



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him..." (Ps 91:14-15).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** Please continue to pray for the release of Pastor Boéna, the Assemblies of God pastor kidnapped with seven others in northern Burkina Faso a month ago. There were reports of their release four days after the kidnapping, but they are still in fact being held. See details at <https://tinyurl.com/AGboena>.

An alumnus asks us to pray for this and several other requests concerning the tense situation in northern Burkina Faso:

- Pray for the release of Dr. Ken Elliott, kidnapped with his wife in January 2016. She was released, but his whereabouts remain unknown. (This Australian missionary couple has run a clinic in this area for 40 years.)
- Pray "for the Assemblies of God Bible school located just a few kilometers from a zone known to be very dangerous. May God sustain the director and all the staff and students. Pray that the trained pastors would integrate the local culture into their strategies to preach the gospel."
- Pray for a pastor who just last week moved into his newly built home. The day he moved in, people came and wrote on his windows in Arabic. Pray that God would encourage and strengthen him.
- Pray for students and others involved in "Groupe Biblique" in this area. (GB is a network of Bible study groups in high schools and universities.)

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** Please pray for God's miraculous touch on the daughter of a community leader in a town where a new church is being planted. The leader explained to the pastor and a worker that his daughter has fainting episodes because of a "possession problem" and allowed them to pray for her. The worker writes, "Pray with us for a deliverance; this would be a tremendous boost to the efforts in [this town]."

### *In the News*

Intercede for believers and churches facing persecution in eastern **Uganda**. Uganda's Muslims, about 12% of the population and concentrated mainly in the east, are increasingly harassing Christians. Recently, in one village, Muslims learned that a local pastor was a former Muslim. They forced him to stop construction of his church building, ordered him to stop worship services, and threatened his family to the point where he has sent his eight children to a boarding school elsewhere. In another eastern district, a pastor and other church leaders were pelted with stones during a planned, public debate about Jesus as the Son of God. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/eastuganda>.

Continue to pray for the release of Pastor Andrew Brunson, detained in Turkish prison on false charges since October 2016. At his third hearing, this past Wednesday, the prosecution presented new witnesses, and yet another hearing has been scheduled for October 12. Pastor Brunson has been ordered back to prison in the meantime. Pray that God's Spirit would encourage him and his wife and children. See details at <https://tinyurl.com/brunson718>.

### *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/>.