



Intercede for the Muslim World!

... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles... (Is 40:31).

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

TOGO: *Praise God* for His work in a strongly Muslim town. An alumnus who has pastored here since 2019 is seeing many come to the Lord. He attributes this first to intercessory prayer. Many people visit marabouts seeking cures or solutions to problems, and when nothing happens, they come to the pastor and believers for prayer. Some have decided to follow Jesus. During the months of lockdown in 2020, the pastor used radio and social media platforms to broadcast services and meeting throughout the week. When the church doors reopened, the new converts joined them, and the church has grown to about 300. Some believers have had to remain secret. A second factor, he says, is the new building that can comfortably accommodate more people. He asks us to *pray (1) for the planting of another church to serve the believers in another part of town. "We have the land but lack the finances to build"; (2) for church-planting projects in two other villages that have no church; (3) for the conversion of many Muslims.*

Praise God for the successful launch of a church near another Muslim-dominated city. A church leader reports that for years they had tried to obtain land in this village, but none was available—yet mosques were being constructed all over the area. Meanwhile, several Christian families had moved to the village and were meeting in a home. Recently officials agreed to sell land for a church to serve these believers. After a week of evangelism in the village, the church opened, and the first day some thirty people accepted Jesus! *Pray that this new church would serve as a light in this community and for these Christians as they reach out to Muslim neighbors.*

A student asks for prayer for another village in the same area. An Assemblies of God church had once existed here, but today one family remains. *Pray that the Lord would open doors to "re-evangelize" this village and plant a church.*

*World Watch List 2021: Tajikistan (33/50)**

The mountainous Central Asian nation of Tajikistan was once part of the Soviet Union. After gaining independence 30 years ago, the people suffered a period of civil war until 1997, leaving the country the poorest in the region. Officially some 99% of the 9 million people of Tajikistan follow Islam, but some claim to be atheists. Extremism in any religion, including Islam, is not allowed. Christians and churches are monitored, and religious gatherings and materials must be government approved. The few Tajik believers even face more pressure from their Muslim families and communities, who feel they have abandoned the religion of their ancestors. Tajikistan borders Afghanistan, and the country is now hosting hundreds of refugees who are in transit, but greatly fear that terrorists may be among them. Let's pray

- for the few Pentecostal/evangelical workers, pastors, and believers in Tajikistan, and for the discipleship and Bible training programs to strengthen them in their faith and prepare church leaders;
- for the leaders of this mainly secular government, that the Spirit would soften their hearts toward the gospel;
- that, through divine encounters with believers, online resources, and revelations of Jesus, both Muslims and atheists would learn of and respond to Jesus' offer of salvation;
- that Afghan refugees temporarily staying in Tajikistan might seek and find hope in the true God.

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://answeringislam.org/>.