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Editorial



Dear Praying Friends,

Every *Global Prayer Digest* (GPD) issue ends up differently than I expect. But this one is very different. You will notice that there are a lot more topics than people groups this month. You will be praying for women, children, gangs, and other things that affect the lives of the African diaspora in Europe. Though these topics will be seen through the eyes of a worker among the Comorians in France, they can usually be applied to African migrants anywhere in Europe.

You may remember that in our January issue, many of our prayer entries were about Muslim Comorians who live in the Comoro Islands off the coast of Africa. Some Comorians have migrated to Europe, and we will be praying for them in that environment. Could it be that in God's timing this is a special time to pray for Comorians?

I want to give special thanks to the Africa Inland Mission (AIM) International workers who made this prayer guide possible by writing not only the background piece, but also 18 of the daily prayer entries. I am very grateful to the field workers who share their expertise with us so we can pray intelligently for the unreached peoples around the world.

In Christ,

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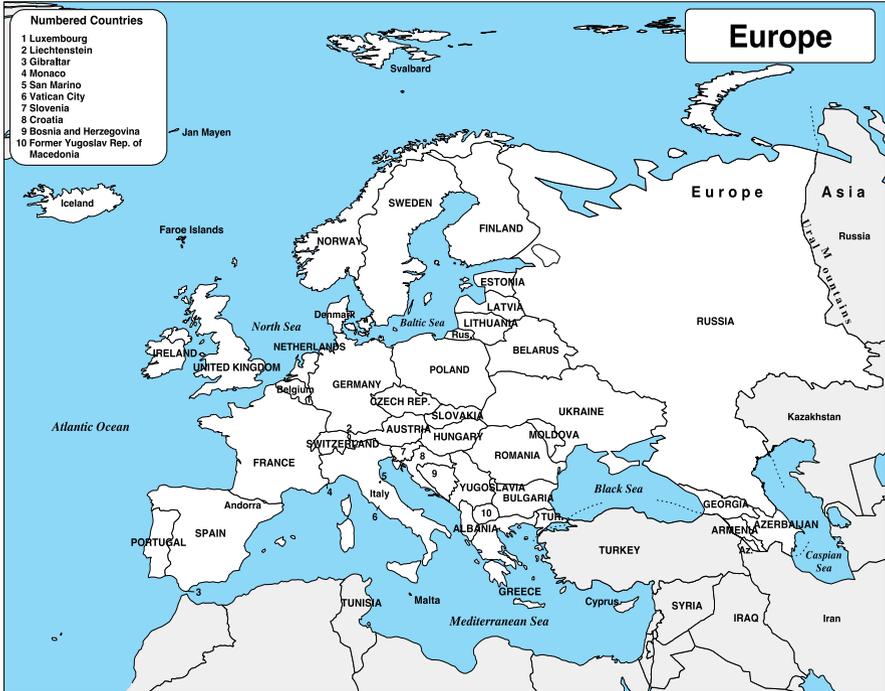
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Every African People Group in Europe



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—Allen R. McFarland
senior pastor, Calvary Evangelical Baptist Church

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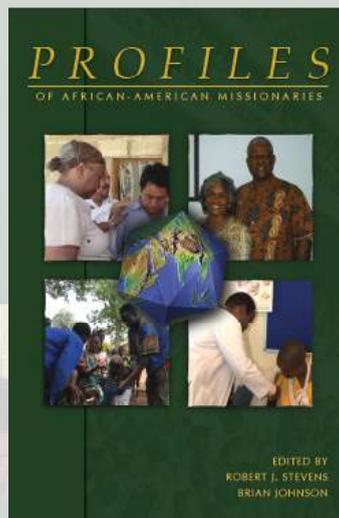
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Devotional Ideas

How can you make the most of this prayer digest:

- Some people use it as a supplement to their regular devotional time.
- Others enjoy reading and praying around the dinner table with the entire family.
- We encourage you to gather monthly with other Christian friends who are involved in this movement.

Every day at the top of the page you'll find the name of an unreached people group for which to pray. The small maps will help you locate the day's feature.

To Help You Pray Better

By Land and Sea – The Growing Trend of African Immigration into Europe

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Rahmudi couldn't figure out why all the Muslims kept shooting up his people in his homeland in Africa. But he knew he had to get out of his country. He had heard there were jobs in Libya. But by the time

he got to Libya, that country had become lawless. One night some local men offered a boat ride to Sicily from Libya. Over 150 people crowded onto a boat made for 30 people. Only 50 people made it alive to Italy when the Italian coast guard picked up Rahmudi about 40 miles off the coast of Libya. They took him to a refugee center near downtown Catania, where he was given warm clothing, food, and a roof over his head. A few weeks later, he was invited to a discovery Bible study. Now every week he studies a different passage of scripture. He never realized Christians could be so warm and hospitable.

—By John
Becker, AIM
International

Fatima arrived in Agadez, Niger with big dreams. "I thought I could be a cleaner or hold some other simple job. I had no idea what would become of me." Fatima says. "Then I met these Nigerian friends, and they told me that prostitution was how they coped. So, I started to work for men. It's the only way I could survive." What drew Fatima and many like her to prostitution was a dream of a better life.

Rahmudi and Fatima's stories are real. They are two illustrations that show why millions of Africans are risking everything hoping to find a new life in Europe. Today there are over six million Africans living in Europe, and they are among the fastest-growing groups of migrants. They have increased in numbers by 100 percent since the beginning of the 21st

By Land and Sea

Century. The majority of them come from non-Christian backgrounds.

