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LARGEST FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

a PRAYER GUIDE for a BILLION people

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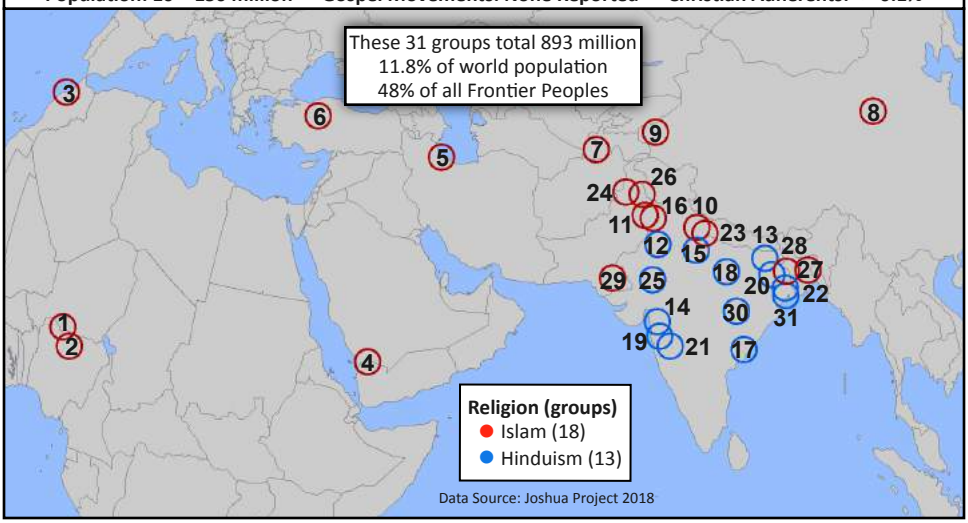
Where are these 31 Frontier People Groups?

The 31 Largest Frontier People Groups

Population: 10 – 150 million **Gospel Movements: None Reported** **Christian Adherents: <= 0.1%**



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.

Full map and people group listing at: JoshuaProject.net/frontier/5

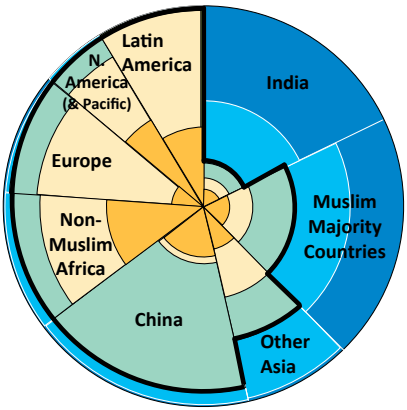
Why *these* 31 People Groups?

Half the population of ALL Frontier People Groups live in the 31 groups you are about to pray for …

Our world in 2018:

7.6 billion people

(round percentages of ***world population*** *are all rough estimates based on published figures)*



60% live in Reached People Groups[1]

(more than **5%** Christian or **2%** Evangelical)

10% **Spirit-led Christ-followers[2]**

25% **Nominal Christians**

25% **Non-Christians living among Christians**

40% live in Unreached People Groups (UPGs)

15% **limited gospel access**

(some gospel movements: **0.1%–5%** Christian *and* **2%** or less Evangelical)

25% ***FRONTIER* People Groups (FPGs)**

(no known gospel movements: 0.1% or less Christian of any kind)

[1] Where the gospel is well known and has had significant impact.

[2] Rom 8:14: God's children are those led by his Spirit. Estimate based on published figures for Evangelicals, Charismatics and Pentecostals.

Who are these 31 largest Frontier People Groups?

One fourth of the world has almost NO chance of hearing about Jesus from someone in their own people group. They live in overlooked Frontier People Groups (FPGs)—the least reached UPGs—with no known gospel movement and **0.1%** or less Christian of any kind. **Half the population of *all* FPGs live in the 31 FPGs listed in this booklet.**

Why are Gospel Movements necessary among FPGs?

In most larger Frontier People Groups, Christianity is seen as a rival political/religious force, seeking to undermine their identity as a people. In this context, individual decisions to follow Jesus—without family discussion—can bring tremendous shame to a family and its community. Acts-like gospel movements instead bring God's rapidly multiplying blessing to heal and strengthen families and communities.

How neglected are Frontier People Groups?

The vast majority of mission prayer, giving and laborers focuses on strengthening Christians where Christians are already present. Only a small fraction of mission prayer and other resources go to UPGs at all, and only a tiny fraction of this goes to FPGs—the quarter of the world where faith in Jesus is still totally foreign.

Why pray for these 31 largest Frontier People Groups?

As God answers prayer for gospel movements—in which the families of these FPGs receive God's blessing in Jesus, these largest FPGs will lead the way for many smaller FPGs to welcome God's blessing.

Where can I Learn More?

Joshua Project (JoshuaProject.net) is a collaborative research hub, helping to define the unfinished portion of the Great Commission by highlighting the least-reached people groups of the world.

How can I get Involved?

Prayerfully select and become an advocate (pray for and bless) one of these 31 FPGs, or one of the other large, most influential FPGs (see p. 34). Ask God to make this FPG your inheritance (Ps 2:8), and follow his leading. Visit MultMove.net/join-gcc for guidance in this and connection with others God has led to advocate for your FPG. And when your prayer team is ready to connect with a field team in your FPG, apply at Inherit the Nations: InheritTheNations.net

Your Prayers can make a Difference!

Just as prayer preceded Pentecost, most breakthroughs of God's blessing throughout history have resulted from prevailing prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Robert Glover summarizes the role of prayer:

> *From Pentecost and the Apostle Paul, right down through the centuries to the present day, the story of missions has been the story of answered prayer. Every fresh outbreak of missionary energy has been the result of believing prayer. Every new missionary undertaking that has been owned and blessed of God has been the germinating of seed planted by the divine spirit in the hearts of praying saints.*

In Ps 2:8, the Lord invites us: *"Ask of me and I will make the peoples your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession."* All we can take with us into eternity as our inheritance are other people, who become part of his eternal family. Our joy and crown, just as for the great Apostle Paul, will be those who come to Christ through our efforts.

One of the most strategic ways we can pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, is to pray persistently for gospel movements to spread God's blessing through the families of Frontier People Groups. Pray individually, and join or form a prayer team to advocate for one or more of these 31 largest Frontier People Groups.

One fourth of the world's households live in Frontier People Groups—with virtually no contact with believers, and no sign yet of a gospel movement bringing God's promised blessing to their families.

Half of these households live in these 31 largest Frontier People Groups.

Pray for Breakthrough: Gospel Movements

In the book of Acts, God's Word spread rapidly as the Holy Spirit multiplied God's blessing through believing households—even without personal Bibles, church buildings or salaried preachers:

- And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. — Acts 6:7
- So the church in all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied. — Acts 9:31
- But the word of God increased and multiplied. — Acts 12:24
- So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily. — Acts 16:5
- So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily. — Acts 19:20
- [Paul] lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. — Acts 28:30–31

Unprecedented numbers of Acts-like movements are expanding again today, mostly among UPGs. More than 650 are being tracked in 2018, and have produced more than 50 million disciples in more than 2 million rapidly multiplying new churches (MultMove.net/astonishing-progress). Pray for gospel movements among all 31 of the FPGs in this guide.

Pray Desperately, with the Father's Heart

One member of our prayer guide team shares his experience:

> The day after a Hurricane, my two-year-old daughter wandered past two fences that had blown down and went swimming by herself. After ten minutes of frantic searching, I found her face-down in the pool, blue, waterlogged and lifeless.
> In desperation I asked strangers to join my passionate prayers. God graciously answered, and my daughter recovered fully!

Until God intervenes, nearly every individual among these FPGs will live and die without ever knowing a believer or being prayed for by name. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers, and ask Father God to give you the desperate urgency in prayer for these precious people that you would have if your own mother or father, son or daughter were in peril.

Pray for God's Word to spread among the 31 Largest FPGs

The Bible is the central authority for believers and churches in every gospel movement. Even in non-literate cultures, where the Bible is shared through oral storytelling, the Bible guides doctrine and practice.

Faith comes by hearing God's Word; transformation comes in applying it through obedience. Every person has the right to have the Word of God in their own heart language, in a form they can understand and apply.

God's Word was conveyed orally before it was committed to writing. Jesus used stories in his teaching. In oral societies, the Old Testament is critical for revealing the bloodline of Jesus from the beginning of God's story.

The 31 FPGs are primarily oral communicators. For such peoples, Oral Scripture in the heart language is essential for the gospel to be fully heard, understood, and received, and for heart transformation to occur.

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart." — Heb 4:12

Pray for Scripture Availability among these FPGs

- 7 People Groups have NO Full Complete Bible available: Uyghur in China; Arain, Jat, Pashtun, Rajput, and Shaikh in Pakistan; Northern Yemeni in Yemen (These 7 are Islamic, and primarily Oral Communicators by society and culture. While 6 of the 7 have Written Scripture (WS), Uyghur in China only has the New Testament.)
- 6 People Groups have NO Oral Scriptures (OS) in their heart language: Arain, Jat, Pashtun, Rajput, Shaikh in Pakistan; Northern Yemeni in Yemen
- 2 People Groups have NO Full Written Scripture (WS): Uyghur in China; Northern Yemeni in Yemen
- 1 People Group—Northern Yemeni in Yemen—is without direct access to the Scripture in their heart language or mother tongue: NO Written Scripture, NO Oral Scripture, NO Jesus Film.

