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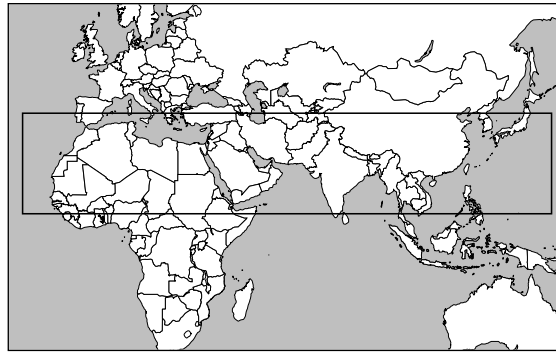
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October 1 - 4

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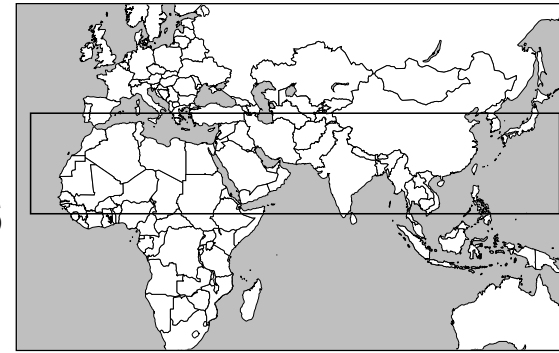
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Homeland: Malaysia, Indonesia, South Thailand

Religion: Islam, Animism

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for Southeast Asia Christians to grow in their burden for their Malay neighbors.
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- Ask God to strengthen and protect persecuted Malay believers and raise up dynamic Malay Christian leaders.

DAY 2 SUNDANESE also: Madurese, Balinese and Sasak

Homeland: West Java and Indonesia

Religion: Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that God would break Islam's hold on the minds of the people, and that more Muslims leaders would submit to God through his son Jesus.
- Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would send out more workers to do evangelism and church-planting among the Sundanese in culturally sensitive ways.
- Although Indonesia is a predominantly Muslim country, the government officially protects the freedom of religion. Pray that authorities would not bow to Muslim pressures to further hinder the spread of the gospel.

DAY 3 BUGINESE also: Banjar, Gorontalo, Makassarrese, Philippine Muslims

Homeland: Sulawesi, Indonesia

Religion: Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit might open up the hearts of the Buginese people to know him. Pray that God would show his mercy.
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- Pray that the Lord might raise up people whom the Buginese respect to take the gospel to them.
- Pray for the development of strong Buginese churches.

DAY 4 KHMER also: Bouyei, Lao and Li

Homeland: Cambodia

Religion: Buddhism, Animism

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that this generation of Khmer youth would turn to Christ in large numbers.
- Pray for the Khmer church. Less than one percent of the Khmer people are Christians. Young believers suffer from lack of follow-up and leadership training, and the disunity among Christians. Pray for forgiveness and reconciliation to prevail.
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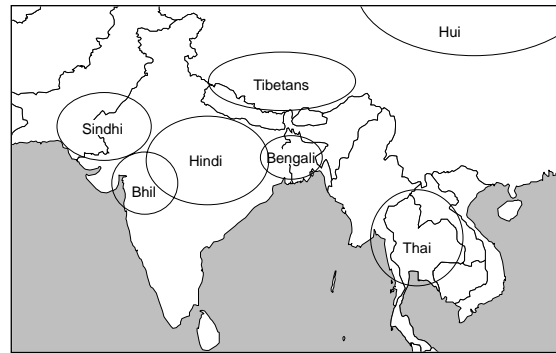
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also: Shan, Zhuang and Black Tai

Homeland: Thailand
Religion: Buddhism

PRAYER POINTS:

- Many Thai find it hard to understand the concepts of grace and forgiveness. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give them understanding.
- Pray for the victims of the sex industry in Bangkok, many of whom are children. Fear of AIDS has caused many government leaders to rethink the current entertainment industry and are beginning to enforce positive changes.
- Even in rural Thailand literacy is on the rise. Pray that many would take advantage of the Christian and evangelistic literature that could explain Jesus to them.

