



Intercede for the Muslim World!

*But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.
(Mt 5:44-45a, NIV).*

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

NORTHERN TOGO: An alumnus in leadership in a northern region shares this *praise report*: In one town, Muslims recently opened a Koranic school and dug a well next to it. Those who operate the Assemblies of God school already there feared that parents would opt for the school that could offer water. Praise God, He has provided a new well next to the AG school, and some 165 children are learning their school subjects and God's Word.

We recently prayed for a church that, due to persecution, had dropped in attendance from 65 to 4. Some have returned, but this congregation needs our continued prayers. About two weeks ago a strong wind took the roof off of their building. According to the pastor of the mother church, they are likely having to meet under trees. This is a spiritual battle: Muslims will erect nice buildings in which to meet, and Christians are often mocked when it seems their God cannot provide. Pray that the Lord would show his strength and faithfulness so that all may see and believe. Pray for divine strength and inner peace for those suffering persecution.

In one strongly Muslim town, the Assemblies of God church is well respected and has been growing. They have vacated their palm-frond church and are now meeting in their larger, yet-unfinished cement building. The pastor recently baptized a former Muslim, and many listen to the church services as they are interpreted into their language and broadcast (loudly!) over the sound system. Please pray

- for the continued good influence of this church in the community, and for the completion of their building.
- for those who oppose God's work. A mosque has been built just behind the church. Pray that those who come to this mosque would sense the power of the Holy Spirit and be drawn to God.
- for the souls of the people in this town. Muslim charities offer free wells, provide roofs for the homes of widows, and use other means to encourage residents to follow Islam. Pray that the Lord would reveal himself and His offer of salvation and life that meets their eternal needs.

In the News

Macedonia is home to more than 500,000 ethnic Albanians, nearly all of whom follow Islam. They are welcomed in the evangelical churches, but there are only about 12 known born-again Albanians in the country and no Pentecostal church specifically for them. Albanian and Romanian missionaries are working to open such a church. Pray for God's direction, wisdom, and open doors for them, and that this small body of believers may multiply.

Southern **Nigeria** is considered largely Christian, and evangelical and Pentecostal churches have great influence. Some Muslims are applying the successful evangelistic methods of these churches, practicing "charismatic Islam" to draw weaker Christians to their religion. Some, says an alumnus, have given up their robes and donned suits and ties to imitate Pentecostal preachers. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, that they would stand firm in following Jesus and help others who are swayed. See more at <https://yhoo.it/2pHbNrx>.

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/>.