

Email

Dear Friend,

This month we are praying for the Muslim communities of the Sahel and Sub-Saharan Africa. The region is vast, stretching from Dakar on the Atlantic coast in Senegal in the West to Somalia in the East, along with Comoros in the Indian Ocean. We will be praying this week for areas that have no gospel witness or very limited access to the gospel and for people groups that have yet to hear about Jesus.

Thank you to all of you who prayed for our young adults weekend, Awaken. It was an amazing time: We had 40 hours of continuous prayer and worship, prayed intensively for Saudi Arabia and Turkey in two different 2-hour slots and interceded for many other nations. We also commissioned a number of young adults into the next stage of their call to the nations.

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

For His glory in the nations,

Charlotte and Richard

Prayer Mobilisation Team

Monday 5th August



Prayer is powerful

Psalm 78:2-4

‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old-- what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.’

Listen to this song ‘Same God’ by Elevation worship:

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

Our God is the Same God that we read about in the Bible. He has not changed and He is powerful and mighty, merciful and faithful.

As we pray for the Sahel and Sub Saharan Africa to find salvation in Jesus and transformation as they enter the Kingdom of God let’s remember these truths.

Prayer

- Pray that the God of Mary, who was lowly and humble in heart would send many to the lowly and humble of this region, to serve them and bless them with the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray that the God of David, would defeat the giants of poverty, instability, famine and war and bring

healing to the nations of the Sahel and Sub Saharan Africa.

- Pray that the God that frees captives would raise up just leaders and people committed to ending slavery and human trafficking in this region.

Tuesday 6th August



Niger

Watch this video:

<https://prayercast.com/prayer-topic/niger/>

One of the poorest countries in the world, Niger has over 3 million people in acute food insecurity. The agricultural economy is frequently destroyed by drought, making it insufficient to support the growing population. Despite government efforts to increase agricultural production and the development of uranium mining, the gross national product has declined sharply.

Slavery is still practiced in isolated areas of the country. Nigerian children are trafficked for labour in gold mines, sexual exploitation, and begging. Women are abducted and sold into domestic servitude or prostitution, and young boys are kidnapped for work in stone quarries.

Less than two percent of the population claims the Christian faith. Ninety-three percent of the nation is Muslim, with seventy-eight percent of the people listed as unreached ethnic groups.

Psalm 34:18 'The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit'

Prayer

- Pray that the gospel would be good news to many across this nation who are crushed in spirit.
- Pray for more workers to go and serve and bless this nation.
- Pray for peace and stability and just rule for Niger.

Wednesday 7th August



Barma of Chad

The Barma people of Chad (also called the Bagirmi) are completely unreached with the gospel. There are approx. 158000 of this people group, who occupy the territory between N'Djamena (Chad's capital) and Bousso, a small city farther south on the Chari River.

In the 1700s, the Barmas' ancestors ruled the Bagirmi Empire, a large area across Chad and into Sudan. At the end of the 1700s, the empire was attacked by Islamic Wadai armies and was never able to regain its political independence. The Barma have been devout followers of the Islamic faith since the sixteenth century.

Let's pray for this people, for their eyes to be opened to the truths of Jesus salvation and for opportunities for them to hear the gospel, so that they can have the choice to follow Jesus.

Information from:

https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10692/CD

Prayer

- Pray for the Barma people to have opportunities to hear about Jesus through media such as radio and tv.
- Pray for Jesus followers to move to this area and share the gospel of Jesus with the Barma people.
- Pray for more people to commit to praying for this people to come into the Kingdom of God.

For more information see

<https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>

Thursday 8th August



Jahanka people

The Jahanka people live in Senegal, a West African nation on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. Various Jahanka villages are independent of each other and of the local chiefs. The Jahanka people are committed to peaceful coexistence and refuse to become engaged in politics or war. When threatened, they simply relocate their villages into safer territory. Their villages enjoy the privileges of sanctuary, judicial independence, and freedom from military service.

Although the Jahanka are small in number, they are a very significant group in Senegal. Formerly, they supported themselves through their activities as religious teachers; however, when they lost their slaves, they were forced to devote more time to farming and less time to religious studies. Nevertheless, many are still active Muslim teachers.