Pray for God's Word to reach every people group in their own heart language, and to spread rapidly and be honored by all. Pray for those who receive God's Word to base their lives on Jesus and his Word, being obedient doers, not forgetful hearers.

Visit TheSeedCompany.org/prayforzero to learn more.

Pray for all UPGs and Frontier People Groups globally:

- Ask God to pour out his Holy Spirit, that every Frontier and Unreached People Group will have its own gospel movement by 2025. Ask God to raise up prayer teams to advocate for all of the largest Frontier People Groups, praying until the blessing of life in Jesus is spreading rapidly from family to family (Ps 2:8, James 4:2b).

- Ask God to cause the revelation of his love and his Word to run swiftly across the earth until he is honored and worshiped by all peoples, including Oral and Bible-less Peoples. Ask God to exalt his Word among every Frontier and Unreached People Group through Bible Translation and Oral Bible movements by 2025 (2 Th 3:1; Eph 4:16).

Pray for these Larger Frontier People Groups:

- Ask God to bring forth his blessing—strengthening and healing families and communities within your chosen people group. Ask God to cause his abundant life and love through Jesus to be widely embraced by the families and clans of your group (Gen 12:5, 28:14; Acts 3:25, 10:43).

- Ask God to send his people to fight suffering and evil in his name, and to overthrow the spiritual forces of darkness that oppose the spread of his gospel. Ask God to deliver the families and communities in your chosen FPG from false perceptions of the gospel as a threat to their identity. Ask the Holy Spirit to replace any fear in your FPG with love, power, and self-discipline, as God's blessing flows from family to family (Rom 12:21, Gen 3:10, Is 25:7, II Tim 1:7).

- Ask God to pour out his blessing on the religious and secular leaders of your chosen Frontier People Group. Ask him to bless the families of these leaders, and inspire whole communities to welcome salvation through faith in Jesus (I Tim 2:1-5).

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the people of your chosen Frontier People Group to love his Word and spread its influence, so that your chosen people group will love him with their whole being and walk in his ways (Acts 6:7, 12:24, 19:20; Mk 12:29-31).

- Ask God to pour out his Holy Spirit in anointing the families of your chosen Frontier People Group, especially the children and youth. Beg (*deomai)* God to raise up and send out (*ekballo)* a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses within your chosen people group and overflowing to bless other people groups (Mt 9:37–38, Lk 10:2).

Encourage Children and Youth to Join in Prayer

(as families, small groups, Sunday School Classes, etc.)

"Let the children come to me;
do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

(Matt 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:17)

When forming prayer teams, be sure to include children and youth. Their partnership and agreement in prayer is power-full! Many laborers attribute breakthroughs to the passionate prayers of children.

Young children are visual, kinesthetic, and tactile learners, and enjoy being with adults. To include them we offer these suggestions:

- Search the internet for pictures that are of interest to the children in your group (family groups, homes, clothing, food, animals, etc.).
- Make a snack or meal (together if possible) from that region.
- Locate the country and region of the Frontier People Group on a globe or map or have the children do it depending on their age.
- Drawing from the information given in the prayer guide, and through the additional pictures and information you shared, encourage your young prayer partners to try to identify with children from these groups. Ask questions like:
    - What would it be like not to have enough food to eat?
    - What would happen if you weren't able to go to school?
    - What would it be like not to have any Christian friends?
    - What would it be like to live under persecution & war?

  Give them time to come up with their own thoughts and questions.
- Ask the Lord to show each one how to pray for the people group.
- Using crayons or markers and paper have everyone draw a picture of their prayer for that Frontier People Group. Pray for the people group from the drawings and from the prayers in the guide.
- Worship "in the gap" for those who do not know Jesus.
  Sing songs as intercession over the nations/groups. For example:

  Shine, Jesus, shine. ***Fill these lands*** *with your Father's Glory.*
  Blaze, Spirit, blaze, ***set their hearts on fire****.*
  Flow, River, flow. ***Flood these nations*** *with grace and mercy.*
  Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1 — Hausa in Niger

Photo: Anonymous

Population	10,486,000	
Language	Hausa	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.1%	10,500
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	210	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Hausa in Niger

The Hausa are the largest ethnic group in Niger, and one of the most influential groups in West Africa. Nearly half of Niger is Hausa, and the majority have been Sunni Muslim since the 11th century. In addition to Islam, many continue to practice their traditional religion, called Maguzawa, especially in remote locations. Hausa Muslims are honored for their hospitality to strangers. In the Hausa language, "bako" means both "guest" and "stranger."

Ministry Obstacles

Long-held traditional beliefs and Islamic teaching that the Bible has been corrupted both challenge the spread of the gospel among the Hausa. Another barrier to gospel movements is the public shame a Hausa family experiences if any of its members embrace Jesus. New believers often turn from the faith rather than humiliate their loved ones.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the few Hausa believers to love and serve their families and communities with God's wisdom and grace, sharing Bible stories and life-giving truths.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for Hausa believers to effectively engage their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as the Hausa read the Qur'an—which honors Jesus (Isa al Masih) as a great prophet born of a virgin, whole families will have dreams of Jesus the Messiah, be drawn to him, and study the Bible to learn more about him. Pray for Niger's Hausa to bring the gospel to many others.

Scripture focus

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in." Matthew 25:35

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/12070/NG

Hausa in Nigeria — 2

Population	30,453,000	
Language	Hausa	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.1%	30,000
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	609	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: j-pics.info

Hausa in Nigeria

The Hausa are the largest people group in Africa's most populous nation, having converted from tribal religions to Islam across many centuries. Boko Haram arose in northeast Nigeria in 2002, in violent opposition to rampant corruption in the South. Boko Haram's atrocities deeply affect the Hausa in the North. The resulting maelstrom of evil and rural poverty provides opportunity for neighboring believers to practically and sacrificially bless the Hausa.

Ministry Obstacles

The Hausa have long been taught that the Bible has been changed and is unreliable. There is also much mistrust and hostility between the Muslim tribes of northern Nigeria and the more generally Christian tribes to the south. The perception of Christianity as the religion of their enemy hinders Hausa families and communities from considering the gospel.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for believers in southern Nigeria to more effectively bring the gospel to Hausa households.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few believers among the Hausa to be fruitful in loving their families and sharing Bible stories.

Pray for the entire people group

The Hausa have strategic influence in several nations. Ask God for a gospel movement among this dear people to spill over in God's blessing to many neighboring peoples. Pray for peace, and for the evils of Boko Haram to multiply gospel opportunities.

Scripture focus

"Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations." Romans 1:5

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/12070/NI

3 — Arab, Moroccan in Morocco

Photo: Joshua Project

Population	18,942,000	
Language	Arabic, Moroccan Spoken	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.09%	17,000
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	379	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Arab, Moroccan in Morocco

In 670 AD, the Umayyads of Damascus completed the first Islamic conquest of the North African coastal plain, settling in what is now Morocco, which they called "Maghreb al Aqsa" or "The Far West." Arabs have ruled this region ever since, including the original Berber tribal groups of North Africa, some of whom were Christians before the Arab invasion. This cultural mix is honored for scholarly advances in science, mathematics, astronomy, geography, and medicine.

Ministry Obstacles

Although Morocco allows people from other religions to have religious freedom, the King of Morocco has declared that all native Moroccans are Sunni Muslims. It is considered a betrayal of family and heritage to worship Jesus as God.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Christian businessmen to apply the Matt 10 and Luke 10 pattern for finding persons of peace and blessing whole households among these Arab/ Berber peoples.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There is a long history of many laborers working in Morocco to this day. Pray for unity among diverse Moroccan believers, and for believers to be effective in sharing with their households, so that the gospel is seen as a blessing rather than a curse. Pray for reproducing households of faith.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as Moroccan Arabs read the Qur'an—which honors Jesus (Isa al Masih) as a great prophet born of a virgin, whole families will have dreams and visions of Jesus the Messiah, be drawn to him, and study the Bible to learn more about him. Pray for a strong gospel movement to overcome Islamic teaching that the Bible has been corrupted, and bring whole Moroccan Arab families and communities, and even many other peoples, into a rich experience of God's blessing.

Scripture focus

"That all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no one else." 1 Kings 8:60

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/13819/MO

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	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Flickr / Al Jazeera English

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.

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

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

5 — Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk in Iran

Photo: Travlr

Population	16,140,000	
Language	Azerbaijani, South	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.1%	16,100
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	323	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Azerbaijani, Azeri Turk in Iran

In Iran this people group is known formally as Azeri, but informally the Azeris and other Turkic speaking Iranian populations are commonly referred to as "Tork" (Turk). Despite past friction, the Azeri in Iran are now well incorporated into the wider community. The living conditions of Azeris in Iran is very similar to that of Persian in Iran.

