

Email

Dear Friend

Recently, we sent a short-term team out to a nearby Muslim country, including several members of our team at the British Office, to pray for unreached cities. They were participating in a prayer initiative, to pray for 172 cities throughout this country.

Remember when Jesus sent out the 72? Like them, these short-term teams arrive unannounced in a city to prayer walk, with the main goal being to leave behind a prayed-for city, they also watch for a "person of peace", build relationships, and till the soil for the next phase - a subsequent Luke 10 encounter with those who can share Jesus in their own language.

They ask for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done in every place they plant their feet and help create a welcome for Jesus! We will be praying this week for the places that they went and the people that they met. We have not mentioned a country name as we want to be able to share details with you, and not cause a security risk for those in the country.

If your church is looking for short-term mission opportunities, or you and a group of friends would be interested in forming a team, why not get in touch with us to see if you could take a team to pray in one of these towns. We'd love to help you organise a trip and train you before you go. To find out more, have a chat with us.

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For His Glory in the Nations

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Monday 13th June

Mike, one of our UK Directors wrote about the recent trip he led to a nearby Muslim country to pray for unreached towns and cities.

“This was a crash course in discipleship.” “It felt like we were living out the Acts of the Apostles.” Those were just two of the reactions of the 10 young people I’ve just spent a week with, in a nearby Muslim country. We had travelled to two out-of-the-way towns where no known believers live. We’d spent two days prayer-walking and telling the people about God’s love and about Jesus. We had nowhere to stay, relying on the Lord to provide accommodation or a person of peace who would invite us into their home.

While experiencing the warm hospitality of the locals we had mixed receptions when we told them we had come to pray God’s blessing on their town. Some warned us to be quiet, while others welcomed us in, received prayer, eagerly took New Testaments, and even asked us to worship in their homes!

As we reflect on our week away, we at Frontiers see that Significant numbers of young people in the Muslim world are disillusioned with religion, asking questions about God and desperately looking for answers. God is also raising up dozens of young people in Britain who are beginning to understand God’s heart for the nations. Especially those with no access to the gospel. A few dozen have joined our Prep Steps community where they can spur one another on. The combination of God raising up young people in the UK to go, and young people in the Muslim world looking for answers is surely no coincidence.

Would you join us in praying for God to call out many young people to avoid the distractions of successful careers, houses and possessions, take up their crosses and follow Jesus to the ends of the earth?

- Pray for this generation of young people in their teens and twenties to put aside all distractions and radically follow Jesus.
- Pray that many young people will follow the call to reach Muslims all over the earth.
- Pray for young Muslims who are seeking after truth, that they will encounter Jesus.

Tuesday 14th June

Another member of the team wrote: our experiences can be summarised in four categories:

1. Ministering on hard ground
2. Ministering on soft ground
3. Seeing an emerging church
4. Seeing opposition and persecution first hand

It's quite unusual, I imagine, to have this range of experience within a single week but hopefully means that we've left with a fairly rounded sense of missional realities, good and bad.



Hard Ground

Six of the group went to a small town of 10,000 people and had a tough start to their stay, meeting a very conservative man who was extremely hostile to the gospel, regularly reminding the men that they were infidels.

Even in this dark place, there were pockets of light. His son, for instance, wanted to receive a New Testament and his nephew asked the group how to pray. There was also opportunity to fill the home with the sound of the great hymn, Amazing Grace.

The team were there to pray on this hard ground and received their assignment from God as they came to "Intercession Bridge". If we can leave this town thoroughly prayed for, then we've been successful, they thought. They prayed on the hills, around the town, and by the river that runs through the town, asking for belief and repentance leading to baptisms!

- Pray for the men that received the New Testament and wanted to know how to pray that God would further soften their hearts to the gospel.
- Pray that when believers return to this town they would find softer ground for the gospel
- Pray for the seeds that were sown on this trip to bear fruit.

