

Introducing the *Pray for the 31 - Prayer Guide*

*What could be higher on Christ's priorities than
engaging His global body in prayer
for the fulfillment of His global purpose?*

Someone studying the new category of *Frontier People Groups* (FPGs) noticed that half the population of all FPGs lives in just 31 people groups with populations of ten million or more.

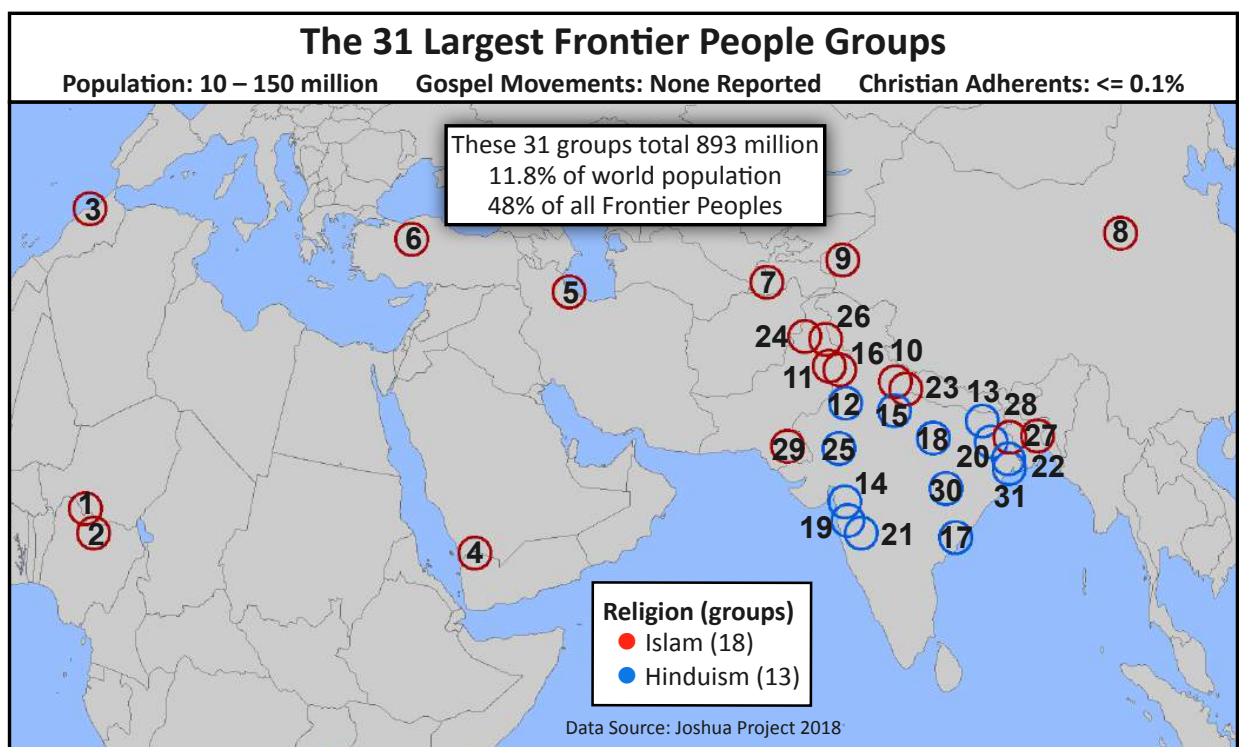
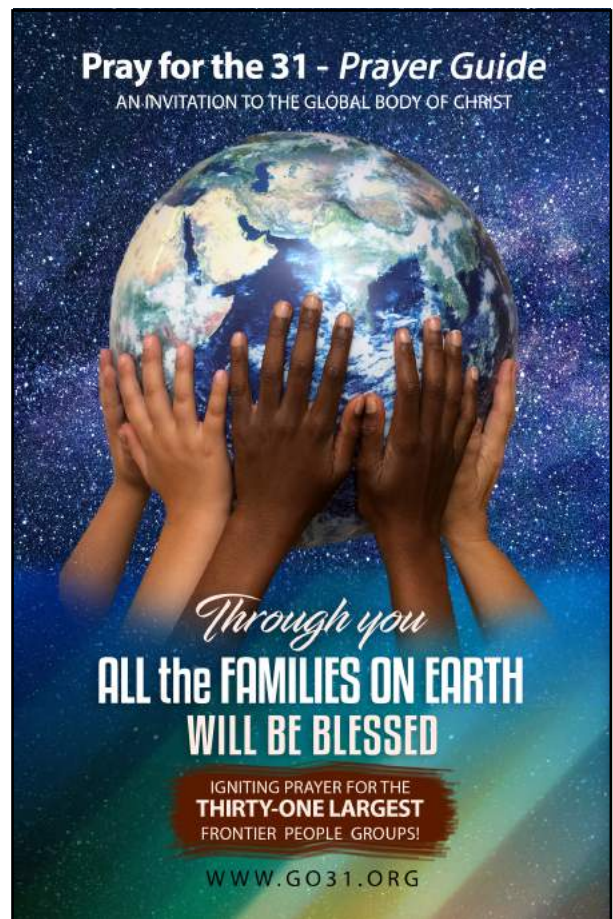
This was mentioned to a few prayer leaders on March 21st, 2018, and someone observed, "31 is a good number for a prayer guide!"