Ministry Obstacles

Political unrest, runaway inflation and disillusionment with theocratic rulers may tempt the Tork to bitterness toward God.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the strong gospel movement already blessing Iranian families to spread through existing relationships and a shared trade language into the Turkic community. Pray for this gospel movement among Farsi speakers to spread also among Tork families, as a reproducible example in the Middle East of how gospel movements can spread from one people group to another.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few believers among the Tork of Iran. Pray for these believers to bless and serve their families well, so the gospel is first seen, then easily heard.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray the Ephesians 3:20–21 blessing over Tork households, leading not only to their own gospel movement, but movements spreading into other neighboring peoples of Turkic origin. The Qur'an honors Jesus (Isa al Masih) as a great prophet born of a virgin. Pray that, as the Tork read the Qur'an, they will have dreams and visions of Jesus, and be drawn to Jesus the Messiah, and to the Bible to learn more about Jesus.

Scripture focus

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18859/IR

Turk in Turkey — 6

Population	56,199,000	
Language	Turkish	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.01%	5,600
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	1,124	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

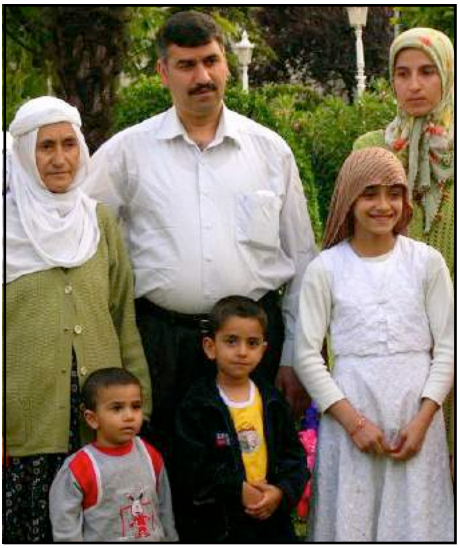


Photo: Garry Knight

Turk in Turkey

The Turks originated in Turan, a region that lies between the Caspian Sea and the Mongolian Desert. They arrived in Anatolia, Turkey in the eleventh century as conquering warriors, and ruled much of the world as part of the Ottoman empire. The Ottoman empire existed until the birth of the Turkish nation in 1923. Turkey is a secular republic and sits symbolically between the "Christian" West and the Muslim world. Growing political unrest and division with the strong Kurdish population threatens the peace of this region.

Ministry Obstacles

Turks perceive Christianity as a threat to their community and identity, and thus miss the blessing of God's love expressed in Jesus. Islamic tradition teaches that the Bible has been corrupted, in contradiction of what the Qur'an itself teaches.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for a gospel movement to multiply God's blessing rapidly through Turkish households.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There is a long history of many laborers working in Turkey to this day. Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully among these laborers. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and empower Turkish believers in effectively engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as Muslim Turks read the Qur'an, they will hunger to learn more about Jesus the Messiah ("Isa al Masih" in the Qur'an). Pray for dreams and visions of Jesus to stir a gospel movement of households studying the Bible (which the Qur'an presents as God's Word). Ask God to pour out such blessing on the Turks that it overflows to many other peoples.

Scripture focus

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18274/TU

7 — Uzbek (Northern) in Uzbekistan

Photo: Fulvio Spada

Population	25,392,000	
Language	Uzbek, Northern	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.01%	2,500
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	508	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Uzbek (Northern) in Uzbekistan

Central Asian Turks, the earliest ancestors of the Uzbeks, aided Genghis Khan in his conquest of eastern Europe in the 1300s. Eventually, as unity between the Turks and Mongols faded, numerous warring kingdoms were formed. The Uzbeks descended from some of these kingdoms.

Ministry Obstacles

Proselytizing is forbidden, and the winning individuals to Christianity away from their families can hinder community openness to the gospel. Contrary to what the Qur'an teaches, Islam tradition says that the Bible has been corrupted and cannot be trusted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the many younger Uzbeks who are looking for a belief system to satisfy their deep spiritual hunger. Pray for workers to sow God's Word into Uzbek families, healing and strengthening households with God's blessing.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for Uzbek believers to be effective in serving their families and communities, and in discussing Bible stories leading to widespread experience of God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the families and communities in this large people group to discover and embrace the truth about Jesus the Messiah, who the Qur'an presents as a great prophet born of a virgin. Pray for Uzbeks to realize how much Jesus desires to bless their beautiful people. Pray for dreams and visions of Jesus to lead Uzbek households to seek Jesus in the Bible. And pray for the gospel blessing to spill over from Uzbeks to many other peoples.

Scripture focus

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his Name; make known among the nations what he has done." Psalm 105:1

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/14039/UZ

Hui in China — 8

Population	13,637,000	
Language	Chinese, Mandarin	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.007%	1,000
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	273	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Leslie D. Montano

Hui in China

The Hui are the largest and most widespread of China's Muslim minorities, and are widely scattered throughout the country. Their ancestors are largely Arabs, Persians, and Mongols. One of the worst genocides in history occurred when one million Hui were massacred between 1855 and 1873. Although there are a few scattered believers, this may be the largest people group in the world without a single known fellowship of believers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Hui have a long history of strong commitment to Islam. In recent years an increasing number of Hui have traveled to Mecca for the annual Haj pilgrimage. In contradiction with the Qur'an, Islam teaches them that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir many of the strong Han Chinese believers to lovingly share the gospel with the Hui households living among them.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Hui followers of Jesus to become effective and fruitful in sowing God's Word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.

Pray for the entire people group

As the Hui read the Qur'an, pray for them to be drawn to Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an). Pray for dreams and visions of Jesus to stir Hui households with a hunger to study the Bible together and obey what they learn. Pray not only for a gospel movement among the Hui, but for the Hui to birth gospel movements among many other Chinese minorities.

Scripture focus

"On this mountain [the Lord Almighty] will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; God will swallow up death forever."
Isaiah 25:7–8

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/12140/CH

9 — Uyghur in China

Photo: EnricX

Population	11,682,000	
Language	Uyghur	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.008%	900
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	New Testament	
Oral Scripture	New Testament	
Workers Needed**	234	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Uyghur in China

The Uyghur live in the western portion of China. Originally Turkish nomads from south of Lake Baikal, they were forced by the Kirghiz to leave in 840 AD, and most emigrated to Xinjiang province, where they live today. There they became the "middlemen" for commerce between the orient and Europe. Recent reports indicate that up to a million Uyghurs have been forced into "re-education centers" resembling concentration camps.

Ministry Obstacles

For an individual Uyghur to become Christian he must often sacrifice his role in his family and community. Islam tradition also contradicts the Qur'an to teach that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir many of the strong Han Chinese believers to love and serve Uyghur families, materially and physically as well as spiritually. Pray for believers to defend this persecuted minority and build bridges of love, leading to a gospel movement.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few believers among the Uyghur of China. Pray they will fruitfully obey God's Word in loving their families, and that the severe persecution they suffer will fuel a gospel movement multiplying God's blessing through household networks. Pray for believers in "re-education camps" to share effectively with their fellow prisoners.

Pray for the entire people group

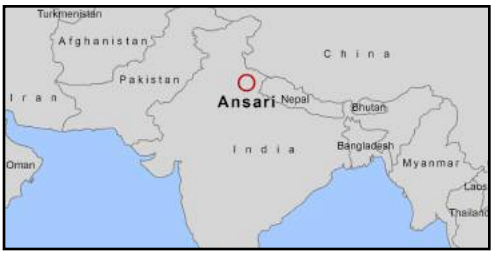
Pray for Uyghur families to increasingly be drawn to Jesus the Christ (called Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), and to the Bible. Pray for the Holy Spirit to start a gospel movement of Uyghur households experiencing God's blessing to spill over and bless many other peoples. Pray also for the overall persecution and suffering of this minority people to end soon.

Scripture focus

"I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one."
Romans 9:25

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/15755/CH

Ansari in India — 10



Population	10,505,000	
Language	Urdu	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.00038%	40
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	210	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

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Ansari in India

According to legend, the Ansari were inhabitants of Medina, and Ansari is the title of honor given to those who sheltered and helped the prophet Mohammad in his war against Mecca. In recent years, the Tableeghi Jamat has renewed fervor for Islam among the Ansari. Ansari literacy is low, and girls discontinue their studies due to social pressure. The Ansari are honored for their beautiful tapestries and other artistic products.

Ministry Obstacles

The Ansari see Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an) as only the savior of the Christians. And Islamic tradition contradicts the Qur'an by teaching that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the opportunity to market beautiful Ansari handwork globally will provide contexts where the Ansari will encounter loving believers who will share the gospel with them and their families.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few followers of Jesus among the Ansari. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead and empower these Ansari believers in loving and applying God's Word within their families and communities to fuel a gospel movement, multiplying God's blessing among Ansari households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as Ansari families read the Qur'an, they will have dreams and visions of Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), be increasingly drawn to him, and study to the Bible to learn more about him. Pray for a gospel movement among the Ansari to spread to many other people groups in India.

