

Intercede for the Muslim World!

[Jesus] himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness (1Pe 2:24, ESV).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: We have been praying for a team in a Muslim-majority land who have been serving a village and the surrounding area, building a wellness center, discipling young believers, ministering to the communities and nurturing a local church. We *praise God* that, despite having to leave the area for a time, the team has been able to complete and stock the wellness center, which is scheduled to open on January 21. Due to growing instability, the team must now leave the country permanently and will begin work in another. Please pray

- that the Lord would raise up a local director for this clinic, and for great opportunities to minister to people physically and spiritually;
- for those team members who will be packing up in the next few weeks, that there would be no complications as they ship their goods across several borders to their next field of service;
- for the continued growth of the believers and church in this village, now led by a local pastor;
- that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of many others who, through these and previous workers in this area, have heard of and seen God's love, and that they would choose to follow Jesus.

World Watch List 2022: Cameroon (41/50)*

This Central African nation is home to nearly 300 people groups, of which 63 follow Islam. Although some 60% of the 29 million people claim to be Christians, only about 10% are part of evangelical churches. Millions of Cameroonians are affected by religious and/or political instability. In the three northernmost regions, Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa are active, attacking communities, stealing, and kidnapping to gain recruits, suicide bombers, wives for fighters, and ransom money. As security forces concentrate on protecting these areas, other places are left unguarded and prey to criminal gangs who steal and kidnap for ransom, further upsetting people's lives. In the two English-speaking regions, a separatist movement has raged for seven years. Let's pray

- for those who have left Islam to follow Jesus, who are often persecuted by the family and community.
- for believers in Muslim-dominated areas; at times women are forced to marry Muslim men, and the children of believers are forced to attend Islamic classes;
- for Pentecostal and other churches, for their protection, witness, wisdom, and resources to meet needs of displaced people and of those coming out of Islam;
- for the Full Gospel Mission Bible school in the north, which prepares workers to reach Muslims, and for the church-planting efforts and kids camps in these volatile areas;
- for the Bible school, churches, and pastors in the anglophone regions (many of them WAAST graduates), that the Lord would protect and use them mightily. Many risk their lives to tell of Jesus through various media, in their churches, and even through outreaches on the streets.

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 https://www.icommittopray.com/.

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>.