



Intercede for the Muslim World!

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.”... After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly (Acts 4:29, 31, NIV).

Intercede for our brothers and sisters who live under threat today, that they might be empowered by the Holy Spirit in the same way as these early believers who spoke God’s word with boldness.

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

BENIN: An alumnus and WAASST professor asks us to pray concerning the implications of new government legislation in Benin. Neither Muslims nor Christians can pray on the streets or in public areas, and large gatherings are not allowed. This means that evangelistic campaigns can no longer be held in public places. In areas where there are no churches, Christians can visit homes but cannot gather people together outside, making it more difficult to begin a church. Fear of terrorist attacks is a motivating factor behind these policies, but ironically they are serving to hamper the work of the churches and to strengthen Islam. Muslims are responding to the laws by building large mosques around the country in which to meet, thus gaining more influence in the communities. Please pray

- for divine wisdom for church planters and open doors in communities despite these restrictions,
- that these regulations would be reversed or somehow used by our unrestricted God for the growth of His Church in Benin,
- that permission would be granted for this alumnus to use a primary school for an evangelistic campaign. He has made application and agreed to all conditions, but is still waiting for the signed approval.

BURKINA FASO: Please continue to pray concerning the terrorist situation in the Sahel region. According to a WAASST professor, jihadist threats and attacks have become a daily occurrence. His brother, a pastor and teacher at the Bible school in the area, says that this school and two Assemblies of God primary schools are under threat. His church must meet under guard. Fear has caused many people to flee to the capital city. Pray for the dozens of Assemblies of God churches in the area. May the faith and lives of these believers have a great impact on their communities. Pray that the plans of the jihadists be thwarted and that they might find salvation.

SIERRA LEONE: An alumnus who pastors here asks us to pray for revival in this Muslim-dominated country, and for those who accept Jesus. “They are always under high pressure from their relatives,” he explains. “They are shunned, asked to leave their family homes, face physical confrontation, etc.” Pray for the witness of the churches to their Muslim neighbors, “that as we reach out to them the Holy Spirit will speak to them about Christ Jesus, and that there will be continual religious tolerance in the land.”

Prayer Resources

For the 2017 World Watch List of the 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted, see <http://bit.ly/1npXC1e>.

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.

Muslim women need your prayers! You can join a prayer network and receive regular requests at <http://sayhelloinfo.com/>.

For suggestions on starting a prayer group, see <http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/>.

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

For prayer requests, visit <http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/> and <http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx>.

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <http://www.unchangingword.com/> and <http://answeringislam.org/>.