Scripture focus

"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/16221/IN

11 — Arain in Pakistan

Photo: Imran Ali Arain

Population	10,888,000	
Language	Punjabi, Western	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.0%	0
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	None	
Workers Needed**	218	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Arain in Pakistan

The Arain are Muslims of Arab origin who migrated to the subcontinent with Muhammad Bin Qasim and then did not return due to fear of persecution by the rulers in Damascus. When the British wanted land developed in the Punjab after its annexation, Arain were brought in to cultivate land around the cities. The Arain are honored for their hard work, frugality and sense of discipline.

Ministry Obstacles

Pakistan, meaning "land of the pure," sees itself as a Muslim country. So Arian families are shamed in their communities when individual family members become Christian.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the widespread use of smartphones and social media to provide gateways for the gospel to bypass barriers of shame and lead to family discussion. Pray for Arain clans to experience God's blessing through a gospel movement of family Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are no known believers within the large Arain community. Pray for laborers to have wisdom in applying the pattern Jesus gave in Matt 10 and Luke 10 for blessing Arain households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Arain families to be drawn to Jesus the Messiah (called Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), to have dreams and visions about him, and to study the Bible to find out more about this man. Pray for a gospel movement of Arain families experiencing God's blessing to overflow and bless many neighboring people groups.

Scripture focus

"God has granted to the Gentiles [nations] also the repentance that leads to life." Acts 11:18

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/16228/PK

Bania in India — 12

Population	29,240,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.00043%	130
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	585	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Joshua Project

Bania in India

The Bania include many communities tracing their history back about 5000 years. About 50 communities have a traditional caste council, and may each need a separate movement. Widow remarriage is allowed among half of Bania communities, and divorce has gained social approval among 33 communities. Bania families are honored for strong loyalty to their community, and generosity when needed.

Ministry Obstacles

The perception of Christianity as competing with their Hindu identity hinders Bania families and communities from considering the gospel. The Hindu worldview also differs greatly from the biblical worldview, making it difficult to communicate the gospel without misunderstanding.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for rapidly growing social media networks to actively discuss biblical truth, and for discovery Bible studies to bring blessing to Bania families and communities. Pray for widespread involvement in business investment to provide opportunities for Bania families to develop friendships with believers.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for Bania believers to pursue the Holy Spirit for a gospel movement such as they see in Acts, healing families and spreading to other, neighboring peoples.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a strong gospel movement among the Bania to bring whole families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing, and to bless many other peoples.

Scripture focus

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he will reign forever and ever." Revelation 11:15

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/16318/IN

13 — Brahmin in India

Photo: Anonymous

Population	59,282,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.011%	6,500
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	1,186	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Brahmin in India

The Brahmin are a priestly class, said to have originated from the face of Prajapati (Viratpurusha). The Brahmin provide spiritual guidance for the communities. On auspicious dates and events the Brahmin officiate at ceremonial functions. They are considered custodians and transmitters of sacred traditions. As custodians of Brahminical Hinduism, the Brahmin worship many deities. Highly educated, they represent a relatively large percentage of government officials.

Ministry Obstacles

Brahmin pride, and the perception that Christianity is only for outcaste "untouchables," are serious obstacles to Brahmin families and communities accepting God's blessing for families through Jesus. They also believe that missionaries pay people to become converts to win a cultural and political war with Hinduism. And the Hindu worldview also differs greatly from the biblical worldview, making it difficult to communicate the gospel without misunderstanding.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Brahmin families to experience God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Brahmin believers to be effective in humble, Christlike service to their families, practically countering pervasive pride.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for Brahmin families and communities to discover and embrace the free gift of life through the revelation of Christ's love for them in the cross. Pray for a gospel movement among the Brahmin to bless many other peoples of India.

Scripture focus

"May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you."
Psalm 67:3,5

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/16521/IN

Dhobi in India — 14

Population	12,268,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.015%	1,800
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	245	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Joshua Project

Dhobi in India

The Dhobi are in the Dalit "untouchable" caste, despised by those in higher castes, and thus do not receive the same employment and education opportunities as other castes. They earn their livelihood by washing clothes for those in higher castes. The whole family is usually involved in providing this service. Most of the Dhobis follow popular Hinduism, and worship local gods and washing stones.

Ministry Obstacles

The perception that Christianity will turn individuals from their families and promotes many social problems is a serious barrier to Dhobi households and communities humbly accepting God's blessing for families through Jesus.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Indian believers to make a special point of reaching out in love with the truth to these families who provide a clothes washing service across the entire country.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Dhobi believers to be effective in demonstrating how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a gospel movement among the Dhobi to heal and strengthen their families, and provide them improved career and education opportunities. Pray they will not be overlooked in the distribution of government services. Pray for the Dhobi to experience God's abundant grace for those who are weak and despised in the world, and to become a multiplied blessing to the peoples of India.

Scripture focus

"Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says the LORD. "I will protect them from those who malign them." Psalm 12:5

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/16709/IN

15 — Jat in India

Photo: Anonymous

Population	19,129,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.031%	5,900
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	383	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Jat in India

The Jat are a dominant peasant community of north-west India. Popular local tradition attributes their origin to the matted hair (jata) of Lord Shiva. Another tradition connects them with Jata, one of the sons of Brahma, the Supreme Being. Current scholarship suggests the Jat were among the pastoral communities that migrated from Central Asia to western India between the second century BC and fifth century AD.

Ministry Obstacles

The Jat perceive Christianity and the gospel as an invading foreign influence that threatens their identity as a people, breaks up families and creates many social problems. Their worldview is also vastly different from that in the Bible.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Indian believers to introduce Jat families to God's Word while building bridges of friendship with the Jat community. The JAT have achieved Other Backwards Caste status, and believers who honor them are a great blessing.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few believers among the Jat to be effective in blessing and serving their families and communities practically, as well as sharing and discussing the Word of God.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a gospel movement to cause God's life-giving truths to flow into and through Jat households as the Spirit reveals God's Word. Pray that gospel movements will overflow from the Jat to bless many other peoples of India.

Scripture focus

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/12329/IN

Jat in Pakistan — 16

Population	32,678,000	
Language	Punjabi, Western	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.0%	0
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	None	
Workers Needed**	654	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

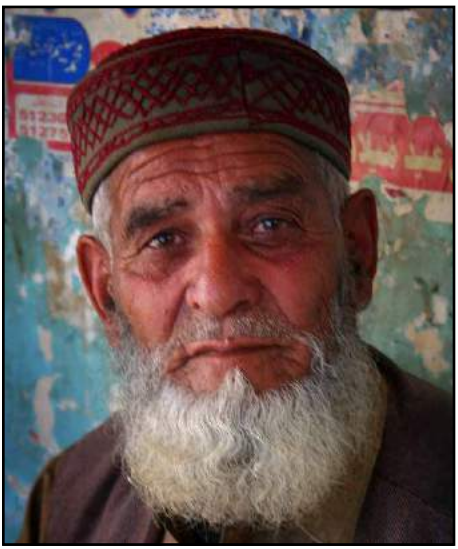

Photo: Steve Evans

Jat in Pakistan

All theories regarding the origin of Jat communities are speculative, but the Jat have been in Pakistan for many hundreds of years. Current research suggests that the Jat migrated from Central Asia. They were speakers of the languages of the Indo-Aryan language family. The Jat are a landowning community. Most likely the word jat is derived from jatta, a generic term for cattle-grazers and camel-raisers.

Ministry Obstacles

Pakistan, meaning "land of the pure," sees itself as a Muslim country. So Arian families may suffer shame in their communities if individual family members become Christian. And Islamic tradition contradicts the Qur'an by teaching that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Jat families to experience God's blessing through a gospel movement. Pray for unprecedented access to scripture through mobile devices to lead families to discuss the Bible together.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few if any followers of Jesus among the large Jat community. Pray for these believers to be fruitful and effective in applying God's Word, blessing their own families, and sharing God's blessing with other Jat households.

Pray for the entire people group

Ask Father God to pour out his blessing on Jat families and communities, healing and strengthening broken families and multiplying his grace throughout the Jat people. Pray for Jat families reading the Qur'an to have dreams and visions of Jesus, to be drawn to Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), and to the Bible to learn more about him. Pray for a gospel movement among the Jat to bless many other peoples of Pakistan.

Scripture focus

"This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." Eph 3:8

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17571/PK

17 — Kapu in India

Photo: Anonymous

Population	15,153,000	
Language	Telugu	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.025%	3,800
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	303	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Kapu in India

In Telugu, the word Kapu or Kaapu means protector. Kapu subcastes have developed based on occupation. Today many Kapus have are involved industry, arts, and academia. However, many Kapu are still farmers. Modern day Kapus have banded together to fight for their political rights in the caste system, and organized into agricultural unions to protect their way of life.

Ministry Obstacles

Kapu families and communities perceive that Christianity seeks to undermine their identity, communities and traditions. Satan uses to this hinder them from considering the gospel for fear of being publicly shamed. Their Hindu worldview is also very different from the Bible.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for believers among the Kapu to engage their families and community in discovering and experiencing God's blessing through sharing and discussing Bible stories. Pray for social media networks to spread the gospel.

Pray for the followers of Christ

A few Kapu individuals have identified themselves as Christians in the Indian census. Pray for all Kapu believers to be bold in loving and discussing God's Word with their families and communities, and in seeking a multiplying movement of God's blessing throughout the Kapu people group.