DAY 6 HUI

also: Japanese, Tujia and Yao

Homeland: China
Religion: Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask the Lord to break down the spiritual strongholds and release the Hui from oppression into the kingdom of his Son.
- Pray that doors would open for ministry among the Hui.
- Pray that the Hui would see their righteousness as “filthy rags,” their good works as insufficient for salvation. May they turn to Christ for forgiveness of sins.
- Thank God for the growth of his churches among other Chinese peoples. Pray that the Lord would raise up from among them laborers for his harvest among the Hui.

DAY 7 TIBETANS

also: Bhutanese, Burmese, Arakanese and Manipuri

Homeland: China, Tibet, Nepal
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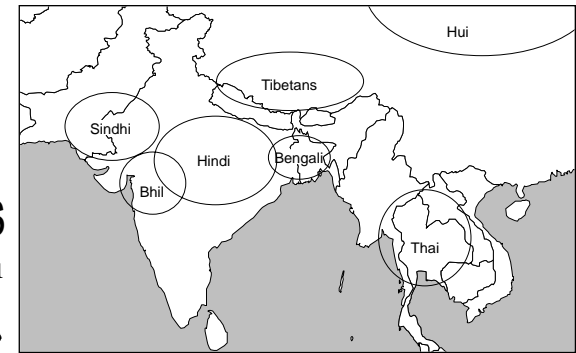
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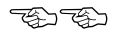
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also: Gujarati, Marathi and Gujjar

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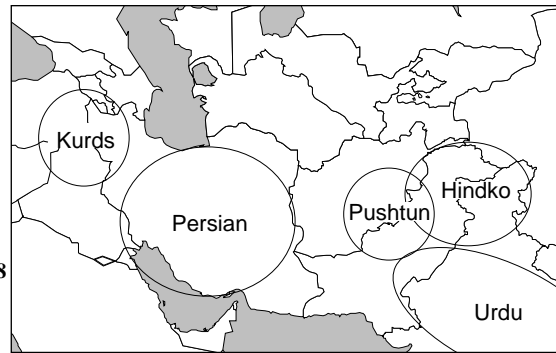
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DAY 12 HINDKO

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PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the Pakistan Bible Society as they distribute the Hindko New Testament.
- Pray for the new effort to reach Hindko-speakers in Karachi. Away from home and family pressures, these men can be more open to the gospel. Pray also concerning ethnic tensions they face in Karachi.
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DAY 13 URDU

also: Muslims of Deccan, Kashmiri and Maldivian

Homeland: India, Pakistan
Religion: Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

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- Pray that God would one day send out Christian missionaries from the Urdu-speaking communities of North India to other Muslims around the globe.
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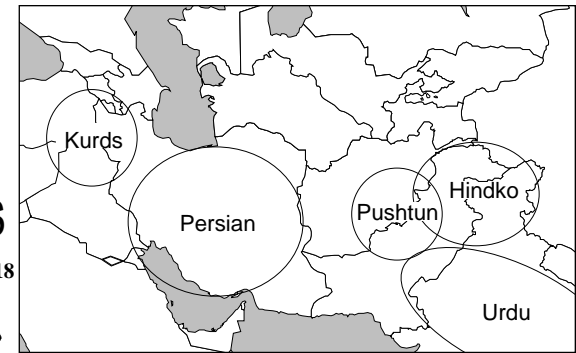
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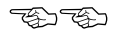
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DAY 15 BRAHMIN also: Middle Classes, Business and Urban Communities

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Religion: Hinduism

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- Ask God to thrust forth laborers, both Indians and foreigners among the Brahmins.
- Pray that more and more Brahmins would be compelled by a sense of their sin and the contrasting glory of God to put aside their idols and give their lives to him.
- Pray for enduring and maturing faith for Brahmin believers. Ask God to redeem and even broaden their influence for Jesus.
- Pray that the Spirit of God would do what only he can do to bring a biblical sense of godly unity of purpose to the disparate believers from low and high castes.