Prayer led to quick consensus among these prayer leaders, leading to sustained collaboration in developing such a prayer guide.

Forty days later, to the day, volunteers had integrated feedback from a variety of prayer and mission leaders, and sent to the printer the first edition of a prayer guide for the 31 largest Frontier People Groups.

Global interest was immediate, and long before this first edition was back from the printer volunteers were busily translating it into a half-dozen or more languages.

In subsequent months a major revision and expansion were completed to form the prayer guide showcased here.



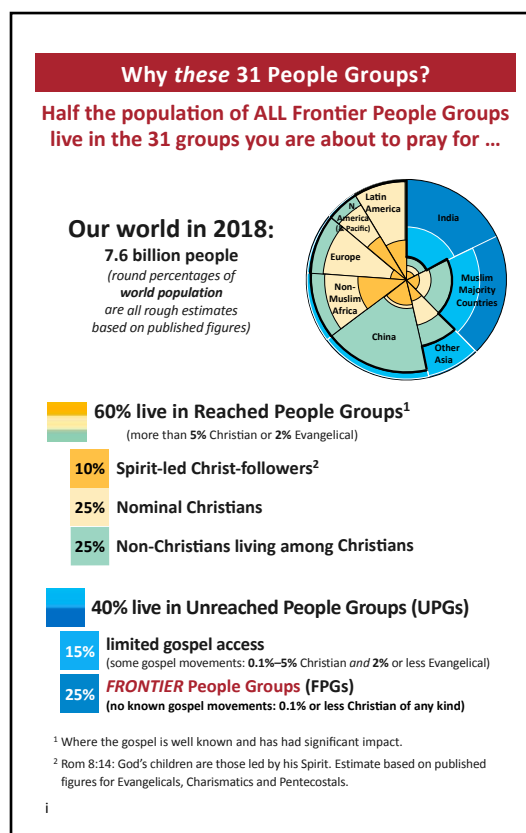
Frontier Peoples over 10,000,000 sorted by Region, then People name, then Country

West and Central Africa	South Asia	
1 ● Hausa in Niger	10 ● Ansari in India	21 ● Mahratta in India
2 ● Hausa in Nigeria	11 ● Arain in Pakistan	22 ● Nai in India
Middle East / North Africa	12 ● Bania in India	23 ● Pashtun in India
3 ● Arab, Moroccan in Morocco	13 ● Brahmin in India	24 ● Pashtun in Pakistan
4 ● Yemeni (Northern) in Yemen	14 ● Dhobi in India	25 ● Rajput in India
Central Asia	15 ● Jat in India	26 ● Rajput in Pakistan
5 ● Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk in Iran	16 ● Jat in Pakistan	27 ● Shaikh in Bangladesh
6 ● Turk in Turkey	17 ● Kapu in India	28 ● Shaikh in India
7 ● Uzbek (Northern) in Uzbekistan	18 ● Kumhar in India	29 ● Shaikh in Pakistan
Northeast Asia	19 ● Kunbi in India	30 ● Teli in India
8 ● Hui in China	20 ● Kurmi in India	31 ● Yadav in India
9 ● Uyghur in China		

Further research may reveal that some or all of these people groups are actually several related but distinct people groups, each needing one or more movements.

Here are some of this guide's special features:

- Inside the front cover is the listing above of the thirty-one groups, organized by region. Notice the concentration in South Asia, keyed to the numbered circles on the map shown on the opposite page.
- Colored rings on the map, dots in the table, and banners over the profile show which people groups are Muslim (●) and which are Hindu (●).
- The next page of the prayer guide distills the new pie chart (p. 8–9 of this *MF*) into one page (right).
- Subsequent pages of this guide cover:
 - A brief overview of *Frontier People Groups*.
 - The key role of prayer in opening these groups to receive God's blessing in Jesus.
 - The biblical basis and significance of pursuing gospel movements in prayer.
 - Prayer for the Bible to become fully available to all 31 of these people groups.
 - General prayer points for all FPGs
 - Suggestions for involving kids and youth.