Pray for the entire people group

Ask Father God to pour out his blessing on Kapu families and communities, healing and strengthening broken families and lifting this people group out of poverty. Pray for a gospel movement among the Kapu to bring overflowing blessing to many other peoples of India.

Scripture focus

"And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:2

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/19597/IN

Kumhar in India — 18

Population	15,375,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.0083%	1,300
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	308	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

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Kumhar in India

The Kumhar believe they are offspring of Lord Brahma (Prajapati). This large people group traditionally earned its livelihood through the sale of earthen pots, utensils and other products. In fact, the term "kumhar" means "potter" in some languages of India.

Ministry Obstacles

The Kumhar often misinterpret an invitation to join the family of God as requiring them to betray and abandon their family and people. And their Hindu worldview is vastly different from what the Bible teaches.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Indian believers to lovingly share the gospel with Kumhar they encounter in the marketplace. Pray for workers from the outside to effectively follow the pattern Jesus gave in Matt 10 and Luke 10 for seeking persons and households receptive to the laborer and his message.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Ask God to send laborers among the Kumhar to raise up believing households, as there are presently no *known* believers among the them.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray the Lord will give Kumhar families understanding and responsive hearts as they hear about the love of Christ. Ask our Father to raise up laborers for this harvest from among other peoples, especially those nearby. Pray for a gospel movement among the Kumhar to spread God's blessing to many other peoples of India.

Scripture focus

"Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel." Jeremiah 18:6

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17316/IN

19 — Kunbi in India

Photo: COMIBAM / Sepal

Population	17,702,000	
Language	Gujarati	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.051%	9,000
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	354	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Kunbi in India

The Kunbi are progressive agriculturists, but there are also politicians and educated professionals, including engineers and doctors. Traditionally they accept food and water from the Rajput, Brahmin and Baniya and share water sources with other communities of the village. They worship Mahavir, Hanumanji and Matamai as their village deities. Their boys study up to the primary level while girls usually do not attend school. Most Kunbis are in a farmer/tiller sub-caste and have two main branches—the Leva Patils and the Patidars.

Ministry Obstacles

The Kunbi know very little about Jesus, and perceive Christianity as foreign to their identity as a people. Their Hindu worldview is also very different from a biblical worldview.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for workers to sow God's Word into Kunbi families, healing households with God's blessing, and for social media to increase access to God's Word.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few believers among the Kunbi to grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and community.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the entire Kunbi community to embrace God's blessing through his Word for their families and their communities. Pray for truth seekers to be drawn to readily available scriptures on the internet, and to meet Jesus. Pray for a gospel movement among the Kunbi to bless many of India's peoples.

Scripture focus

"All nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name." Psalm 86:9

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17325/IN

Kurmi in India — 20

Population	18,825,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.0073%	1,400
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	377	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Rakeshkurmi85

Kurmi in India

The Kurmi thrive in agriculture through excellent soil preparation practices. No other agricultural caste in India is as large. The Kurmi are in many parts of India, with heavy concentrations in the Northeast. Their skill in agriculture has made them prosperous, even though the type of work they do makes them a lower caste through their relationship with the soil.

Ministry Obstacles

The Kurmi perceive Christianity as foreign to their identity as a people. They have contact with Christian communities, but consider them a different caste. And blindness to God's love leaves them seeking the appeasement of deities.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for believers with a passion for improved agricultural techniques to find creative ways to bless and serve the Kurmi with the gospel. Pray for Jesus' many agricultural references to become a bridge for Kurmi families to experience God's blessing through his Word.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the small number of Kurmi believers to be fruitful and effective in sharing God's Word, blessing their own families and spreading God's blessing to other Kurmi households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a gospel movement to multiply through Kurmi households, and to overflow to surrounding peoples.

Scripture focus

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beg the Lord of the harvest to thrust out workers into his harvest.'" Matthew 9:37-38

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17334/IN

21 — Mahratta in India

Photo: Santosh Wadghule

Population	30,372,000	
Language	Marathi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.00061%	190
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	607	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Mahratta in India

The Marathas (the modern spelling) are a large influential caste grouping in the state of Maharashtra. The main hero of this group is Shivaji. They have a gift for storytelling. The main objective of a middle class Marathi family is a secure future for their families, so financial success is a dominant concern.

Ministry Obstacles

The Marathas perceive Christianity as foreign to their identity as a people, and thus have little interest in the gospel. As in many countries, materialism is also a false god for whom they are ready to sacrifice much.

Outreach Opportunities

Ask the Holy Spirit to engage the Marathas gift for storytelling in sharing Bible stories widely in the languages of the Marathas, leading to discussion in their homes. Ask God to bless and heal Marathas families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for workers to establish the first known believing households within this large community. Pray for laborers to be guided to Maratha "people of peace" (Luke 10:5-7), who will welcome the gospel and the laborers into their homes and communities.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for entire Maratha clans to be drawn to Jesus, and for the Lord to start a gospel movement of Maratha families experiencing God's blessing, as we see in Acts 10. Pray for nearby believers to experience the "Cornelius conversion" which opened Peter to sharing the gospel with a despised people. And pray for a gospel movement among the Maratha to bring God's blessing to many other peoples.

Scripture focus

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17554/IN

Nai in India — 22

Population	11,743,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.0%	0
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	235	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Anonymous

Nai in India

The Nai are a barber caste. In addition to cutting hair they also provide other grooming services, extraction of teeth and setting of sprains. They are also frequently involved with marriage celebrations and matchmaking. The Nai women are employed in jobs very conducive to marriage celebrations, such as hairdressing and application of henna. They can help a person after the wedding as well, since they also serve as midwives. Though these occupations are their tradition, some are beginning to enter more professional and modern careers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Nai have a low literacy rate, and the gospel must be presented to Nai families in ways appropriate to oral learners.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Indian believers making use of the wide variety of Nai services to see them as God sees them, and to seek God's leading in sharing the gospel with the Nai and their families.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are few known believers among the Nai. Pray for those Nai who do know Jesus to become effective evangelists, first in their homes, then through the extensive social connections they have through the services they offer.

Pray for the entire people group

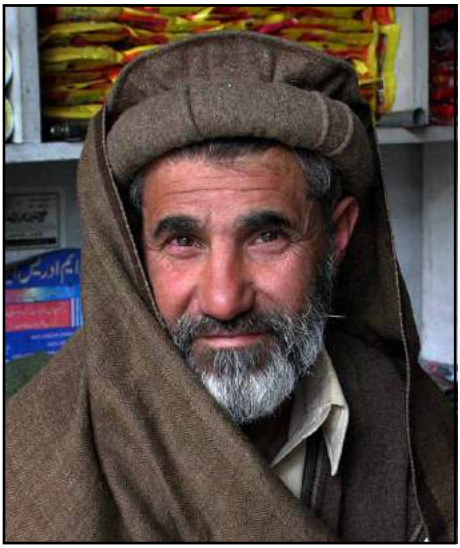
Pray for a strong gospel movement to bring whole Nai families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing, and pour out from the Nai to bless many surrounding people groups.

Scripture focus

"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows." Luke 12:7

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17745/IN

23 — Pashtun in India



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Population	11,439,000	
Language	Urdu	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.0002%	23
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	229	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Pashtun in India

The Pashtun are not a single tribe, but a collection of many tribes. They are said to be elegant, colorfully attired, hospitable, considerate, fierce in hatred, and kind in friendship. Though very dedicated to their religious beliefs, they are also fond of pleasure. They are known for their marksmanship and their love of honor. They live by the Pashtun code known as Pushtunwali (”the way of the Pushtun”).

Ministry Obstacles

The Pashtun fear that Christianity will turn individuals from their communities and bring shame upon their family.

Outreach Opportunities

Beg God to raise up laborers and lead them to households of peace where the gospel will be welcomed. Pray for the daftari—men well respected in tribal councils and greater Pashtun society—to embrace the gospel and open the way for many Pashtun households and communities to hear God’s Word and experience God’s blessing.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Pashtun believers to be fruitful and effective in serving their families and communities. Pray for them to boldly offer the blessing of God’s Word to heal and strengthen households through Jesus the Messiah.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the Pashtun to understand that Jesus wants to bless Pashtun families and transform “the way of the Pashtun” rather than demolishing it. Pray that, as they read the Qur’an, they will be drawn to Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih) with dreams and visions, and they will hunger for God’s Word. Pray for a gospel movement to spread, through this people of international influence to many other neighboring peoples.

Scripture focus

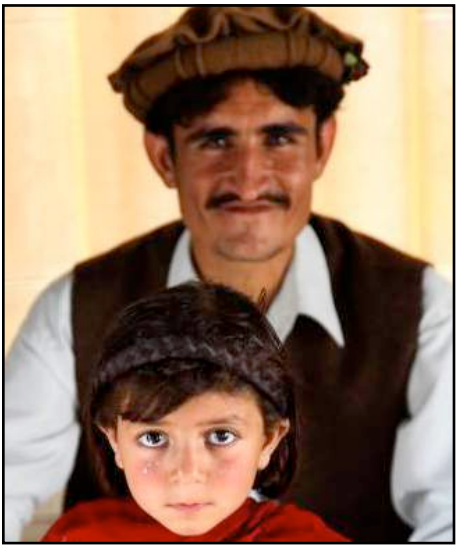
“Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.” Luke 24:47

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/14256/IN

Pashtun in Pakistan — 24

Population	25,404,000	
Language	Pashto, Northern	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.00046%	120
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	None	
Workers Needed**	508	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000



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Pashtun in Pakistan

The Pashtun are known by several similar names such as Pathan, Pushtun and Pashto. The majority of the Pashtun live in Pakistan, but there is also a significant population living in neighboring India. Pashtuns follow a code for their community known as Pashtunwali. Elements of this code include hospitality and asylum (Melmastia), swift revenge (Badal) and humble admission of guilt for a wrong committed (Nanawati).

