

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god (Is 44:6, ESV).

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

CHAD: This largely desert nation lies just below Libya. It is home to more than 12 million people from some 140 people groups. Nearly 90 of these groups follow Islam. The Assemblies of God in Chad is growing and reaching out. The general superintendent is a WAAST graduate, as are several missionaries here. This week let's pray for their work.

Praise Report

Over the years we have prayed for a training center, based in the south with the vision to reach the entire nation. The alumnus who established this Bible school and church shares this praise report: "On June 3, 2017, 20 new pastors graduated from Chad Assemblies of God Bible Institute. In 2008, when we arrived in Chad, my wife and I prayed and set goals to be achieved before we left Chad one day:

• Double the number of pastors. We had about 40 pastors in 2008; today we have 90 AG pastors.



• Plant a missional church that will plant kids and youth churches and develop an effective ministry among kids and youth. Restoration Assemblies of God Church is planting churches and working actively in kids and youth ministry on the mission fields of Chad."

Prayer Requests

These 20 graduates (9 of whom have been sent as missionaries from Burkina Faso) are now scattering around the country to begin new churches. Pray that the Lord would open doors miraculously before them as they go into resistant areas. Pray He would lead them to people whose hearts God has prepared to receive His message.

Intercede for a Togolese missionary couple (also WAAST alumni) who have recently assumed the responsibilities of directing this school and church. They share the following requests:

- Pray against the advance of Islam and against the spirit of religiosity that hampers authentic conversion.
- Pray for unity in the Body of Christ. Ethnocentrism, tribal hatred, social injustice, and social inequality prevail in the society. Pray that believers would rise above these divisions and be examples of God's love for all.
- Pray that the Lord would send out laborers into His harvest and bless those who are pastoring. Because of severe poverty, some hesitate to answer God's call.
- Pray that the gospel may cover every region of Chad; of 23 regions, the true gospel has been firmly established in only 1.

Prayer Resources

*Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <u>http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/</u> for information about praying for Muslims and weekly requests.

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

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 <u>http://morningstarnews.org/</u>, <u>http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</u>, and <u>http://www.releaseinternational.org/</u>.

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/.