

Monday 10th May

DAY 28 KUWAIT CITY, The Fortress by the Sea

Pop: Approx. 2.9 million



Kuwait City was once a small seaside sheikhdom with an economy based on pearl diving and shipbuilding. Thanks to the discovery of massive oil reserves, Kuwaiti citizens now enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world.

Yet thousands of marginalised Kuwaitis live in poverty. Called the Bedoon, which literally means ‘those without,’ this class of people aren't recognised as citizens and have no access to higher education or state healthcare.

Hope from God's Word:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1–2

- Pray that people in Kuwait, including foreign expatriates who make up 70% of the population, will hear the good news and make Christ their refuge and fortress.
- Pray for Bedoon families living in slum-like areas and for their youth who have little hope for the future. Ask God to give Kuwaiti political leaders the will to restore the rights of the Bedoon.
- Pray for the underground church in Kuwait City to be strengthened and for local believers to grow in faith, maturity and bold witness.
- Pray for open doors for new workers with professional degrees to be able to obtain visas, find jobs, and share Christ in the city.

Learn More

In one of the wealthiest countries of the world, the Bedoon have lived for decades as a stateless class without the rights of citizenship. Read more by clicking the link: <https://frontiersusa.org/stateless-people>

Tuesday 11th May

DAY 29 DHAKA, The Watchtower in Bangladesh, South Asia Pop: Approx. 19.6 million



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Dhaka is a densely populated city bursting with energy. It's one of the largest metropolitan areas in South Asia and also has one of the highest population growth rates in the region. The city draws migrants from every corner of the country.

Dhaka's name means 'watchtower,' a reference to the fortifications built by former Mughal rulers. Its old city still has hundreds of buildings that date

back some 400 years to the Mughal dynasty.

Hope from God's Word:

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." Psalm 127:1

- Pray for open doors to share the gospel with Muslims in Dhaka, who make up 95% of the population, and ask God to open their hearts to receive the good news.
- Pray for righteous city officials to find solutions to overcrowding, rising congestion, and weak infrastructure as more migrants stream in from rural parts of the country.
- Pray for protection for Bangladeshi men and women working in the textile and garment industries; ask God to raise up corporate leaders who will seek to improve working conditions for those who are often treated with little regard.

Learn More

The homeland of over a billion people, South Asia is a region of dazzling diversity, trailblazing adventure, and famously welcoming people who are always ready to make instant friends. Discover more about the region: <https://frontiersusa.org/regions/south-asia>

Wednesday 12th May

DAY 30 DERBENT, The Gate of Gates in Dagestan in the Caucasus Pop: Approx. 121,000



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Derbent lies nestled along a narrow plain between the Caspian Sea and the Caucasus Mountains. The city was once considered a strategic gateway connecting ancient trade routes between Europe and Asia. An imposing medieval fortress still overlooks this predominantly Muslim city.

In the fourth century, the people of Derbent adopted Christianity. The city remained an important launching pad for evangelism throughout the Caucasus until the arrival of Islam three centuries later. Today the majority of people in Derbent are Muslim.

Hope from God's Word:

"Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favour from the Lord." Proverbs 8:34–35

- Pray that the people of Derbent will have their hearts awakened to the Lord and actively seek to find the way to life in Christ.
- Ask God to send followers of Jesus to Derbent to pray for the city, share the gospel, and help revive the movement of faith that started there in the fourth century.
- Pray for Derbent to open its gates to welcome the Lord and ask God to draw whole families to believe in Christ.
- Pray that believers in Derbent will overcome fear and share their faith with courage and boldness.

Learn More

For generations, an isolated Muslim people group in the Caucasus never had the chance to hear the gospel. One man's welcome toward a Frontiers team is changing that: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/man-of-peace/>

Thursday 13th May

Eid-al-Fitr

"For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6:33

Ibrahim's mouth waters as he stares at the tray of pancakes, folded into half-moons and filled with walnuts and cream cheese. The sweet aroma of these qatayifs is so thick he can almost taste them.

