

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

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (Lk 19:10).

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

**CAMEROON:** An alumnus who serves as Assemblies of God children's ministries director at both the national and continent-wide level shares several prayer requests:

- For several years children's camps have been held in the far north. In this heavily Muslim area, the activities had to be done within the walls of a church. This year, children's workers from churches around the region brought their children's groups together, and some 500 kids participated in a camp held in a school complex. "A lot of kids were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and amazing things happened," she reports. *Pray that these children would cling to Jesus, grow in grace, and be witnesses to their families.*
- Planting churches through children has proven to be an effective strategy in many areas. Children's workers are trained, gain experience, and begin kids clubs in the communities. Eventually these grow into churches, as kids grow and share their faith. The children may even build their own shelter to meet in. In northern Cameroon, 9 such churches have received tabernacles (roofed steel shelters). *Please pray that this strategy may be implemented in more areas and nations*; in some countries the AG does yet have an organized children's ministries department.
- Pray for open doors to train workers and to reach children in the nations of North Africa.

A student pastoring in a Muslim-dominated northern area asks us to pray for the means for his small church to provide a well for the community, whose only source of water is a stream. Such projects often open doors to witness as the water is offered to all without discrimination (often Muslims do not allow non-Muslims to use their wells). The church also helps provide books for street children through a local orphanage. *Please pray that the Lord would bless this congregation, meet these needs, and use these community projects to soften many hearts toward the gospel.* 

**MALI:** Recently we prayed for the success of an outreach in central Mali, where a church held a soccer tournament for the community. Twelve teams organized and participated, with the final match held last Sunday. The pastor reports: "Christian songs were played throughout the time. I preached during the 15-minute break, and we distributed Christian literature. At the end, a group of non-Christian children surprised us by shouting 'Alleluia!' The town's soccer officials were present and listened attentively to the message; ...as I was leaving to go back to my seat, they came over to shake my hand. *Let's pray that these words may continue their work.*"

*Pray that this church (and others) would find creative ways to engage the people in their communities.* "Most children and young people are Muslims in name only," explains the pastor. "Indeed, many people don't want Islam but are afraid to leave it. To draw these people in, the church must take an interest in activities that allow them to be with us, such as soccer."

## **Prayer Resources**

The 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <u>https://tinyurl.com/wwl23uk</u>

Global Initiative and its Jumaa Prayer Fellowship (a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA), information and resources concerning ministry to and prayer for Muslims : <u>https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</u>

Say Hello, prayer requests and resources on ministry to Muslim women: https://sayhelloinfo.com/

For a weekly prayer topic about an aspect of Islam: https://prayingformuslims.com/

For suggestions on starting a prayer group: https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/

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

For prayer requests from around the world: https://www.icommittopray.com/

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