

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

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you (Ps 5:11).

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

**TOGO:** A military base in Togo's northwestern-most region was attacked in the early hours of May 11, as some 60 armed jihadists on motorcycles stormed the base. Eight soldiers were killed and 13 wounded, and an armored vehicle and jeep were burned. This is Togo's second terrorist attack; the first, last November, occurred on another base near the border of Burkina Faso. In February, a village in this area received threats of attacks, causing many to flee before armed forces escorted them back and set up guard in the district. Togo has been largely spared in the Islamic conflict in the Sahelian countries to its north, but jihadists are encroaching and even recruiting in these areas. There are about 100 Assemblies of God churches (not counting their annexes) in the far north of Togo. Please pray

- for the pastors and church members, that the Lord would give them even greater opportunities to offer hope to others in this Muslim-dominated area, and that the Spirit would draw the hearts of fearful people to Jesus;
- for wisdom for national and regional leaders as they confront this rising threat;
- that jihadists and imams would have divine revelations of Jesus and His love.

A student pastoring in a Muslim area in central Togo asks us to pray for his recently planted church annex. He is currently setting up a shelter for the small congregation to meet in. Pray that this work will find favor in this community and for a spiritual breakthrough in the hearts of villagers in this resistant area.

## World Watch List 2022: India (10/50)\*

The densely populated nation of India, while majority Hindu, has the world's largest Muslim-minority population and third-largest Muslim population, at an estimated 204 million. Arab traders first brought Islam to India's eastern coast soon after Muhammad's death (632 AD), and Muslims today are concentrated in the north and northeast. Christianity came centuries earlier; many historians believe that the Apostle Thomas brought the gospel in 52 AD. Today a Hindu nationalist movement is gaining strength, vowing to eradicate all minority, "foreign" religions. Both Muslims and Christians face discrimination and attacks under the Hindus; in many areas anti-conversion laws forbid them to share their faith. Thus, Muslims who turn to Christ face a double persecution, from their families and communities as well as from Hindu nationalists. Let's pray

- for India's Muslims, who live in fear of attacks and oppression, that they would seek the Peace that their own religion cannot offer them, and that the Spirit of God would lead them to Jesus;
- for our brothers and sisters here, who likewise face danger, that God would encourage them and use them to exemplify His love and peace;
- for those who have chosen to leave Islam to follow Jesus, for their protection, growth, and witness.

## **Prayer Resources**

\*For the 2022 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see https://tinyurl.com/2022wwl.

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <u>https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</u> 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 https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/.

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit <u>http://morningstarnews.org/</u>, <u>http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</u>, and <u>http://www.releaseinternational.org/</u>.

For prayer requests, visit http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and .

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <u>http://muslimsask.com/</u>, <u>http://www.unchangingword.com/</u>, <u>http://answeringislam.org/</u>, and <u>https://jesustomuslims.org/</u>.