

## Intercede for the Muslim World

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation (Ps 68:19).

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

**MALI:** Pray that the Lord would touch the lives of children who participate in tutoring sessions in the church that a student pastors. Of the 30-some children, all but two are from Muslim families. Pray that this service would not only help the children academically, but spiritually, and open doors to reach their families.

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** We have been praying for the continuation of a vital ministry in this Muslim nation. For health reasons, the couple directing the English Language Centre must leave the work. They write, "We need a director and more potential team members at the Centre. Some other workers will be functioning there until the end of June. Then the next session will begin in early October. It would be best for a new director to arrive late August to prepare and become associated with project and start meeting locals, which ultimately is the goal of our Centre." Let's keep praying that the Lord would raise up leaders for this work, and for the healing of this couple.

**TOGO:** A student asks us to pray concerning his project to translate the Bible into the language of a particular majority-Muslim tribe here. At this point none of his translation team are native speakers of this language, and, he says, "this is not ideal; we need 'sons and daughters of the village' to do this work." Pray for a miracle in locating believers from this tribe willing to serve as resource people and to be trained to help, so that this translation may be the most accurate possible. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough in this resistant group; although there are churches in their towns, the congregations are made up of those from other tribes.

A student who pastors in the far north began a church annex—his church's third new plant—in a Muslim-dominated neighborhood. Recently the shelter they were meeting in collapsed. Please pray for the quick repair of this shelter, especially for the sake of the women whose husbands allow them to attend services but not to leave the neighborhood.

## World Watch List 2018: Iran (10/50)\*

The government of this Shia Islamic State considers Christians a national threat. Just this past week an Assemblies of God retreat center was forced to closed, accused of being funded "to infiltrate the Islamic world, and particularly Iran, by conducting evangelistic activities." Churches cannot reach out to Muslims or hold services in Farsi. Yet Iranians both inside and outside Iran are coming to the Lord in greater numbers than ever! Believers meet secretly, and once a group reaches 12 people, it splits to accommodate newcomers. Christian programs on satellite TV bring in thousands of responses monthly. Pray that the believers, despite the risk of arrest, would continue to boldly tell of freedom in Jesus. For information, news, and prayer requests concerning the Church in Iran, visit <a href="http://www.elam.com/">http://www.elam.com/</a>.

## **Prayer Resources**

\*For the 2018 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018.

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 <u>http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</u> and <u>http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</u>.

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