Jahanka people value education and scholarship and are known for their success in commerce and other professions. However, as urbanization has accelerated in recent years, the Jahanka people have become more dispersed, and the pressures of modernization have become more acute.

They are far more orthodox and committed to Islam than just about any other people group in Africa.

There are no scriptures in their own language; no JESUS Film in their own language, no Christian broadcasts in their own language, and no mission agencies working among this people.

Prayer

Lets pray the following scriptural prayer over the Jahanka people:

'O Lord God! behold, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for you. Show your loving kindness to the Jahanka people. You are the mighty God, the Yahweh of Armies is your name. You are great in counsel, and mighty in work; let your eyes be open to all the ways of the Jahanka people .

JEREMIAH 32:17-19

- Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Jahanka who will boldly declare the gospel.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to birth a cascading discipleship movement among the Jahanka people in Senegal for God's glory.

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Friday 9th August

The Bumpy Road Home



Last spring our host city was transformed into a battlefield. Rival militant factions fought for control of the government and cared little for the citizens living through it. Some of the fiercest fighting occurred just a mile from our apartment—a place my family had called home for years.

Despite the jarring sounds of nearby gunfire and artillery, my wife and I didn't want to leave. We hoped the conflict would be short-lived, and in the meantime, we longed to provide physical and spiritual help to our Muslim neighbours. As the war raged on, we lost water and electricity. Food spoiled in the oppressive heat, and many of our friends began evacuating the area.

The danger around us continued to escalate until we realized we were in no position to offer assistance. It was time to go. Leaving proved even more difficult than we'd expected. The fighting had spread throughout the city. Roads were closed and gas scarce. Transportation options were extremely limited.

Eventually, we were able to board a bus out of the immediate area, then a ferry took us out of the country. The moment we escaped was bittersweet—knowing we were safe but

uncertain if we'd ever see our home and the people we had been sharing Christ with again.

We spent the next several weeks visiting family in the U.S. while grieving and praying for our friends back home.

Staying in touch was painful. As we heard about the fighting and looting, we realized the entire landscape of our adopted homeland had changed. Our community no longer existed. Many of our friends, along with millions of others, had fled across the border and become refugees.

We didn't know how to help the people God had placed on our hearts so many years before. We couldn't continue our previous ministry, yet God's calling never faded.

Pray:

- For those field workers serving in difficult and dangerous places, across the Sahel and Sub Saharan Africa, for opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with those affected by conflict and displacement.
- Pray that the hearts of Muslim men and women in crisis will be open to the Gospel so that they will seek and find Jesus.

Original blog:

<https://frontiersusa.org/blog/bumpy-road-home/>

For more information see

<https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>

Saturday 10th August

The bumpy road home Part 2



Continuing from yesterdays story....

Our hearts remained burdened for our people—the ones we had been called to—so we trusted that God would reveal a new way for us to serve.

Five months later, we were on the move, settling across the border from the country we had so happily called home. The terrain is different. The culture is different. Our apartment is different. But our mission remains the same—to share the Good News of Jesus with this people.

Despite what the Lord has taken away, He has given us much more than we could have ever imagined. God has established a home for us here among our people.

He brought us to a nation we had visited many years before where we can partner with other Frontiers workers. He directed us to a new home in an area brimming with refugees from the same city we had to leave. He even surrounded us with needs that have become opportunities to serve and share the Gospel.

In some ways, our family now has greater access to the people who've resided in our hearts for years. The shared experience of displacement has forged even deeper

connections. We wouldn't have chosen the bumpy road to get here, but we are grateful for how the Lord works for us and through us.

We still hope to return to our first host country, but for now its future is unknown. What we do know is that God has established a home for us among our people, because He has a plan to make them His people too.

Prayer

- Praise God for Frontiers workers serving faithfully wherever God calls them to be.
- God chooses our times and locations (Acts 17:22-28). Pray for groups that have become refugees or displaced peoples that God would use these difficulties to allow them access for the gospel.
- Pray for all the refugees and displaced peoples across the Sahel and Sub Saharan Africa to have a witness for the gospel of Jesus.

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