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Dear Friend,

This month we are praying for the Muslim communities of South Asia. This week we are praying particularly for the ongoing growth and development of the teams that Frontiers sends to the South Asia region. As we have done throughout the year for each of the Frontier's regions, we are using criteria that have been developed within the particular region that we are praying for. In this instance our prayers this week will be guided by the areas in which leaders in the region believe new and existing team members need to grow and develop.

The region is establishing a hub team for new team members where they can acclimatise to life abroad, begin language study and grow in many other myriad ways in a team environment that is less exposed than life within team in an unengaged people group context.

If you are interested in learning about the many and varied regions of the Muslim world, we regularly write about different regions in our 'Connected' magazine. If you would like to receive this in paper or email format, or would like to view previous magazines you can do that on this page:

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May God bless you as you pray and intercede this week.

For His glory in the nations,

Charlotte and Richard

Prayer Mobilisation Team

Monday 30th September

Disciples for Disciple making.

Teams across the South Asia Region are looking for new team members to join their communities, and, just as Jesus invites disciples on his pathway to be “fully equipped” for his kingdom service (Luke 6:40; 2 Tim. 3:16-17), so team leaders across the region desire that new (and existing) team members are fully equipped to serve too.

Making disciples Jesus’s way did not happen in the classroom. It happened with him on the road to Jericho, in the homes of tax collectors and the ‘dregs’ of society, on the hillside with 5,000 hungry seekers, kneeling in the garden...

More than passing on content or sharing experiences, Jesus transferred his DNA of relationship with the Father and mission to his disciples. Because of this the South Asia Region is forming developmental ‘hub teams’ where Jesus’s discipleship DNA can be passed from more experienced workers to newcomers.

The hope is that new workers will be able to grow in the characteristics, experience, and tools that they will need when they begin to engage with unreached peoples in more isolated contexts. For two years before reaching their final destination new workers will be part of a hub team as they explore and develop their calling to an unreached people group in South Asia.

Prayer

- Pray that new workers would be ready and willing to receive Jesus’ DNA of relationship and mission as they serve on hub teams in SAR.
- Pray that new workers will grow in character and experience as they serve on hub teams so that they are ready to move to a final destination unreached people after 2 years.



- Pray for the unreached peoples of South Asia, that there would be both near culture and foreign teams willing to go and tell them about the Kingdom of God.

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Tuesday 1st October

Character & Spiritual Formation.

South Asia is big in every sense of the word. Over a vast area, vast numbers of people, with a huge diversity of languages are packed into some of the worlds largest, busiest, richest, poorest and loudest cities. Team members in South Asia therefore need to be able to respond to the overwhelming and often ambiguous experience of South Asia whilst staying calm, connected, and on course.

Other aspects of character development and spiritual formation that leaders in SAR hope to see new field members grow in godly patience, recognising that spiritual formation happens at God's pace not ours (oven vs microwave). Likewise, the development of leaders is a life-long process that requires godly patience, and which only happens at God's pace.

Prayer is another aspect of our spiritual formation, with a lifestyle of prayer and hearing from God being 'caught' from other experienced pray-ers, rather than 'taught' in seminars. Inner healing prayer can be part of this process and together these spiritual disciplines work together to form habits of abiding in Jesus that will carry a new team member through tough and challenging times in in their team and in the unreached community in which they eventually serve.

The enemy loves to steal, kill and destroy, and this can only be combated within a community in which the spiritual gifts of 1 Cor. 12 are practiced. Teams come together in Jesus recognising that the battle we are in is not against flesh and blood but against the authorities and powers of the world and against the spiritual forces of evil. As teams, team members must become familiar with the communal practice of spiritual warfare.

The final piece of the spiritual warfare jigsaw is the deliberate practicing the New testament



"one another's". These leads team members to the place of preferring the needs of others over their own, and we hope, also helps combat the team conflicts that can be so damaging. In such conflict a context of 'one-anothering' within the team is a solid foundation from which to fruitfully work through the conflict.

Prayer

- Pray that as new team members join teams across the South Asia Region they will not be overwhelmed by the size and ambiguity of the region.
- Pray that new team members will have and will form lifestyles of prayer, 'catching' their passion for prayer from their team mates.
- Pray for teams in the midst of spiritual warfare, whatever form it is taking. Pray for new team members in these circumstances, that they will learn and grow through the experience.

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Wednesday 2nd October

Experience the Discipleship Process.

As we said on Monday, Jesus's disciple-making happened with him on the road through Samaria, in the homes of tax collectors and with the 'dregs' of society, on the hillside with 5,000 hungry seekers, or kneeling in the garden... More than passing on content or sharing experiences, Jesus transferred his DNA of relationship with the Father and mission to his disciples.

As such the disciples were exposed to Jesus's **modelling** of kingdom values, to **assisting** Jesus as he ministered, to ministering as Jesus **watched** them, before they were finally **launched** out to minister on their own. By the time that Jesus finally launched them out 'into all the world' they'd had a full grounding in 'how Jesus did it'. The teams of SAR are committed to a similar disciple-making approach across the region, using a "model, assist, watch, launch" process through many repetitions of disciple making activities.