To Ibrahim, edible delicacies like qatayifs are nearly always synonymous with Ramadan. His mother and aunts prepare all sorts of special foods for breaking the day-long fast: fresh fruit juice, savoury soup, small meat pies called fatayer and kanafeh, a sweet pastry made with layers of crispy dough and cheese.

Now everyone focuses on preparing for the three-day feast following Ramadan. Ibrahim's father brought home a ram they'll slaughter on the first morning of the feast. His mother has bought new clothes for the family. Later today, his older sisters will make maamoul, small shortbread cookies filled with dates and nuts.

Gifts will be exchanged and there will be much celebrating with family and friends. They will wish each other a happy Eid.

Common greetings during this holiday are the Arabic greeting "Eid Mubārak" meaning "Blessed Eid" or "Eid Saīd" meaning "Happy Eid." Muslims are also encouraged on this day to forgive and forget any differences with others or animosities that may have happened during the year.

In some cities, fairs are held to celebrate the end of the fast of Ramadan.

In many countries, Muslims have a tradition of giving money and food to the poor. Many will give gifts of sweets or money to children. It is a joyful occasion, similar to Christians celebrating Christmas.

If you have a Muslim neighbour, friend or co-worker or perhaps meet Muslims as you go about your daily routine, you might like to greet them with "Eid Mubarak" or ask them how they are celebrating.

- Pray that many Muslims will be celebrating the good news of Jesus and not just the end of Ramadan.
- Pray that Muslims will seek Jesus, the one true source of nourishment that can satisfy their hunger and thirst forever.
- Pray for Muslim men, women and children to seek salvation through Christ, who came to give life to the world.
- Let's thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers over the past 30 days.

Friday 14th May

JAKARTA, The City of Complete Victory in Indonesia

Pop Approx. 10.5 million

People from every corner of Indonesia come searching for economic opportunities in Jakarta, the nation's



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largest city. Vibrant and dynamic, it's a place of contrasts. New skyscrapers rise optimistically from the skyline amid vast slums and severe ecological breakdown. Dramatic population growth has strained the city's resources, and unregulated groundwater extraction coupled with rising sea levels has turned Jakarta into the fastest sinking city in the world.

The city's name translates into 'complete victory,' a reference to the victory of Muslim troops as they drove the Portuguese out of the city in the 16th century.

Hope from God's Word:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

- Pray that the people of Jakarta will look to Jesus Christ, who sealed a complete victory over the grave through His death and resurrection.
- Ask the Lord for innovative solutions to restore the land and mitigate the effects of rising sea levels and ecological degradation. Pray for an end to political apathy that could lead to Jakarta becoming the world's first megacity doomed by climate change.
- Pray for efforts to mobilise Jakarta's Christians to share Christ with Muslims, who make up 83% of the city's population.

Learn More

Living in an urban poor community, Hatima struggles every day for her family's survival—just like hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/justice-for-the-urban-poor/>

Saturday 15th May

TRIPOLI, The Bride of the Mediterranean in Libya

Pop: Approx. 3.1 million

The city of Tripoli rises out of the desert and sits on a rocky promontory overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. It was founded in the seventh century BC and has long been an ancient crossroads of civilisations. It owes its nickname to its brilliantly white buildings framed above the turquoise sea.



Tripoli is Libya's capital and the largest city in this oil-rich nation. Former dictator Muammar Gaddafi lived in and ruled from the city until his downfall in 2011.

Hope from God's Word:

"You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married." Isaiah 62:3–4

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- Pray that Tripoli's people will embrace the One who delights in them and longs to redeem them as His own.
- Pray for an end to the civil war, which began in 2011 and has persisted as rival factions seek control over the country.
- Ask God for peaceful elections planned for the end of this year; pray for a clear path out of the cycle of violence, war, and chaos, and ask the Lord to raise up people to lead the country with integrity and justice.

Learn More

In the face of death, Muslim-background believers are sharing Christ with urgent determination. Click the link to read their story: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/cost-of-starting-a-movement/>