

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

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge (Pr 14:26, NKJV).

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

**CAMEROON:** Intercede fervently for this nation. Tensions here have shifted from the Far North Region, where Islamic terrorism has been a daily threat, to the two English-speaking regions (the other eight regions use French), where a government/separatist conflict has been raging for the past two years. Churches in these regions are closed for the time being; some have been burned down as some 200 villages have been destroyed. Cameroon's presidential election was held this past Sunday, October 7, and the nation is tensely awaiting results. Please pray specifically

- for our students and alumni in the English-speaking regions as they encourage their people.
- for safe travel for students coming to the WAAST extension center in Mbalmayo. Classes are to begin Monday, October 15, and some 34 students are expected.
- for calm when election results are announced; many fear civil war.

**LIBERIA:** A church planter was to move in August to a Muslim area to begin work, but heavy rains and impassible roads have delayed this until November, according to an alumnus who serves as missions director for the Assemblies of God, Liberia. Please pray that this move can take place—people are waiting to hear! Pray that the missions department can obtain its own, solid vehicle to carry out its work around the nation.

**TOGO:** A student pastoring in the Muslim-dominated north shares two requests:

- His church was able to obtain land and now has a proper building. The church has had a positive impact in the area and has begun four annexes. Now the main church needs to expand and wants to purchase the plot of land next to it, but the owner refuses to sell. Please pray that this land might be bought or another solution found.
- Pray for believers from this area who are afraid to express their faith. Elsewhere they are open, explains the pastor, but when they return home they are silent, and even deacons "hide". May the Lord give them courage and wisdom to share with others.

## In the News

Praise God for some positive movement toward tolerance of Christians in Muslim **Sudan**. In August, port authorities unexpectedly released shipments of Arabic-language Bibles, some of which had been held in port for six years, some for three years. In July, a Pentecostal church that had been closed four years before was returned to the congregation, with no reason given. Since 2012, the Sudanese government has expelled foreign Christians, arrested Sudanese believers, destroyed or taken over churches and Christian schools, and restricted Christian literature. Please pray that the Lord would soften hearts of government leaders, that the gospel might be preached and people may worship freely. Sudan ranks fourth on the list of the 50 nations where Christians face the most persecution. For more information and prayer requests, see <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WWLsudan">https://tinyurl.com/WWLsudan</a>.

## **Prayer Resources**

For the 2018 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018">https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018</a>.

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a> 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 <a href="http://sayhelloinfo.com/">http://sayhelloinfo.com/</a>.

For a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>.

For suggestions on starting a prayer group, see <a href="http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>.

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit  $\underline{\text{http://morningstarnews.org/}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{http://worldwatchmonitor.org/}}$ , and  $\underline{\text{http://www.releaseinternational.org/}}$ .

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 <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a> and <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a> and <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a> and <a href="http://answeringislam.org/">http://answeringislam.org/</a>.