DAY 16 PASHTUN also: Baluch, Aimaq and Brahui

Homeland: Afghanistan, Pakistan

Religion: Sunni Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the breaking of the cycle of blood revenge in Afghanistan. Pray for these fierce fighters to enter into the spiritual battle on the side of God.
- Pray that heads of households would understand the forgiveness found in Jesus' blood, and that women and children interested in Jesus would not suffer for it.
- There is a small Pashto-speaking church in Pakistan. Pray for growth and unity for this fellowship and its leaders.
- Pray for the Nuristani and Pashai peoples who have never had a church or missionary.

DAY 17 PERSIAN also: Tajik, Mazanderani and Hazara

Homeland: Iran

Religion: Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the valiant church which has seen pastors killed and many believers fleeing the country. Pray also for revival in the Orthodox and Armenian churches.
- Of the 65,000 villages in Iran, maybe six have a Christian presence. Pray for effective radio and television broadcasts as well as sensitive and appropriate evangelistic efforts by believers from Iran and elsewhere.
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Religion: Sunni Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

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- Pray that the *JESUS* film would be made available in more Kurdish dialects.
- Pray for the translation of scriptures into the different Kurdish dialects.

DAY 15 BRAHMIN also: Middle Classes, Business and Urban Communities

Homeland: India, spread all over India

Religion: Hinduism

PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask God to thrust forth laborers, both Indians and foreigners among the Brahmins.
- Pray that more and more Brahmins would be compelled by a sense of their sin and the contrasting glory of God to put aside their idols and give their lives to him.
- Pray for enduring and maturing faith for Brahmin believers. Ask God to redeem and even broaden their influence for Jesus.
- Pray that the Spirit of God would do what only he can do to bring a biblical sense of godly unity of purpose to the disparate believers from low and high castes.

DAY 16 PASHTUN also: Baluch, Aimaq and Brahui

Homeland: Afghanistan, Pakistan

Religion: Sunni Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the breaking of the cycle of blood revenge in Afghanistan. Pray for these fierce fighters to enter into the spiritual battle on the side of God.
- Pray that heads of households would understand the forgiveness found in Jesus' blood, and that women and children interested in Jesus would not suffer for it.
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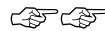
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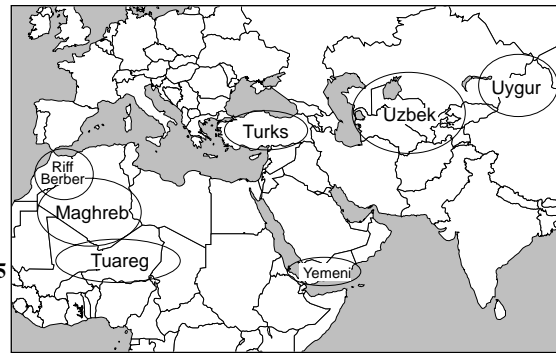


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Homeland: Northwest China, Kazakstan and spread throughout Central Asia

Religion: Islam, Animism

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that more Uygurs in Central Asia and Kazakstan would follow Christ and become missionaries to Uygurs in China.
- Pray for reconciliation between Uygurs and Chinese, and that Chinese Christians might minister to Uygurs.
- Uygurs are often shielded from foreign visitors who are looked on suspiciously by the government. Pray for creative access strategies to bring laborers to this harvest field.
- Pray that community leaders would embrace Christ as Savior and Lord.

DAY 20 UZBEK

also: Tatar-related Peoples, Kazan and Bashkir

Homeland: Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan

Religion: Islam, Animism

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the millions of Uzbeks who have never heard the gospel might soon hear and believe in the one true God.
- Pray for unity among the churches of Uzbekistan, and ask God to raise up more wise and godly leaders who would shepherd their flocks well, preparing the next generation for ministry.
- New indigenous fellowships of former Muslims have begun in the last five years. Pray that their leaders would continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

DAY 21 TURKS

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Homeland: Turkey

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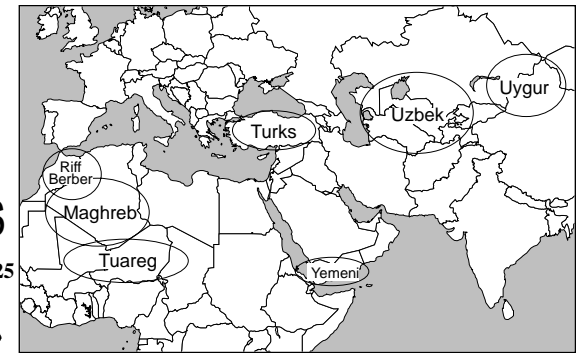
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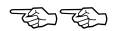
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Homeland: Yemen

