

Monday 16th September

Introducing Pray for Zero

This month we are launching a new prayer initiative called Pray for 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! Pray for Zero is an initiative which seeks to see these groups adopted for a year of prayer by 179 churches across the UK.

The idea is that a church (or other group) makes a commitment to pray for an 'unengaged' Muslim people group for a minimum of a year. The goal is to raise up daily prayer for 12 months, with at least 12 people, each one praying for 30 days in turn. Some participating churches have 12 individuals, couples or families praying to cover each month, and some have 12 small groups taking it in turn, others use a combination of youth groups, small groups, student groups etc.

Adopting a people group for prayer is a great way to develop the prayer life of a church and we hope many 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.

For the rest of the week we will be praying for some of the people groups that are still to be adopted.

To find out more visit Frontiers webpage: <https://www.frontiers.org.uk/get-involved/adopt-a-people-group/>

- 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.

Tuesday 17th September

Bederia of Sudan

"And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9

Listen to the worship song by Andrew Peterson, Is He Worthy? [here](#)

The Bederia are a nomadic tribe of over a million men, women and children that raise cattle in the plains of Sudan's Darfur, North Kordofan, and South Kordofan provinces. Although they are traditionally nomadic, there are some Bederia now living in farming communities and villages. They are virtually 100% Muslim and strictly adhere to the five pillars of Islam. We know that every nation

and tongue will be represented in heaven and we pray that many from the Bederia will be amongst them.

- Pray for God to raise up those with a heart to pray for this very large tribe in Sudan.
- Pray for the news about Jesus to spread throughout every area of Sudan and that many would acknowledge Him as the only worthy one.
- Pray that the name of Jesus would be praised and lifted high amongst the Bederia tribe.

Wednesday 18th September

The Kyrgyz of Uzbekistan

More than any other Central Asian people, the Kyrgyz have clung to their traditional way of life as nomadic livestock producers. The basic unit of their society is the “extended family,” which consists of between 5 and 15 families who have all descended from a common ancestor. Villages are formed by combining 5 to 7 extended families. The Kyrgyz have been forced to adapt to the rigorous conditions of daily life in Uzbekistan. Climate and altitude are both extreme, with heavy snow covering the ground for as long as 9 months of the year. To avoid the long bitter winters, the Kyrgyz travel from place to place, living in thick felt-covered tents called yurts. They move these homes only short distances during the winter months, taking shelter by the sunnier edges of the mountains. Then, they move to the plateaus for grazing during the summer.

Luke 1:76-79 says:

“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

- Pray that we will prepare the way for the Lord to enter the hearts of the children of the Kyrgyz through our prayers.
- Pray that the Kyrgyz will be dissatisfied with their faith and turn to the living God.
- Pray for workers to bring light to those living in darkness.

Thursday 19th September

The Hausa of Ghana

The Hausa are the dominant ethnicity in northern Nigeria. In a nation of some 191 million, over 33 million are Hausa, 70% of whom are found in rural communities. Almost 14 million more Hausa live throughout West Africa, Algeria, and Europe. Nearly 300,000 Hausa are found in Ghana where they first began to settle about 500 years ago. In the fifteenth century, the first Muslim traders from



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Hausaland arrived and settled in the North Eastern section of Ghana. With the expansion of trade in the eighteenth century and the "holy wars" of Fulani in the nineteenth century, Hausa immigration to Ghana increased. Hausa traders, Muslim priests, and Hausa-speaking slaves helped to spread the Hausa culture in Ghana.

The following Prayercast video prays for the Hausa in general, most of whom are in Nigeria, but it is also relevant for the Hausa of Ghana:

<https://www.prayercast.com/hausa.html>

- Pray that this group will be adopted in prayer and that they will hear the gospel for the first time.
- Pray that believers would go and live amongst the Hausa of Ghana, sharing Jesus with them.
- Pray that many from amongst the Hausa would discover Jesus for themselves.

Source of some content: https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12070/GH

Friday 20th September

Sanusi Bedouin of Libya

The Sanusi are one of the most unique groups of Bedouin. They have been influenced by both the traditional nomadic lifestyle of the Bedouin and the religious teachings of a prophet known as Sayyid Muhammad ibn' Ali as-Sanusi. This particular Muslim influence has made them one of the more gentle of the Bedouin tribes.

The traditional homeland of the Bedouin is the Arabian Desert; however, some groups have migrated into northern Africa. Today, many Sanusi Bedouin live north of the Sahara Desert in eastern Libya. It is a fertile area that runs into the Mediterranean Sea. Water is precious to the Sanusi Bedouins who live in the Libyan Desert. They try to stay clear of the fighting that rages all over Libya. Like most people groups in Libya, the Sanusi are Sunni Muslims. There are few if any followers of Christ among them.

This story illustrates aspects of this people group's lifestyle:

"The Sanusi man rode his camel across the barren sands of the Libyan desert. He'd left his flocks of sheep and goats with family members many miles away. Off in the distance he saw the green palm trees of an oasis. "Please, Allah, don't let it disappear!" He'd seen many mirages despite being only 25 years old. The image of the oasis grew larger as he rode closer. This was no mirage! Finally, the man got off his camel and bowed in thanks to Allah. Here was water and grass for his sheep and goats. Now he could move his flocks out of the depleted pastures he'd been using."

- Pray that this people group will be adopted in prayer. May the Sanusi come to see Jesus Christ as the living water, the one who can meet all their needs, both physical and spiritual.

- Pray that signs and miracles will show this people group that Jesus Christ is the true source of salvation.
- Pray that as they come together with friends and family, they will be able and willing to tell stories of Jesus, and that these stories will lead to a disciple-making movement.

Sources: Global Prayer Digest and Joshua Project.

Saturday 21st September

The Beja of Eritrea

The Beja are a group of nomadic shepherds who live scattered across the desert regions of Sudan, Egypt and Eritrea. They are said to be the descendants of Noah's grandson, Cush (son of Ham). They are a native African people who have occupied their current homelands for more than 4,000 years. During that time, they adopted Islam and virtually all of the Beja are Muslims; however, they practice what is known as 'folk Islam.' Their beliefs are interwoven with a rich variety of traditional beliefs. For example, they believe that men have the power to curse others by giving them the 'evil eye.' They also believe in wicked jinnis (spirits capable of taking on animal forms) and other invisible spirits.

The Beja are a minority group in Eritrea and being a nomadic group it is harder to reach them. Eritrea has been very difficult to access until recent times and has been described as having a very poor human rights record. Despite all of these difficulties we know that God wants every Beja person to have the opportunity to hear about Him and can overcome every obstacle to bring news of His salvation to them.

Listen to the following worship song, Reckless Love by Cory Asbury, as you pray for the Beja of Eritrea:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE&list=RDS6SSHuZvQE&start_radio=1&t=46

- Pray for a committed team of intercessors to adopt this people group and pray for them.
- Pray for believers to go to the Beja of Eritrea, sharing the love of Jesus with them.
- Pray that many Beja would come into the Kingdom of God and would worship God for his faithfulness in reaching them.
- Finally, let's pray that every unreached people group will be adopted for prayer and the goal of Pray for Zero will quickly be reached. Contact charlotte@frontiers.org.uk for more information.

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