Ministry Obstacles

The Pashtun fear that accepting the gospel will bring shame and separate individuals from their families, communities and way of life.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the overlap between the Pashtunwali code and Judeo-Christian values to open doors for the Pashtun to hear and embrace the gospel. Pray for Spirit-led believers to find open doors to share with households of peace in the Pashtun community.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Pashtun believers to be fruitful and effective in helping their loved ones and friends to discover the blessing God's Word brings to heal and strengthen families and communities through Jesus.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the Pashtun to discover how Jesus wants to bless Pashtun families and to transform "the way of the Pushtun" rather than demolishing it. Pray for the Pashtun to have dreams and visions of Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), and be drawn to learn more about him in the Bible. Pray for a gospel movement to spread through the Pashtun to many other peoples.

Scripture focus

"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." 1 John 4:16

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the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/14256/PK

25 — Rajput in India

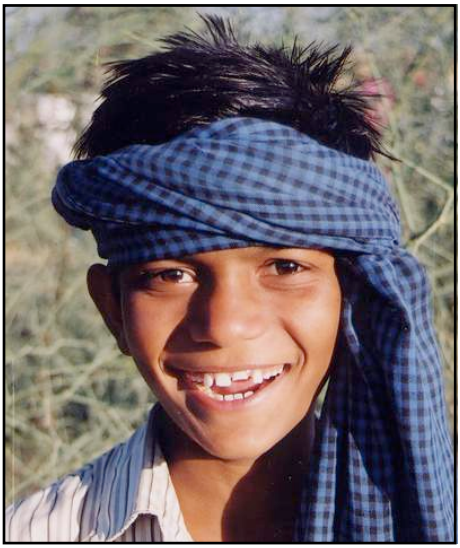

Photo: Sasvata Chatterjee

Population	45,473,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.020%	9,100
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	909	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Rajput in India

The name Rajput is derived from the Sanskrit word rajputra, meaning son of a ruler. The Rajputra constitutes a class of nobility. The Rajput clans emerged as a dominant community in north and western India in the colonial period. Economic data suggests that the majority of Rajput are landowners. A large number of communities have migrated to their present homeland, making them one of the most mobile groups in India.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Rajput families and communities from considering the gospel. And blindness to God's love leaves them seeking the appeasement of deities.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Rajput families to experience God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Rajput believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a strong gospel movement to bring whole Rajput families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessings. Pray for this to overflow to also bless surrounding peoples.

Scripture focus

"Tell of his glory among the nations, his wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." 1 Chronicles 16:24-25

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17928/IN

Rajput in Pakistan — 26

Population	17,101,000	
Language	Punjabi, Western	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.0%	0
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	None	
Workers Needed**	342	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Joshua Project

Rajput in Pakistan

The name Rajput is derived from the Sanskrit word rajputra, meaning son of a ruler. The Rajputra constitute a class of nobility. The Rajput rose to political importance in the ninth and tenth centuries. In India, the Rajput have been a ruling class owning vast tracts of land.

Ministry Obstacles

The Rajput fear Christianity as an invading threat to their families and communities. In contradiction of the Qur'an, Islamic tradition teaches them that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Rajput families to experience God's blessing through a movement of family-based discovery Bible studies.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for new followers of Christ among the Rajput to be effective in blessing their families through sharing and discussing the Word of God, that a gospel movement may spread rapidly among Rajput families and communities.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as Rajput families read the Qur'an, they will be drawn to Jesus (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), and to the Bible to find out more about this man. Pray for the Lord to start a movement of Rajput families experiencing God's blessing, and that this would spread to many surrounding peoples.

Scripture focus

"You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." Revelation 5:9

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/17667/PK

27 — Shaikh in Bangladesh

Photo: Steve Evans

Population	137,345,000	
Language	Bengali	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.0%	0
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	2,747	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Shaikh in Bangladesh

According to one account, the word Shaikh is a general term of courtesy equivalent to the English term of esquire. According to another account, the name is applied to people of pure Arab descent; but it has also been adopted by converts from Hindu communities. The majority belong to the Sunni sect of Islam.

Ministry Obstacles

The Shaikh have long been taught that the Bible is corrupted and unreliable. The Shaikh see Christianity as an invading influence, threatening to bring dishonor and division to their families and people.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Shaikh families and communities to embrace the good news of Jesus Christ. Beg the Lord of the Harvest to thrust out many laborers to sow God's Word among persons and households of peace. Ask the Holy Spirit to multiply God's Word in a gospel movement bringing God's blessing among Shaikh families and households and to surrounding people groups

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few believers in Jesus among the very large Shaikh community of Bangladesh. They need much prayer support for physical and spiritual protection, and for effectiveness and fruitfulness in sowing God's Word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading through households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray that, as the Shaikh read the Qur'an, they will be drawn to Jesus the Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), and to the Bible to learn more about Jesus. Ask God to bless this largest of all Frontier People Groups so richly that His blessing spreads through them to many other people groups.

Scripture focus

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18084/BG

Shaikh in India — 28

Population	85,075,000	
Language	Urdu	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.00016%	140
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	1,702	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Irfan Shaikh / Wikimedia Commons

Shaikh in India

The Arab peoples who conquered the Indus Valley in the 8th century settled there to become today's Shaikh. This people group is one of the largest in the world. Their major concentration is in Bangladesh and in India. Included in their number are members of high caste communities who converted to Islam and took the title of Shaikh. While most are Muslim, a handful are Sikh. Rather than maintaining allegiance to only one of Islam's major divisions, the Shaikh follow a mixture of both Sunni and Shia traditions.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Shaikh families and communities from considering the gospel. Islamic traditional also contradicts the Qur'an in telling the Shaikh that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Bible stories to be told and discussed in families and households, opening the door to God's blessing and healing for Shaikh families.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for believers among the Shaikh to be led by the Holy Spirit to engage their families and community in discovering and experiencing God's blessing through sharing and discussing Bible stories.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the families and communities in this large people group to discover and embrace the truth of Jesus as Messiah (Isa al Masih in the Qur'an), through study and discussion of the Bible. Pray for a gospel movement among them to spread to surrounding peoples.

Scripture focus

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them."
Isaiah 9:2

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18084/IN

29 — Shaikh in Pakistan

Photo: Altaf Shaikh / Flickr

Population	12,761,000	
Language	Punjabi, Western	
Religion	Islam	
Est. Christians*	0.00017%	22
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	None	
Workers Needed**	255	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Shaikh in Pakistan

Also known in Pakistan as the Punjabi Shaikh, Shaikh is one of the largest ethnic groups in the world. You may be familiar with use of the term "Shaikh" or "Sheikh" as referring to a Muslim scholar or leader. While most of the Shaikh live in Bangladesh or India, Pakistan has a very significant population as well. The Arab peoples who conquered the Indus Valley in the 8th century settled there to become today's Shaikh. Rather than maintaining allegiance to only one of Islam's major divisions, the Shaikh follow a mixture of both Sunni and Shia traditions.

Ministry Obstacles

The Shaikh perceive Christianity as seeking to win individuals away from their families and communities. This has fueled fear of Christianity as an invading threat to their families, communities and way of life. Islamic traditional also contradicts the Qur'an in telling the Shaikh that the Bible has been corrupted.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Bible stories to be told and discussed in families and households, to open the door to God's blessing and healing multiplying among Shaikh families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Shaikh believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a gospel movement to sweep through Shaikh families and communities that would permeate the group from within rather than from without, and spread to many neighboring peoples.

Scripture focus

"The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a light dawned."
Matthew 4:16

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18084/PK

Teli in India — 30

Population	18,562,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.013%	2,400
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	371	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Photo: Etan Doronne

Teli in India

"A community which derives its name from the Sanskrit word talika or taila, used for the oil extracted from sesame and mustard, thus alluding to their traditional occupation... Mythological origin of the Teli is traced to Lord Shiva who created them to destroy five demons. However, their legend also says that the first Teli was created by Shiva to rub him with oil." (Singh, K. S., India's Communities, p. 3462) Much of this oil-pressing caste has developed into small village grocers and merchants, demonstrating upward socio-economic mobility.

Ministry Obstacles

The perception of Christianity as an invading influence that breaks up families and promotes many social problems is a serious obstacle to Teli families and communities humbly accepting God's blessing for families through Jesus.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for discovery Bible studies to spread rapidly in blessing whole Teli families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few believers among the Teli to be fruitful and effective in sharing God's Word and blessing to their own families, and to spread God's blessing to other Teli households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a strong gospel movement to bring whole Teli families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing, and overflow to many surrounding peoples.