Yemeni (Northern) in Yemen — 4



Population	12,111,000
Language	Arabic, Sanaani Spoken
Religion	Islam
Est. Christians*	0.0% 0
Movement	None Reported
Written Scripture	None
Oral Scripture	None
Workers Needed**	242

* based on census reports ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Yemeni (Northern) in Yemen

Northern Yemeni tribes are also known as Sanaani Arabs. The proxy war in Yemen between Saudi Arabia and Iran is putting millions in jeopardy, first of starvation and now of a Cholera epidemic. Children and widows live in extreme danger. The U.N. has declared this the world's worst humanitarian disaster. Cultivation of the narcotic qat dominates agriculture, and war is hindering humanitarian aid.

Ministry Obstacles

War, atrocities and qat addiction inflict lasting wounds on the psyche of most Northern Yemeni. Islamic teaching contradicts the place of honor which the Qur'an gives to the Bible. And individual "conversion" to Christianity is perceived as betrayal, with the potential of bringing dishonor to an entire clan.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the gospel to spread through NGO's developing businesses run by widows, rescuing both their children and their honor.

Please also see the [prayer points on page vi](#), and the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/14715/YM



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Pray for the followers of Christ

The dangerous environment provides the few Sanaani an believers opportunity to exercise great faith and service, sparking multiplication of believing households. (Ps 112:4; Jn 13:35)

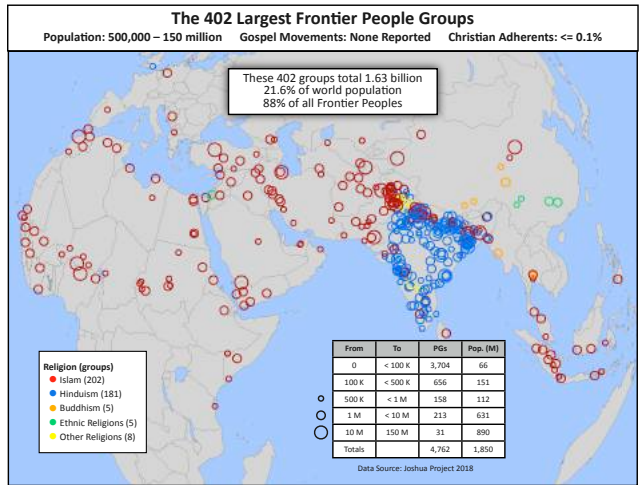
Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a gospel movement to make this poorest of Arab peoples into a wellspring of blessing for the Muslim world (1 Cor 1:27-30). Islam esteems Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an) as a great prophet born of a virgin. Pray for despairing Yemenis, especially mothers, to have revelations and dreams of Jesus, cry out to God for help, and be drawn to the Bible.

Scripture focus

"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

- The main portion of the prayer guide is a separate page for each of the 31 groups, adapted from Joshua Project profiles, with:
 - a color map, picture, statistics, and
 - background information and prayer points.
- The back portion of the prayer guide includes:
 - Helpful definitions of key terms.
 - Introduction and map of the 400 largest and most influential FPGs, containing 90% of the population of all FPGs.

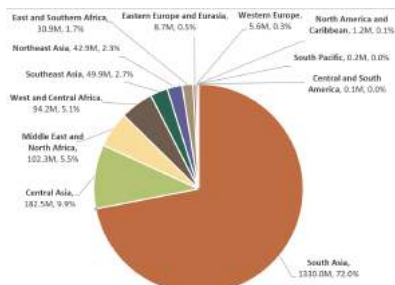


Full map and people group listing at: JoshuaProject.net/frontier/3

- Charts showing the breakdown of all FPGs—by region and by religion.
- Other prayer resources.

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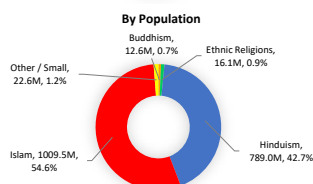
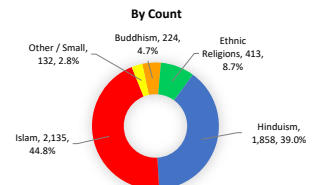
Frontier Peoples Population by Region



Listing of Countries in Regions at: JoshuaProject.net/global/regions
Frontier Peoples listings and maps at: JoshuaProject.net/frontier/1

Frontier Peoples by Religion

Religion	Count	% Count	Population (in millions)	% Population
Buddhism	224	4.7%	12.6M	0.7%
Ethnic Religions	413	8.7%	16.1M	0.9%
Hinduism	1,858	39.0%	789.2M	42.7%
Islam	2,135	44.8%	1,009.5M	54.6%
Other / Small	132	2.8%	22.6M	1.2%
Total	4,762		1,850.0M	



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