



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (Ja 5:16).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** An alumnus writes: "I ask you to intercede concerning the security situation in Burkina Faso:

- Murders and kidnappings are reported in the north.
- Last Sunday a pastor [of an Assemblies of God church], his son, his granddaughter, and his daughter-in-law, as well as two other people who had come to ask for prayer, were kidnapped.
- A few days before that a catechist was kidnapped.

"Pray that God would keep His children in this difficult situation. May the hearts of the kidnappers be touched by their testimonies. Deliverance comes from our God."

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** A student reports that an evangelistic outreach that was repeatedly postponed for security reasons finally took place this past Friday and Saturday. The first night a young man from the Bozo tribe (an unreached Muslim/animist group) accepted Jesus. He stayed through the Sunday morning service before returning to his village with some audio Bible stories. Please pray (1) for opportunities for him to grow in his faith; there is no church near him; (2) that he and his testimony would be well received in his village; (3) for the salvation of his wife.

Some 40 children also gave their lives to Jesus, and 31 attended the church service Sunday morning. Pray they may become strong in their faith and bring other family members into the Kingdom.

### *In the News*

A Full Gospel Assemblies church in a village in the Punjab province of **Pakistan** has been told to remove every sign of Christianity from their church building and to eventually sell or dismantle it. The reason given by a resident: "Muslims are in the majority in the village; we can't allow a church here." Last December the church was forced to sign an agreement that they would not meet in the building, but only in homes. Members have made numerous visits to authorities to appeal this decision or to provide them with a venue outside of the village. Please pray for God's intervention in this situation. See the story at <https://tinyurl.com/fgapak>.

### *World Watch List 2018: Egypt (17/50)\**

In AD 300, Alexandria, Egypt, was considered the third greatest center of Christianity. By 650, Arabs had swept into Egypt, and today more than 86 percent of its people follow Islam. About 12% claim Christianity; most belong to the Coptic Orthodox Church. Christians remain second-class citizens and face discrimination in society. Congregations are hampered in finding or building meeting places. Muslims who turn to Jesus are pressured to return to Islam and rejected by family and community if they refuse. Hundreds of Christian girls and women have been kidnapped, forced to convert, and given in marriage to propagate Islam. Pray that the Holy Spirit would encourage and strengthen believers and use them mightily to bring others to him. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018egypt>.

### *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 <https://reachingmuslimpeoples.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 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 <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://muslimsask.com/>, <http://www.unchangingword.com/> and <http://answeringislam.org/>.