

Global Outreach



Community Newsletter

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A Special Calling

For the past number of months we have focused our attention on our partnership with the PARI ministry in Indonesia, and that is well and good. A few meeting ago, around the first of the year, at one of our meetings we asked those in attendance for direction. It was decided that we needed to be more specific in our approach and focus on 4 areas, Indonesia, Central Asia, Kenya, and Local Outreach. Having spent a greater amount of time focused on Indonesia I wanted to broaden our horizons with an introduction to the ministries in Central Asia. On pages 3-4 of this issue you will find some brief descriptions of 5 of the 10 countries that make up Central Asia. On page 3 in the introduction I explain why I chose these 5 to start with. This is also in anticipation that we will be visited in July by a key player in the Central Asian ministry we support. I pray that your heart will be enlighten and you will be encouraged to pray more earnestly for the different peoples of Central Asia.

Last meeting and in last month's newsletter we discussed the idea that **Prayer Warriors** are **God's Special Forces** in the on going spiritual warfare of which we are engaged.

Sometimes I find myself losing my perspective on the path that I am travelling. It is so easy to get caught up in the day to day living and forget that God has so much more for us to be involved. The idea that God has called us to be involved as front line troops in seeing the Gospel carried to the ends of the earth boggles (a technical term) my mind. Whether called to actually **Go** to an unreached people or to **"just"** pray, I must heed the call of God on my life.

"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Come to the meeting on July 11th at 6 pm to hear more about being a **Prayer Warrior**.

--John

Pastoral Insights

by Pastor Barry

I am preparing a sermon on the Holy Spirit which is proving to be difficult. Why?



Because I taught an Institute Class on the subject which was four 90 minute class sessions. Reducing the teaching to a 35 minute sermon is like taking the mattress that Pastor Steve referred to in his sermon and squeezing it back into the box. But I do have a verse of all verses that says so much about the Holy Spirit: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The success of God's global mission lands squarely on the wide shoulders of the Holy Spirit. How has he done? Marvelously, with over 2 billion professing Christians in the world right now. Just think, he began with 120 in the upper room of Acts 1 and here we are today. However, my question to us is, do you think the Holy Spirit is satisfied? When the athlete hands in his/her uniform they are calling it quits. But the Holy Spirit is still empowering genuine believers to tell the story as witnesses for Christ.

We often think of the Spirit inspiring us, transforming us, and producing fruit in us. But that means nothing unless the Holy Spirit is using us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. As long as the Holy Spirit's mission is incomplete, so is ours. Let's please the Spirit by surrendering to his influence and partner hand in hand with him for the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Prayer Requests

This month we will continue our prayers for the Sunda people.

With so many people groups in Indonesia we will continue to pray for other groups along with prayer for our Sunda brothers and sisters and we will continue our prayers for our partners in Central Asia. Keep up the praying!

West Java—Home of the Sunda *Keep Praying for...*



...Team Naphtali

Pray...

...for Pak O*, Pak H*, Pak Z* willing to be baptized and disciplesd.

...for Pak Y*, Pak U* & wife, Pak U*, Ibu I*, Pak S*, they want to believe Jesus.

...for Alfredo to find a rental house with a good environment and freedom in the ministry of the Gospel

... for Alfredo's father's health.

... for the education of Alfredo's younger siblings

... for moving plan from Bekasi to Tasikmalaya

...for the process of registering my daughter for schools at SMPK Penabur

...for transition of ministry to E*, A*, and J* in Bekasi

...for E* plan is to really join Youth and be apprenticed there.

PARI - Sundanese Christian Fellowship

Pray...

...for the Jakarta For Christ program in 2024 there will be 10 new HC that can be realized.

...for Y*, J*, T*, D* and S* who are practicing in the field that God will continue to help in learning to evangelize and can adapt well. Pray that their call to serve the Sundanese tribe will be strengthened

...**Nehemiah Team** - ...for pioneers: I*, Y*, Ibu I*, and Y* so that the plan to enter the new 14 villages could be implemented and get disciple to reach their friends, family and acquaintances, pray for the new 13 House Church (HC) plan in the next 2 months.

...**Amos Team** - ...for the service so that many souls will be won. And pray for believers to be baptized, They are Pak U*, Pak I*, and Pak A*.

...**Caleb's Team** - ...for the M* village area as the target area of Pak A* and Teh N*.

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**Full names are not used to protect the individuals on the ground.*



There are 4.078 Islamic Boarding School in Tasikmalaya. Some are national references. Naphtaly Team are serving The Lord in these area.

Global Outreach
Forums new harvest

What is a "Forum"?

A dictionary meaning is, "**a public meeting ... involving audience discussion**". Our next Global Outreach Forum meeting is **Thursday, July 11th at 6 pm** in the Community Room at New Harvest.

Topic: Anywhere, Anytime, Anyhow Bar None!

Please Come!

