Intercede for the Muslim World!

"The work of God is this, to believe in the one he has sent" (John 6:29, NIV). Pray that those who seek God's favor through works would instead believe!

Today's Prayer Requests: From Students, Alumni, and Missionaries

CAMEROON: Please pray for a church in the north composed of some 50 believers, all formers Muslims. They are suffering heavy persecution. Pray for the pastor as he encourages them, and for the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit on each one to know how to respond and to stand firm.

The Full Gospel Mission of Cameroon (with which most WAAST students and alumni work) runs several clinics and health centers, most in Muslim areas. Please pray for those who works in these facilities, that they would have opportunities and boldness to share Jesus with those who are seeking healing.

GHANA: A student pastoring here asks us to pray for a new convert from Islam who wants to change his name, but whose family is opposed to this. Pray that the Lord will work through this conflict and help the family to see the depth of a commitment to Jesus.

MADAGASCAR: This island nation has been targeted by Islam, reports a Malagasy student. Muslims plan to build 2000 mosques and are offering development aid, which will naturally increase their economic and political influence. Please pray for the government leaders as they are now deciding whether to accept the proposals. Madagascar's population is currently about 7% Muslim.

NORTHERN TOGO: A student asks for prayer a couple pastoring in a Muslim town, where they are seeing very few coming to the Lord. Pray for a breakthrough in this community and that this couple would be greatly encouraged.

2016 World Watch List: Brunei*

This small Islamic sultanate lies on the northwestern side of the island of Borneo, which is part of both Malaysia and Indonesia. Officially the "Nation of Brunei, the Abode of Peace," it has hardly been peaceful for Christians. Sharia law is being instituted in 3 phases. From 2014 on, it has been illegal to evangelize, and Muslims are required to attend Friday prayers. Phase 2, involving floggings and amputations for crimes, has not yet been implemented due to international pressure. Most evangelical believers in the country are expatriates. Please pray that they will have opportunities to carefully and wisely share their faith, and that Jesus would reveal himself to Bruneians. Pray that Bruneian believers would stand firm in their faith and abide in true peace. See also http://bit.ly/2cOxd1X.

For Muslim Women**

Pray for Maryam, serving a 4-year sentence in Iran for her work with former prisoner Pastor Saeed Abedini. She is suffering severe health challenges and is being denied adequate medical attention. Those close to her ask for pray that

- Maryam would know God's encouragement, recovery, and strength;
- the Lord would encourage and support Maryam's family;
- Maryam would be released unconditionally from prison;
- God would move the Iranian authorities and officials to love mercy and act justly.

Prayer Resources

- *For the 2016 World Watch List of the 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted, see http://bit.ly/1TgZmcr.
- **Muslim women need your prayers! You can join a prayer network and receive regular requests at http://sayhelloinfo.com/. Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/ for information about praying for Muslims and weekly requests.

 $For \ suggestions \ on \ starting \ a \ prayer \ group, \ see \ \underline{http://waastjumaa.blogspot.com/2016/04/waast-jumaa-prayer-groups.html}$

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit http://worldwatchmonitor.org/, and http://www.releaseinternational.org/.

For prayer requests, visit http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and <a href="http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see http://answeringislam.org/.