Scripture focus

"The time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory." Isaiah 66:18

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the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/18229/IN

31 — Yadav in India

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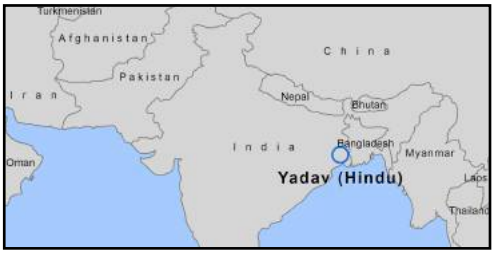

Population	58,708,000	
Language	Hindi	
Religion	Hinduism	
Est. Christians*	0.0063%	3,700
Movement	None Reported	
Written Scripture	Complete Bible	
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible	
Workers Needed**	1,174	

* From census reports, etc ** for 1 worker per 50,000

Yadav in India

The Yadav believe they are the descendants of king Yadu, from whom Krishna descended. Their traditional occupation is animal husbandry. They have expertise in oral traditions like sevagaridi, i.e. group singing in praise of Lord Vishnu. They freely share wells, roads, schools, crematoria, temple, etc. with other villagers. This caste group shows great leadership—politically and socio-economically—especially in the two largest states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Yadav families and communities from considering the gospel.

Outreach Opportunities

Pray for Bible storytelling and discussion that fits the strong Yadav oral tradition to help Yadav households receive and enjoy God's blessing. Pray for emerging Yadav leaders to develop gospel sharing that quickly goes viral through social media.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few Yadav believers to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit in sowing God's Word among their families and multiplying the blessing of God to other Yadav households.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement of God's blessing to flow through Yadav families discussing and applying God's Word, and to overflow to surrounding people groups.

Scripture focus

"And those who lead many to righteousness [will shine] like the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3

Please also see the prayer points on page vi, and
the full profile at: JoshuaProject.net/people_groups/16187/IN

Some Helpful Definitions

Researchers and strategists have developed specialized terminology to help identify where the need for additional laborers and resources is greatest:

People Group or Nation: A family line seeking to preserve its generational identity (shared history and ancestry, like the people or nation of Israel in the Bible). To preserve this identity, nations maintain their traditions, intermarry, and resist outside influences (often, including the gospel).

Evangelicals: Researchers count these by denominational adherence to Biblical faith. This guide uses published figures for Evangelicals, Charismatics and Pentecostals to estimate a global count for Spirit-led Christ-followers—who want others to share the blessing they enjoy, of a loving relationship with God based on faith in Jesus.

Reached People Groups: Nations where a gospel movement, recently or at some point in history, has resulted today in:

- more than 2% Evangelicals, or more than 5% Christians,
- the gospel being well known, with some or much societal impact,
- non-Christians having much greater opportunity to observe and interact with Spirit-led Christ-followers,
- many households finding a richer global identity in Christ than in their generational identity, and thus
- new followers of Christ not being perceived as having betrayed the generational identity of their people group.

Unreached People Groups (UPGs): A nation where:

- 2% or less Evangelicals, and 5% or less Christians at all,
- the gospel is unfamiliar to most, and has had little societal impact,
- non-Christians rarely have opportunity to observe and interact with Spirit-led Christ-followers,
- most households clinging tightly to their generational identity, "foreigners to the … promise, without hope and without God" (Eph 2:12), and thus
    - Individuals choosing to follow Christ are generally perceived to have betrayed and shamed their community.

Unengaged: Unreached People Groups where researchers don't yet know of a team in residence, working with the Holy Spirit toward blessing that nation with their own gospel movement.

Frontier People Groups (FPGs): UPGs with no gospel movement and 0.1% or less Christians of any kind.

Pioneer Mission Work: Establishing the first community of believing households through which others within an FPG can see that they, too, can follow Christ without betraying their people.

Gospel Movement: A Spirit-led move of God's blessing, multiplying rapidly through households and other existing relational networks.

The 400 Largest FPGs (over 500,000 in population)

One quarter of the world lives in Frontier People Groups—with virtually no access to the gospel! The 31 Largest FPGs highlighted in this prayer guide (over 10 million in size), contain half the population of all FPGs.

We can cover 90% of the population of all FPGs by focusing prayer on the 400 influential Frontier People Groups over 500,000 in size (see map). Learn more about praying for and blessing these FPGs at MultMove.net/join-gcc

For every 500,000 people in each of these FPGs, pray for at least:

- one prayer team to become advocates for that people group, and
- one engagement team to go.

24:14 Inherit the Nations invites prayer communities and field teams to partner together to focus on a specific "Frontier People Group": InheritTheNations.net

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God is accelerating the advance of His global purpose through prayer.

In August 1727, Moravian refugees in Herrnhut, Germany experienced a "second Pentecost" that launched a 100-year, round-the-clock prayer watch that sent hundreds of Moravians as missionaries and fueled the birth of the Protestant mission efforts globally.

In May 2017, global prayer network leaders met with mission leaders on this same spot in Herrnhut to launch a new prayer focus on gospel movements among every remaining unreached people group (see vimeo.com/244739881).

Within months, the global 24:14 Coalition had formed with a bold vision, by prayer and the Holy Spirit's empowering, for global collaboration to start movements in every unreached people and place by 2025 (2414Now.net).

To help you understand the 24:14 vision and how God is blessing families through movements, we want to offer you a free copy of two books:

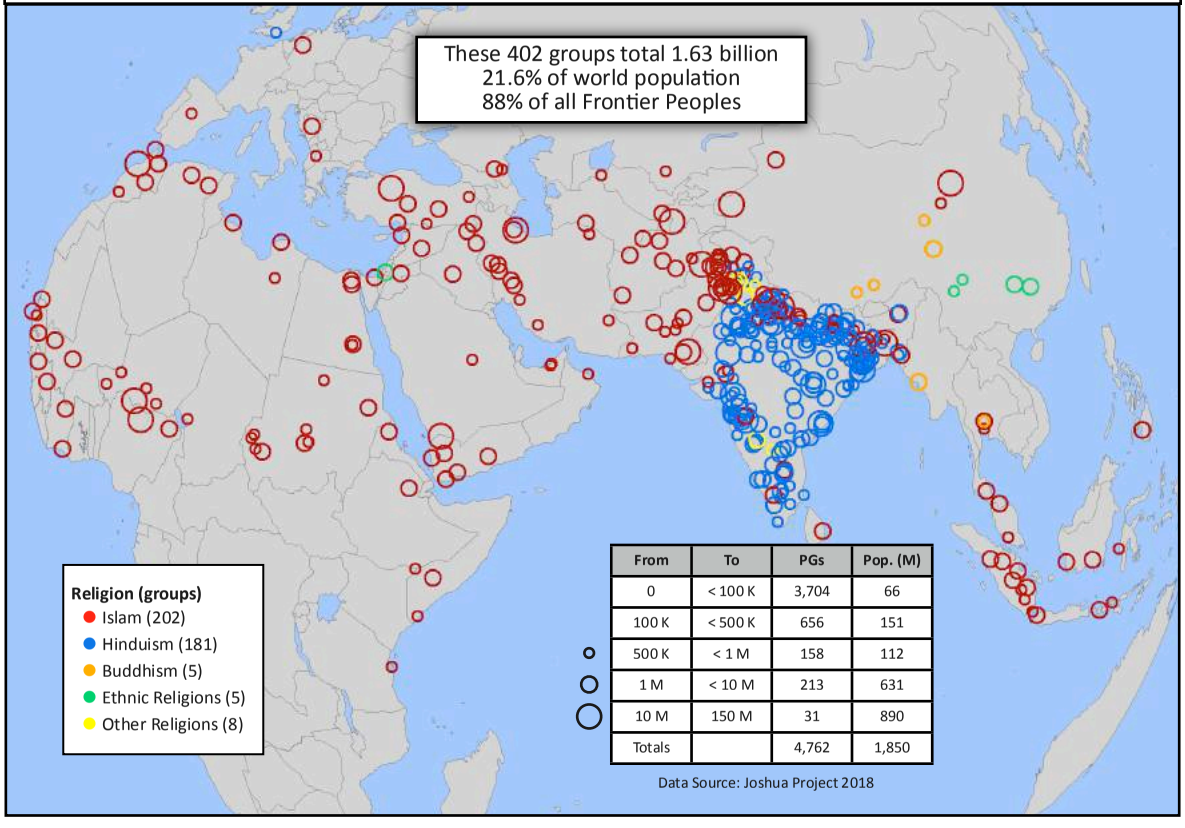
- ***Hastening*** is a thriller novel (published two years before the 24:14 Coalition formed) in which a generation is gripped with a vision for movements among every people by 2025. **To request your free copy, enter "Go31" and "Go31Now@gmail.com" as your "generous friend" at NPL2025.org/claim-your-copy**

- ***Stubborn Perseverance*** is the fictionalized story of a movement based on real events. **To request your free copy, enter "Go31" and "Go31@Go31Now@gmail.com" as your "generous friend" at StubbornPerseverance.org/claim-your-copy**

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Beg the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9:37–38

