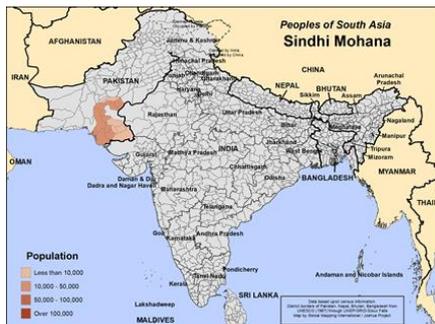
**Wednesday 23rd September**

**The Sindhi Mohana of Pakistan**

**Pop: 611,000**

*"Pull me from the trap my enemies set for me, for I find protection in you alone. I entrust my spirit into your hand. Rescue me, Lord, for you are a faithful God."* Ps 31:5

The Sindhi Mohana call themselves, Mir Bahana, which means, 'the lord of the sea.' They have traditionally been fishermen, boatmen and sailors. They live in Pakistan's Sindh and Punjab provinces. Some of them live in boathouses on lakes such as the man-made Lake Manchar, north of Karachi. Just off the shores, the Sindhi Mohana are found working on fishing trawlers in the Arabian Sea.



The Sindhi Mohana are Sunni Muslims and have few opportunities to hear about Jesus. There are no known followers of Christ among them. The great missionary statesman, William Carey, referred to groups such as this one

as 'no choice' peoples. Believers need to regularly intercede for this group that does not have the chance to choose Jesus Christ.

- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Sindhi Mohana people that will cause them to seek and find Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to make a way for them to hear the gospel, respond to it, and be disciplined so they can disciple others.
- Pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of these fishermen, as He touched the hearts of Andrew, Peter, James and John, the famous fishermen of the New Testament. May the 'lords of the sea' come to a knowledge of the Lord of the universe and disciple others in his ways.

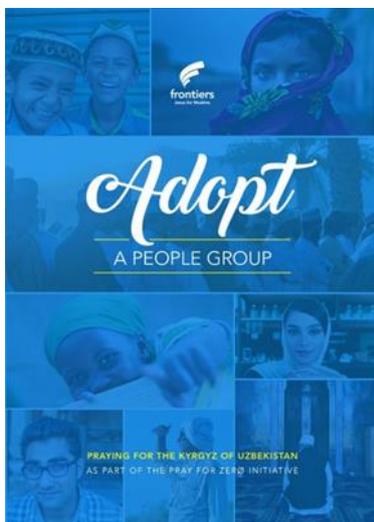
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## Thursday 24th September

### Adopt a People Group

Pray for Zero is a prayer initiative that was launched last year in our British office. Its goal is to see some of the largest unreached Muslim people groups around the world receive the good news and for the number of such groups to go from 179 to zero!

There are 768 different Muslim people groups in the world today with populations over 100,000.



The good news is that over 75% of those groups have a local fellowship or people intentionally sharing the love of Jesus with them! However, it leaves 179 large people groups without an opportunity to hear the gospel and we believe God wants that number to reach zero!

The goal is to raise up daily prayer for 12 months, with a minimum of 12 people each praying for 30 days in turn. Some churches have 12 individuals, couples or families praying to cover each month, and some have 12 small groups taking it in turn. Others have used a combination of small groups, seniors, youth groups, women's groups or Sunday School classes.

Adopting a people group for prayer is a great way to develop the prayer life of a church and we hope many more churches will take up this challenge. Groups such as CUs or prayer teams can also adopt a people group, and it could be a great focus for international prayer meetings or Muslim-focused gatherings.

If you or your church is interested in knowing more, please contact [info@frontiers.org.uk](mailto:info@frontiers.org.uk).

- Please pray that many churches and groups will be interested in joining us in Praying for Zero and will sign up to adopt a people group.

- Pray that the churches that commit to joining this initiative will have no shortage of people and groups willing to join in the year of prayer.
- Pray that many will come to know Jesus as a result of these prayers.

Source: <https://www.frontiers.org.uk/get-involved/adopt-a-people-group/>

## Friday 25th September

### The Zaghawa of Chad

**Pop: Between 159,000 and 271,000**

The Zaghawa (also spelled Zakhawa) are an ethnic group of eastern Chad and western Sudan, including Darfur. They refer to themselves as the Beri, while the name 'Zaghawa' comes from the nearby Arab peoples and is better known. They have their own language, which is also called Zaghawa, and the breed of sheep that they herd is called Zaghawa by the Arabs. They are semi-nomadic and herd cattle, camels and sheep and harvest wild grains. It has been estimated that there are between 159,000 and 271,000 Zaghawa living in Chad. You might want to watch this short video about the Zaghawa people: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6Z11yfnA>

While they are not very powerful in Sudan, they are dominant politically in Chad. The current president, Idriss Déby, and several former prime ministers of Chad are Zaghawa, as well as many other members of the government. The Chadian Zaghawa are therefore among the richest and most influential people of Chad. However, in Sudan, the Zaghawa are caught up in the Darfur crisis, and have suffered much loss from the troubles there. The Zaghawa of Sudan are among the peoples living in the refugee camps in Darfur and eastern Chad.

As a result of Tijani Muslim missionaries from West Africa who were travelling through their area to make the pilgrimage to Mecca, the leadership converted to Islam. In the 1940s, the Zaghawa began to turn to Islam from Animism in large numbers. Today 95% of their population are Muslim. There is 0.1% or fewer Christians of any kind living among them, and no evidence of a self-sustaining gospel movement.

- Cry out for the many Zaghawa who still haven't heard the good news, that they will experience the true peace and eternal security that only Jesus offers.
- Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Zaghawa who will boldly declare the gospel.
- Pray that all unreached people groups across Chad would have access to the truth, the life, the hope and the joy that are only available through Jesus Christ.

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**Saturday 26th September**

**The Dar Hamid people of Sudan**

**Pop: Approximately 790,000**

The Dar Hamid people of Sudan live a life similar to that of Abraham. They wander from place to place, looking for food and water for their animals. They face a problem that Abraham faced also; drought that can lead to the death of their camels, sheep, goats, and cattle. If their animals die, the Dar Hamid face starvation.

The Dar Hamid consist of 19 tribal clans or families and are only known to live in Sudan. Unfortunately, these clans often fight one another due to the lack of water and grazing land. Prior to the 1960s, the number of livestock a tribe owned was determined by how much water they had access to. In the 1960s, however, the government drilled new wells, which resulted in larger herds. However, there was then not enough food for the extra animals, and decreased rainfall made the situation even worse. As a result, many Dar Hamid have lost their livestock and been forced to leave their land.

Since the Dar Hamid travel from place to place, education for their children is sporadic. Most Dar Hamid cannot read or write. The Dar Hamid are Sunni Muslims. They mix Islam with folk religion, using charms and magic to ward off evil spirits.

- Pray that the Jesus Film in Sudanese Arabic will be distributed widely among the Dar Hamid, and that a church planting movement will emerge among each of their 19 clans.
- Workers with skills in water purification and treatment could provide help and improve the health of this people group living in the dry climates of Sudan. Pray that God sends workers with the right skills to help the Dar Hamid.
- Pray that the Lord opens the hearts of Dar Hamid leaders to the gospel so that the blessings of Christ will become known by their entire people.

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