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PRAYER FOCUS
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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

What pops into your mind when you read the words “unreached people groups”?

Simple, tribal living or high-tech, city life? Intense religiosity or no religion at all? Commitment to community or extreme individualism? Hard-to-reach or just a plane ride away?

Actually, any of those answers could be correct.

Ask TEAM missionary Eric Kroner about the unreached people group (UPG) he serves in Chad, and he’ll share about farmers who live without electricity or running water.

“They are very much aware that their livelihood is dependent upon rains, at the whim of disease, and with the very rhythms of day and night,” Eric says. “Because of this, ... spirituality is inseparable from who they are.”

But ask Kelly Baughn about the UPG she serves, and you’ll get a completely different answer: “Japanese are generally materialistic and apathetic toward spiritual things.”

The people of Tokyo are surrounded by every convenience they could desire. Their local airport is one of the busiest in the world. Yet, Japan is the second largest unreached people group in the world.

As we pray for unreached people groups, we are lifting up communities that can look vastly different from each other. Still, their core needs are the same. They need messengers of Christ in their communities. They need the Holy Spirit to open their eyes.

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS?

Sun: **ASK GOD** to send more workers and equip local believers for ministry.

Mon: **PRAY** for wisdom and understanding as missionaries figure out how to effectively share the Gospel in cultures that have never heard it before.

Tue: **ASK GOD** to break down spiritual and cultural strongholds.

Wed: **ASK GOD** to keep missionaries and local believers safe as they minister in nations where sharing the Gospel is discouraged or even illegal.

TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!



Thu: **PRAY** for strong first- and second-generation churches.

Fri: **PRAY** for one unreached people group by name (find them at joshuaproject.net). You may be one of the very few people in the world praying for this unique group!

Sat: **PRAISE GOD** for reaching your own people group with the Gospel and for the many others He is transforming with His love.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. JAPAN** | A TEAM missionary is doing premarital counseling with a Christian Japanese couple. The couple is greatly struggling with constructive communication. “It’s hard for young Christians to meet each other and move toward marriage in Japan, and we really want this couple to overcome the obstacles standing in the way,” the missionary writes. “I very much need wisdom to understand the underlying issues.”
- 2. CHAD** | The president of Chad was recently killed, thrusting the nation into a state of upheaval. TEAM missionary Eric K. asks for prayer that the country will have a just transition of power, with a government committed to serving the poorest of the poor. “Pray that recent events will lead to an openness to the Kingdom of God, which brings enduring justice and peace to the land,” Eric says.

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. MEXICO** | TEAM missionary Phil E. has been meeting with two teens for one-on-one Bible study and discipleship. One of the boys has expressed a desire to be baptized and, Phil says, has been like a sponge, soaking up all the truth he can. He has been sharing with his brother who also has some questions. Please pray that the brother will come to one of the meetings and ask his questions. Pray that he will come to know Jesus as his Savior.
- 2. SOUTH AFRICA** | A student recently shared how God called her to study at Durban Bible College. Brenda dreamed about going to a school where all the studies were about the Bible. She also saw yellow and green walls in the school. She dreamed that she would stay in a house full of love. Brenda asked her pastor about it, and he said it probably meant she would go to a Bible college. Brenda is now a third-year student, being taught by TEAM missionaries and others. During the week, she stays at her pastor’s house, a home full of love. The colors she saw were painted a year after her dream. This dream taught Brenda that God is in control of everything! Praise Him for how He is raising up workers of every tribe, tongue and nation!