



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*...whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2Co 3:16-18).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** An alumnus writes: "Give thanks to God for the release of Pastor Pierre Boena. Brothers were able to communicate with either his son or himself to confirm the information. Let us continue to intercede for the release of the remaining seven family members who are still detained. Pray for the restoration of Pastor Boena." *This Assemblies of God pastor and seven others were kidnapped by jihadists from his home in northern Burkina Faso on Sunday, June 3. Their liberation was reported on June 7 but proved to be false.*

Continue to pray also for the release of Dr. Ken Elliott, an Australian doctor who ran a clinic in northern Burkina Faso. He and his wife were kidnapped on January 15, 2016. His wife was released a month later. A proof of life video was released in July 2017, but there has been no news since and his whereabouts remain unknown.

**SIERRA LEONE:** In Sierra Leone (and in many other parts of Africa), Muslims and Christians live in relative peace, even participating in each other's activities and intermarrying. While this tolerance seems preferable to religious tension, a student points out its danger: the misconception that Christians and Muslims serve the same God, with the implication that there is little difference in the religions and therefore little need to approach Muslims with God's life-changing message. Please pray for these three subjects:

- Pray that the churches and believers in Sierra Leone (and in similar contexts) would see the inherent and drastic differences in these religions, and that the Lord would burden them for the souls of Muslims.
- Pray concerning the efforts of Muslims to indoctrinate young people, teaching children the Koran and offering scholarships to study in Islamic nations. Pray that Christian families would be discerning, as it can be tempting to take advantage of such offers.
- Pray for the *Tabligh*, Muslims who move in groups to teach in mosques and spread Islam around the nation. Pray that through dreams, visions, believers, or whatever means God chooses, they would encounter Jesus!

An Assemblies of God Bible school is being established in an interior city. This past week the building permit was received and workers arrived to start construction—then the rains began. Please pray for drier weather and for good progress on the building. The AG of Sierra Leone hopes to open the school in 2019.

**TOGO:** A student has recently begun pastoring in a northern, Muslim-majority city. He asks for prayer for a project to make videos of Bible stories, acted out by church members, to show in the community. Such presentations, he notes, attract many people and may open doors to speak to them further. Pray for God's blessing on this endeavor.

### *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/>.