Religion: Islam

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DAY 23 MAGHREB ARABS also: Libyan, Hassaniya and Sudan Arabs

Homeland: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, France

Religion: Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Islam has created a kind of fatalism within the Arab cultures. Pray that Arabs would be attracted to the Creator God, who is concerned about their lives.
- Forty-two percent of the Maghreb are under 15 years of age, yet there are no ministries reaching out to these children. Pray for creative ministries to reach the next generation with the good news.
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DAY 24 RIFF BERBER also: Tamazight, Kabyle and Shawiya Berbers

Homeland: Morocco

Religion: Sunni Islam

PRAYER POINTS:

- Hundreds of thousands of Riff Berbers live in Europe. Others travel back and forth to Europe for work. Pray for ministry to Berbers in Europe, who might be more open to hear the gospel and be influential in the Riff region.
- There were Berber churches in early Christian history but when Islam came, they crumbled. Pray for the birth of new Berber churches which reflect a value for Berber culture and identity.
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DAY 25 TUAREG also: Saharan and Southern Shilha Berber, Shuwa Arabs

Homeland: Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso

Religion: Islam, Animism

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for Christians who can address their physical and spiritual needs during this time when the Tuareg nomadic way of life is being challenged.
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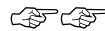
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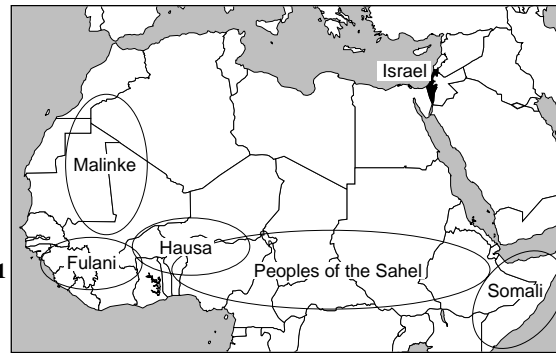
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DAY 26 SOMALI

also: Afar, Beja and Nubian

Homeland: Somalia, Ethiopia
Religion: Islam

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- Pray for the Kenyan Somalis to turn to Christ and carry the message to the Somalis in Somalia and Ethiopia.
- Pray that God would bless the work of World Vision, SIM, and other agencies attempting to penetrate this unreached people group with the gospel.
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DAY 27 PEOPLES OF THE SAHEL

also: Fur, Chadic and Masalit

Homeland: Chad, Nigeria, Niger, Sudan
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PRAYER POINTS:

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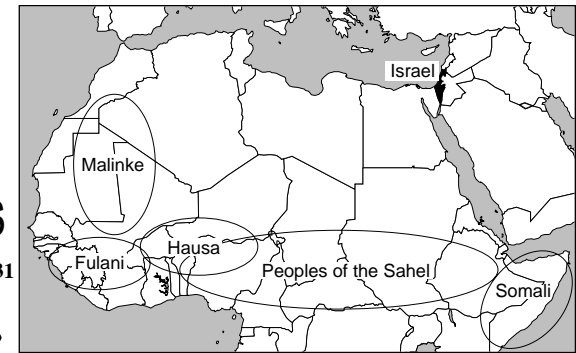
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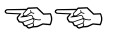
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- Some of the missionaries to the Malinke have been forced to leave their work because of sickness. Pray for their health and strength.

DAY 30 HAUSA

also: Swahili, Songhai and Kanuri

Homeland: Nigeria, Niger
 Religion: Islam, Animism

PRAYER POINTS:

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DAY 31 JEWS

also: Albanians, Caucasians, Bosnians and Siberians

Homeland: Israel and many other countries
 Religion: Jewish

PRAYER POINTS:

- More than 30 Messianic Jewish congregations exist in Israel, with more in the US, England, Latin America, and elsewhere. Pray for their growth near and far.
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