As part of this process wisdom and grace are needed. Wisdom to safely navigate the many security and cultural complexities they will encounter. Grace to live conspicuously spiritual lives within the host culture.

We pray that this wisdom and grace will lead to new team members having the experience of facilitating groups with new disciples, of developing partnerships with existing near culture disciples, and the privilege of participating in the development of Muslim Background Believer Leaders.

Prayer

- Pray that as teams across South Asia 'model, assist, watch and launch' local believers into lives of discipleship to Jesus that they would have Jesus' heart and wisdom in the process.



- Pray too, that Frontiers' Team Members across South Asia will have the wisdom needed to navigate the security and cultural complexities of the region, as well as the grace to live conspicuously spiritual lives within the host culture.
- Pray that teams across South Asia will have the joy and the privilege of discipling groups of new believers and of near culture believers, leading to the development of MBB leaders

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Thursday 3rd October

Language & Culture Growth.

If you regularly pray with us for the Muslim world and those serving within it, you will recognise the importance of today's theme. Being proficient in both language and culture is of key importance.

In South Asia, the hope is that all team members will be able to attain language skills such that they will understand most of what they hear, even if the host people aren't speaking to them. This means that the host people will see team members as almost, but not quite "one of us", and that they will be able to fit into host communities (social groups, work teams, etc) without disrupting them or slowing them down. It is a big ask, particularly if those going are taking young families with them. One of the best ways to attain this level of language is to live with locals, often through a homestay arrangement, sharing a local's house and home.

Alongside this linguistic fluency it is hoped that team members in South Asia, as they learn language, will also learn culture, giving them a general understanding of South Asian Islamic Culture and the ability to navigate some of the cultural and language differences with near culture believers.

These language and cultural skills will help team members to be resilient through times of cultural stress and ambiguity, and the ongoing nature of this linguistic and cultural learning will allow them to find ways to contextualise following Jesus effectively.

Prayer

- Pray that team members across the South Asia region will find supernatural help as they learn language to the levels they need.
- Pray that team members would quickly gain cultural fluency in their



host cultures, being able to share their faith effectively and in a contextual manner.

- Pray too that team members' linguistic and cultural fluency will give them a resilience to the uncertainties of life to be found across South Asia.

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Friday 4th October

Member care

As teams form and grow, the community and relationships that the team members build together is often very intense. As such each team member has a duty to practice basic care for the other members of the team. It is this deliberate practice of such skills that helps to develop the strong and lasting communities we often find within our teams.

Single & Family Relationships healthy.

Teams are made of single people and married people, some with young and school-age children. And with in this network of relationships teams need to ensure that they develop healthy rhythms of rest, play, and work. The history of Christian missions is littered with families that have been broken by the pressures of the mission field, and it is our hope that in promoting a much healthier approach to family life, putting spouses and children first as we minister, that our teams we have much richer, more fruitful ministries as a result.

To this end teams across the South Asia region have access to support resources as they need them, with access to support such as Inner Healing prayer, Spiritual Formation, help navigating both cultural stress, and grief and loss.

This support is not just aimed at families or couples but is available to single team members too as they face the unique challenges of endurance as single long-term workers. Often these members of our teams face repeated questions from local people about why they are unmarried and are almost inevitably offered a husband or bride from the local people group. It can be intrusive and unnerving, and team must be a space in which single team members are welcomed for who they are without judgement about their marital status.



Prayer

- Pray that as new team members join both existing and new teams, they practice the basic “one-anothering” member care that such teams need to function well and fruitfully.
- Pray for family resilience and health in teams across the South Asia region. Pray that as they navigate the inevitable challenges of life far from their home cultures they will find the support and care that they need, as individuals, families, and as teams.
- Please pray specifically for single members of teams in South Asia. Pray that they will be valued in their singleness both in team and in their ministry.

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Saturday 5th October

Access / Residency Strategy.

To live and work in South Asia, teams and team members need to have clear and unambiguous reasons for being in their country and location of focus. It is no longer enough to have a missionary visa, rather workers going must have a plan for how they intend to remain in the country and location of the people they plan to go and live amongst. If they plan to be students, then they must actually study. If they plan to be businessmen, then they must run a real business. In short, the lives of integrity and honesty that we talk of in our walk with God must extend to our visa and how we live out our student/business/NGO/other identity.

The goal here is long-term residency leading to lives and communities transformed by Christ in the long-term. And it is during a new team member's first two years on the field with the hub team that these residency strategies can be investigated and planned.

Network of Support for Focus Population

During the first two years as part of a hub team in South Asia, team members will be expected to establish their own coaching relationships to support them. Relationships that will support them in terms of their ministry goals, in terms of their access goals, and in terms of developing near culture relationships.

The Hub is intended to be the first cross-cultural context of apprenticeship into movement work for new field members. After completion of 2 years on a hub team, the team member will be expected to participate in movement work among an unengaged South Asian population.

Prayer

- Pray that teams across the South Asia region will find good long term residency options to live lives of



witness amongst their target communities.

- Pray that each team member will pursue their visa platform with vigour and integrity, honouring God as they honour the visa rules of their host country.
- Pray that new team members in the South Asia region will build their own coaching relationships with people who can support them in ministry, access and near culture relationships.

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