



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds (2Co 10:4).*

### Today's Prayer Requests and Praise Reports : *From Students, Alumni, and Workers*

**GUINEA-CONAKRY: Praise report:** During our Spiritual Emphasis services at WAASST, the speaker, an alumnus and general superintendent of the Assemblies of God of Guinea, shared about the growth of the churches there: from fewer than 70 in 2016 to 190 at the end of 2020, and from 4,500 members to 12,000. He also spoke of the lack of trained pastors; most churches are led by lay leaders with minimal training. In response, WAASST students and faculty collected enough funds to complete payment on land purchased for a lay-training Bible school, and to build several huts that will house students each weekend. Please pray that this school would be in operation by the end of 2021.

**Prayer requests:** Another WAASST alumnus who serves in Guinea asks us to pray concerning strongholds that need to be broken so that the gospel may advance. He identifies six strongholds:

- There is a pervasive mentality that Christianity is for Westerners, as it was introduced by colonialists and foreign missionaries. When Guinea gained independence, the first president expelled missionaries, and since then few have stayed long. ***Pray that the Lord would raise up more Guinean and other African workers to share Jesus' offer of salvation for all, and that truth of the gospel would penetrate hardened hearts.***
- Recurring conflicts between various missions and church denominations hinder the work and damage the reputation and testimony of Christians. ***Pray that the Spirit would work in the hearts of those involved, that they might prioritize the preaching of the gospel and resolve their differences for the sake of the Kingdom.***
- For several years, in a strongly-Muslim central region, mysterious fires have suddenly started and burned down huts, jumping from house to house. Investigators have failed to find a cause, and the inhabitants attribute them to demons or goddesses. ***Pray that these demons would be exposed and defeated by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that God alone would be glorified and people would turn to Him.***
- In order for a new church to be recognized, the government requires that it first begin a social project, such as a school. As a result, many churches prioritize their social projects over spiritual growth and are less effective in their primary tasks of evangelizing and discipling. ***Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they balance both, that they might bless their communities, evangelize, and build strong disciples.***
- Persecution of Christians often takes the form of refusing to rent or sell land to a known believer or to a church. In some cases, churches have been burned down. Christians who turn from Islam face rejection from families, employers, and communities. ***Pray that believers would stand firm and for miracles of provision.***
- As a strategy to attract Christians to Islam, the government, Muslim groups, and individuals finance pilgrimages to Mecca for those who first promise to accept Islam. Christians who are not firm in their faith find this offer attractive. ***Pray that the Spirit would prompt them to assess and strengthen their faith and to resist this temptation.***

### Prayer Resources

For the 2021 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/wwl2021>.

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.

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://answerislam.org/>.