

## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

...the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Is 11:9b, NIV).

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

**AFRICA:** An alumnus visited a Bible school in a country where Islam is more prevalent than in his home country. He writes, "When I was there, every morning in my room I heard the call to prayer, and I realized just how much Islam is growing in our cities and villages in Africa. My prayer is that the leaders of our churches would be more aware of the danger of Islam, that they might push the churches to minister to Muslims through the power of the Holy Spirit." Pray that the Spirit would fill these leaders with compassion and compel them to reach out.

**DR CONGO:** Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters and churches in the eastern part of DR Congo. An alumnus pastoring there reports that several foreign armed groups operate in the area, among them the Lord's Resistance Army (a pseudo-Christian cult), the Muslim jihadist coalition Allied Democratic Forces, and nomadic Muslim herdsmen from Cameroon and Chad. Pray for God's hand of protection over His people. Pray that the Lord would reveal himself to these terrorists—"Christian" and Muslim alike—who believe they are serving God. May their eyes be opened to the Truth.

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** In July we prayed for the upcoming outreach in a village in the central part of this Muslimmajority country. The outreach took place this past week, and the pastor writes, "I am happy to tell you that, thanks to your prayers, the evangelization effort went well. Seven souls were saved and we held a worship service today [July 30]." Please pray for these new believers, for their growth in the faith, and for the young pastor and his family who have moved there to guide this fledgling work.

**WAAST:** Students from Madagascar to Senegal and many nations in between are now arriving on campus and begin the new semester this coming Monday. Jumaa Prayer meetings will resume next Friday. Pray with us that through these prayer meetings many would sense a growing burden to pray for and reach out to Muslims. Pray that the Lord would reveal to them new strategies for implementing ministry to Muslims in their respective contexts.

## In the News

Since the 2011 secession of South Sudan from the Muslim-dominated north, Christians left in **Sudan** have seen more harassment and persecution than ever. In the latest move, last week the Ministry of Education in Khartoum State ordered all Christian schools to hold classes on Sunday, which they consider their God-ordained day of rest. On May 7, in a region just outside Khartoum, the capital city, the last existing church building was torn down. In April, a Muslim businessman tried to claim the property of an evangelical school. When Christians protested, armed men attacked the women there and then those who tried to defend them. Several men were stabbed and one church elder died of his injuries. Intercede for believers in Sudan. Pray that they may stand firm, and act in wisdom and love in the face of persecution. Sudan ranks 5<sup>th</sup> on the 2017 World Watch List of the 50 nations where Christians suffer the most persecution.\* See more at http://bit.ly/2uLv6jO.

## **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 <u>http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/</u> 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 a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see https://prayingformuslims.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/.