Wednesday 15th June



Soft ground

Can you imagine this scene? Eleven foreigners with their backpacks descend from a coach on a cloudy day in a small town which never receives tourists, ever. It's a place of no significance to anyone other than those who have always lived there. Old men sitting on street corners look up from their cups of chai, shop owners stand in their doorways puffing cigarette smoke as they watch us pass, women in headscarves breeze past on the pavement trying not to stare. This is a Muslim town of 30,000, no followers of Jesus have ever set foot here, and we've come to pray for it

Five of us stayed together in this town for the next two days. We had no plan other than to walk, pray and meet locals - not even any accommodation lined up! Within two hours our group had met a local family, been invited to share their picnic, bundled into their 5-seater car, whisked to their home for more food, and had accommodation arranged for us in town. Everyone we met was so hospitable, kind, and interested in us. Over the course of our stay in the town we ended up with opportunities to pray for many local families, worship in several of their homes, open Scripture with people who wanted to learn more about Jesus, and give away some New Testaments to those who were interested.

It was an incredible whirlwind of an adventure. Before the trip I didn't think I was the right type of person for it, and there were frequent moments during it when I was out of my comfort zone or doubting my usefulness. By the end I was amazed at what God had done through both me and the team. His power is at work in my weakness and is expressed so beautifully in our unity as a body. And I'm really moved by how much God wants to reach people - like those living in that small town - with his love and grace.

- Pray for the families that were so hospitable to our team, that God would bless them in every way.
- Pray for those who received New Testaments that they would read them and that the words would bring them life.
- Pray for this town that many would come to know Jesus in this place.

Thursday 16th June

Seeing an emerging church



Listen to this worship song: 'Revelation song'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FrhDJa3XCM>

In travelling to our next place we were going from a place with no believers to a place with about **25 believers**. It was great to meet brothers and sisters there and experience mutual encouragement. Several 'seekers' **wanted to become followers of Jesus** there and then so we prayed over them!

On our final full day, we were invited by a believing teacher to her school to meet the kids. Most of us simply played and exchanged some simple conversation over Google Translate but those who spoke the language had some great opportunities to share. There were some teenagers who were very open, disillusioned with Islam and **asking great questions about God's grace**.

- Pray for the youth of this area who heard the gospel message that they would keep seeking the truth about God.
- Pray for the small emerging church that many more would be added to their number.
- Pray that they would remain bold, fearlessly sharing the gospel.

Friday 17th June

Seeing opposition and persecution first hand

“But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats ; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:14-18

Team report continued...

Sadly, the next day we heard that there was **uproar** in the community that followers of Jesus had been sharing their faith, with parents turning up at the school to complain, particularly about the believers.

We found this out as we were travelling home and have been praying for them since. One of the believers sent this message:

They heard the things they needed to hear. The Lord is good and I hope the seeds sown in their hearts will germinate. I'm first of all praying for the families who have complained. May the Lord save them. May he guide them from the things they believe to be true to 'the truth'.

- Pray that despite this persecution the believers in this place would stay strong and faithful to Jesus.
- Pray for those who have been complaining about the believers that they would have dreams and visions of Jesus.
- Pray for great growth for the church in this region.

Saturday 18th June

Listen to this song 'Grace to Grace' : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sq3mrz_C92s

A quote from one of the team:

My main takeaway from the trip, now that I've had a little time to process it, is a better understanding of grace. In 5 years of doing (sporadic) outreach work, the time we spent in the prayer towns was the most open, most genuine, most honestly seeking response to outreach that I have yet seen. We had not spent long in prayer for this town, and we don't know of any believers from there who might have been interceding for their home. The fact that God has poured out such blessing on that place and allowed us to witness it as well is incredible and has helped me to understand more deeply how undeserved the grace we receive is.

Some quotes from people the team met:

- 'When you were praying the winds changed.'
- 'I know that only Jesus knows the future.'
- 'We're not used to people praying for us, especially not for the disabled.'

The grace of God is so incredible that it changes people once they encounter it. We want to pray for each person that the team met on this trip, who encountered God's grace through the team, to keep seeking after Jesus and to know Him as Saviour.

- Pray that God would meet each one of those that interacted with the team, through dreams and visions.
- Pray that their hearts would be stirred to find out more about Jesus and the gospel.
- Pray that many would receive God's grace and follow Him.