Introducing... Central Asia

The Joshua Project, a ministry that focuses on the Unreached People Groups with a variety of statistics and information, counts 10 different geopolitical entities in the region of the globe. They are...Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, **Kazakhstan**, **Kyrgyzstan**, **Tajikistan**, Turkey (Turkiye), **Turkmenistan**, and **Uzbekistan**.

Our envoy to this area of the world will only be working with 4 or 5 of these countries. In the following paragraphs we will be discussing these 5 countries.

Kazakhstan

Some people say that "to be a Kazakh is to be a Muslim". Most Kazakhs follow a version of Islam strongly influenced by shamans and indigenous practices. Other Muslim countries invest huge amounts of money to send Muslim missionaries to Kazakhstan. They successfully convert even some ethnic Russians to Islam. The government works to keep Islam moderate, and Kazakhstan is the only Central Asian state where Islam is not accorded special status.

Kazakhstan's cultural and religious diversity provides many opportunities for evangelizing Central Asian peoples. A number of Uzbeks and Uyghurs in Kazakhstan are turning to Christ - and beginning to take the gospel back to their own people! Christianity is still largely an urban phenomenon, but the churches and missions (Baptists, Korean groups, some Western agencies) are recruiting for village ministry.

Kyrgyzstan

A resurgent Islam: The vast majority of Kyrgyz are culturally Muslim, but practice and understanding of Islam are low. Northern Kyrgyz are more Russian-influenced, but southerners are more traditional and Islamic. Muslim missionaries (200 registered, many more unregistered) from several nations seek to strengthen and purify Islam. The close association of Kyrgyz cultural identity and Islam makes becoming a Christian a difficult decision; the same holds true for other Central Asian peoples.

Christianity was exclusively limited to the non-indigenous communities before 1990. Newer

post-1990 denominations have grown, with an increasing Kyrgyz component. The most notable growth is in charismatic churches, particularly the multi-cultural Church of Jesus Christ. The heady growth of the decade after independence, however, has all but halted and, in some cases, has reversed.



Tajikistan

The civil war of the 1990s left an unforgettable mark on the nation. 83% of the population still live below the poverty line. Prisoners, the elderly, widows, and orphans face the greatest risks. The country needs relief-and-development work, as well as education and business training.

The Christian population has been massively reduced by emigration. It was and remains largely Russian Orthodox. The civil war and its aftermath drove out the majority; most of the remainder are cultural/nominal Christians with little desire to share the gospel with indigenous peoples.

Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is the strategic key for all of Central Asia, and tensions remain high between the post-Soviet regime and the Islamist movements (most radical in the Fergana Valley). Much of the population is tired of poverty, corruption, and failure to make economic progress, and Islamists attract...

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Uzbekistan continued...

...jobless young men. Economic prospects have improved recently, as both tourism and employment opportunities for women have improved.

Most Christians come from minority groups, and large numbers have returned to their ancestral homelands since independence. Evangelical Christianity, especially Pentecostals/charismatics, grows among those who remain. Russians and Koreans have some freedom to evangelize their own people, but the government punishes any who attempt to reach Uzbeks or other Muslim peoples. Tashkent is the Islamic capital of Central Asia, in numbers and influence.

Turkmenistan

Present-day Turkmenistan covers territory that has been at the crossroads of civilizations for centuries. The area was ruled in antiquity by various Persian empires, and was conquered by Alexander the Great, Muslim armies, the Mongols, Turkic warriors, and eventually by the Russian Empire.

Turkmenistan is one of the most difficult countries for evangelical churches, and the government maintains tight control over religious groups. Hostility against almost any foreign Christian activity or even presence has persisted for over 20 years. Almost every foreign Christian has been expelled. Several national pastors have been exiled, beaten, heavily fined or imprisoned. The twenty or so registered congregations continue to be intimidated and forbidden to meet.

Pray...

- ...for a softening of the attitude of the authorities, for courage for Christians in Turkmenistan to stand firm and for Christians outside of the country to pray and speak up against these hostile actions.

Prayer Requests (Continued)

Central Asia - From our envoy...

Pray...

- For road building, land leveling and final construction plans for the camp and retreat center
- For God to raise up the funds to build the camp
- For favor with the local authorities
- For the spiritual protection and physical health of our national staff
- For a visa to visit one of the other countries in Central Asia.

Kazakhstan

- Pray that the gospel might be shared, in the listeners' language, in the many towns and villages of this sprawling land.
- Pray for increasing numbers of quality Kazakh programs and for development of media ministries by the people of Kazakhstan for their own.

Kyrgyzstan

- Pray for believers to stand firm in the face of persecution and demonstrate the power and love of Christ.
- Pray for good relationships between national and expatriate believers.

Tajikistan

- Pray for ethnically related Iranian Christians to become witnesses; they could play a unique role in winning Tajiks to Jesus.
- Pray for extremism to be restrained, and that Muslims might have unprecedented opportunities to discover Christ.

Uzbekistan

- Pray for the Muslim peoples of Uzbekistan to hear - in a way they can understand and respond to - the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for those persecuted and in prison, that God may give them strength and boldness.