The 402 Largest Frontier People Groups

Population: 500,000 – 150 million **Gospel Movements: None Reported** **Christian Adherents: <= 0.1%**

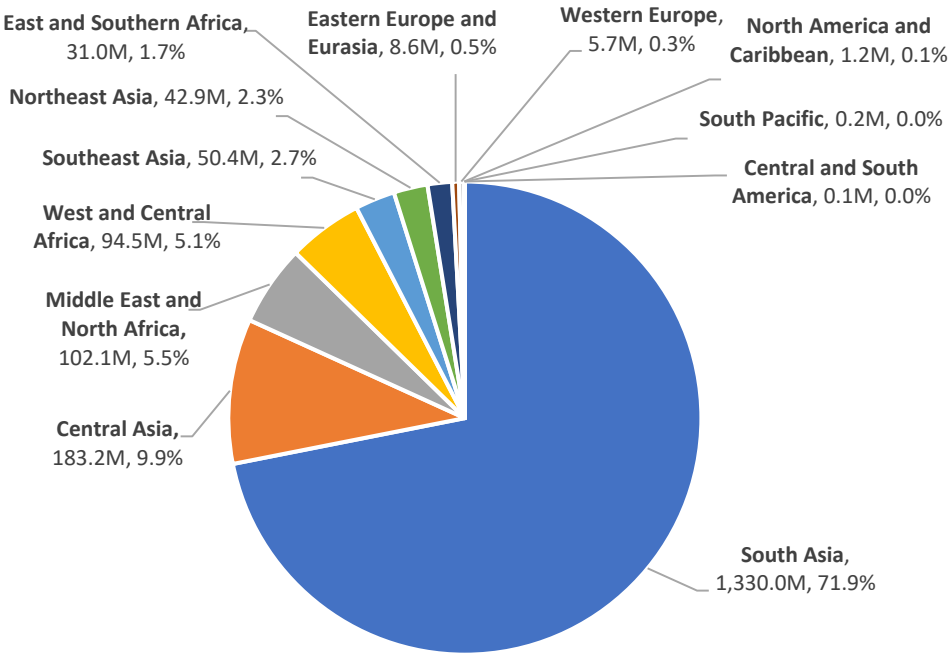


From	To	PGs	Pop. (M)
0	< 100 K	3,704	66
100 K	< 500 K	656	151
500 K	< 1 M	158	112
1 M	< 10 M	213	631
10 M	150 M	31	890
Totals		4,762	1,850

Data Source: Joshua Project 2018

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

Frontier Peoples Population by Region



Region (# of countries)	Count	Population (in millions)	% Global Frontier Peoples Population
South Asia (8)	2,935	1,330.0M	71.9%
Central Asia (10)	271	183.2M	9.9%
Middle East and North Africa (19)	238	102.1M	5.5%
West and Central Africa (24)	207	94.5M	5.1%
Southeast Asia (11)	324	50.4M	2.7%
Northeast Asia (8)	292	42.9M	2.3%
East and Southern Africa (28)	160	31.0M	1.7%
Eastern Europe and Eurasia (23)	144	8.6M	0.5%
Western Europe (28)	108	5.7M	0.3%
North America and Caribbean (30)	41	1.2M	0.1%
South Pacific (27)	15	0.2M	0.0%
Central and South America (22)	27	0.1M	0.0%
All Frontier People Groups	4,762	1,850.0M	

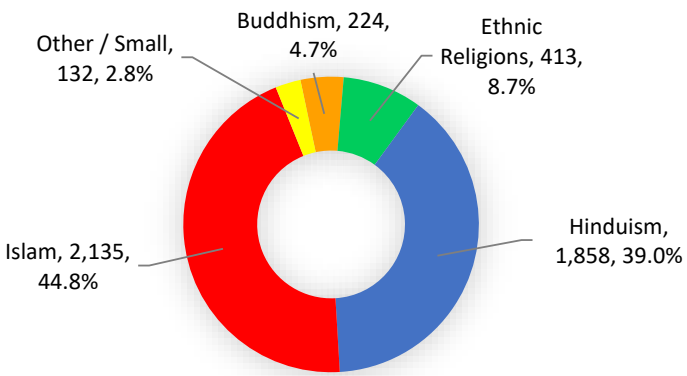
Listing of Countries in Regions at: JoshuaProject.net/global/regions

Frontier Peoples listings and maps at: JoshuaProject.net/frontier/1

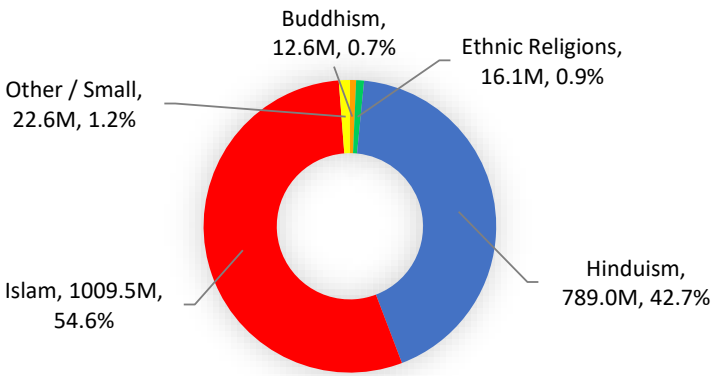
Frontier Peoples by Religion

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%	1009.5M	54.6%
Other / Small	132	2.8%	22.6M	1.2%
Total	**4,762**		**1,850.0M**	

By Count



By Population



Listing of Peoples by Religions at: JoshuaProject.net/religions

Frontier Peoples listings and maps at: JoshuaProject.net/frontier/1

Prayer Resources and Events

For the large, influential 400 Frontier People Groups

Every day, thousands of believers unite in prayer for a people group, then do the same the next day for a different people group, using one or more of these excellent resources:

- Joshua Project's *Unreached People of the Day* JoshuaProject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/today
- Frontier Ventures's *Global Prayer Digest* GlobalPrayerDigest.org/issue/day
- seasonal prayer guides for Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists

Such united prayer for people groups often coincides with breakthroughs among the peoples prayed for, and we encourage you to make good use of each of these resources.

Both the *Unreached People of the Day* and the *Global Prayer Digest* are also available as smartphone Apps, and by email. Starting in May 2019, the *Global Prayer Digest* and the *Unreached People of the Day* will coordinate their schedules to lead many in united prayer for each of the 400 largest FPGs.

The people groups listed in the seasonal prayer guides, available from WorldChristian.com, are mostly FPGs.

International Day for the Unreached

Held each Pentecost Sunday to educate, inspire and motivate North American believers to take a stand for Unreached People Groups: DayForTheUnreached.org

GO2020

Go2020.world is the shared vision of dozens of ministries to enlist 100 million Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to pray and prepare to lead one billion more people to follow Jesus Christ in May 2020.

International Prayer Connect

ipcPrayer.org is a coalition of prayer networks, ministries, leaders, and intercessors throughout the world whose vision is to mobilize and equip prayer for the Unreached and the transformation of the nations.

Become an Advocate for ONE Frontier People Group

As you pray for Frontier People Groups, ask the Lord to give you **one** people group for which you can become an advocate—embracing them in your heart and your daily prayers, and seeking the Holy Spirit to lead you and your family or small group in becoming God's blessing to that Frontier People Group.

Collaborate with other Frontier People advocates to see to it that every single Frontier People Group over 500,000 in population is being named daily before the Father: MultMove.net/join-gcc

When your prayer team is ready to partner with a field team, apply at InheritTheNations.net

Seek God for the Full Mobilization of Christ's Body

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken every believer to recognize that the time is short, and to fully seek first God's Kingdom and his righteousness (Rom 13:11-14; Luke 19:13; Psalm 90:12).
2. Pray that every follower of Jesus to BE a disciple who fully follows Jesus in loving God, loving others and making disciples that make disciples (Acts 1:8; Matt 22:37; Prov 11:30; Matt 28:18-20).
3. Pray that believers see the hearts of those the Holy Spirit has prepared to hear and that they share in a way that can be understood and responded to (John 4:36; John 6:44; 2 Tim 4:2).
4. Pray for every UPG—every last tongue, tribe and nation—to be adopted for prayer and outreach, then engaged with a Kingdom multiplication strategy, until there is no place left without gospel witness (Matt 9:37-38; 2 Cor 10:16; 2 Peter 3:9; Rev 7:9).
5. Pray for the entire Word of God to become available in every language. At present only 7% of the world's languages have a full Bible, and only 1 in 5 Bible translation projects include translating the Old Testament (Matt 9:37-38; Heb 4:12; Rom 10:17-21).
6. Pray for Christ's Body to recognize our calling—to pursue his Kingdom coming and his will being done, and to work together in the unity of the Spirit, with the bond of peace, for his glory among the nations (Matt 6:10; Eph 4:3; Matt 12:22-26).

All the families on earth
will be blessed through you.
–Gen 12:3

An invitation to the global body of Christ
to pray for the 31 largest frontier people groups

This prayer guide is a gift to Christ's body through
the collaboration of these organizations and networks:

24:14 Coalition
24:14 Inherit the Nations
Alliance for the Unreached
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