Understanding their motivation is often complex. However, we understand that most of the people arriving in Europe are refugees fleeing war, persecution, indefinite military occupation, and forced labor. Economic migrants flee poverty and the lack of jobs, many of them hoping for a better lifestyle and job offers, without valid claims to refugee status. Many simply feel discriminated against in their countries of origin. These immigrants are coming from many people groups and nations such as Nigeria, Senegal, Mali, Somalia, Eritrea, Morocco, and Libya.



Africans arriving in Spain

Surveys of migrants arriving in Europe provide further evidence that the migration crisis is being used by human trafficking networks to target and exploit the most vulnerable. Many people reported being held in a location against their will, often for ransom, without pay, with forced labor being the only way of being freed from captivity or securing a place on a boat to Europe. The surveys also show that the longer someone is in transit, the more vulnerable they are to being exploited or trafficked.

The Role of AIM

Whether they are economic migrants, international students, undocumented immigrants, refugees or asylum seekers, one fact remains the same – They are the new neighbors our churches are called to love.

Though AIM has had a long history of ministry to diaspora Africans, these growing trends and a new perspective on missions is causing us to increase our efforts. First and foremost is our desire to come alongside the church in North America and Europe to equip them for effective outreach. Currently AIM has workers who have “moved in” to African immigrant neighborhoods in several cities in Canada, Europe, and the USA. All of these workers partner with local churches to extend the gospel by reaching out to these communities

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in practical ways that demonstrate Christ's love. Whether it's at home, work, clubs, moms and toddler groups, ESL classes, or at-risk youth mentoring, these workers want their African friends to know and experience life with Jesus.

Being able to speak their language and having lived in their countries of birth, many of these AIM workers are a crucial bridge between the local church and these new neighbors – a much needed bridge because the gap is wide!

The stakes are high for the thousands of Africans making the journey to Europe each year, especially those who are undocumented—risking falling into the hands of people smugglers, deserts, sea crossings, and the possibility of being sent home, all for the dream of a better life. Many lose their lives in the process, all too poignant as we read the local headlines where hundreds of these desperate people are being rescued or drowned in the Mediterranean Sea.

Having migrated, many continue to make sacrifices by sending much of their income home to family they have left behind. Billions of dollars each year are sent back to Africa, and in some cases, this makes up a sizeable chunk of the home country's GDP.

AIM's mandate is to see Christ-centered churches among all African peoples including African immigrants in Europe. We especially desire to see the unreached people groups embrace the good news of Jesus and to form new communities of faith in their heart language and culture. Those coming from these groups need a safe community. They need the gospel to be translated in living color as grace is being extended.

The best way AIM is going to see this realized is by coming alongside the local church in the neighborhoods and cities where African immigrants are finding their new life. We want to train and mobilize everyday believers to “move in” and live as missionaries embracing and understanding their new neighbor's culture. Going to the unreached, and being as Jesus on the diaspora road.

In July 2017, we partnered with the Vision 5:9 network in sending four short-term teams to network ministries in the European port cities of Barcelona, Ceuta, Jerez, and Valletta. What an incredible time it was to partner with local ministries in reaching many Africans with the love of Christ!

A wonderful example of this is the ministries of Tharsis Bethel in Jerez, Spain, led by Pastor Pedro Espada. Pedro and his team are eagerly engaging their refugee and migrant neighbors in very practical ways.

Join us in Praying for the Following:

- Pray that each immigrant would have an opportunity to discover Jesus.
- Pray for more workers to befriend and serve these African immigrants.
- Pray for awareness training and vision for local churches to extend the love of Christ to their new neighbors.
- Pray for protection from the cruelty and exploitation of human traffickers.
- Pray for the EU to find solutions to the growing crisis in the port cities receiving the greatest number of immigrants (e.g. Catania, Lampedusa, Valletta, etc.).
- Many of the African migrants are vibrant Christians and have established some of the largest churches in cities across the world. Pray that AIM can partner with these African believers and churches in reaching unreached Africans.

If you would like to know more about extending the love of Christ to the African immigrants in your city, please contact AIM. We would love to come alongside you, equip you, and explore the possibilities for a partnership with you. Write to ministrydirector.io@aimint.org

Definitions:

Diaspora: People groups who are displaced and scattered away from their original ethnic homelands.

Refugee: Individuals granted complimentary forms of protection; or, those enjoying “temporary protection”. The refugee population includes people in a refugee-like situation.

Protracted Refugees: When 25,000 or more refugees of the same nationality have been in exile for five years or more in a given asylum country.

Asylum Seekers: Individuals who have sought international protection and whose claims for refugee status have not yet been determined.

Economic Migrants: someone who has emigrated from one region to another for the purposes of seeking employment and/or improved financial position.

MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY, JOHN GODSON

JN 2:18-19, NRSV

The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

On this Easter Sunday, remember that the resurrection demonstrates Jesus’ authority. Pray that John Godson will live by the authority of the risen Christ as he attempts to bring light to a dark world.



John Godson

John Godson does not fit into any neat categories. He was born in Nigeria, but he moved to Poland. He comes from a country where political leaders are noted for using their power to help themselves, but Godson uses his influ-

ence to help others. How does he do it? The only explanation is the work of the Holy Spirit.

1993 was a time when Poland was shaking off its communist past and people were looking for new ideas to replace the ones that had failed them for 40 years. This was the year John Godson moved from Nigeria to Poland to disciple students through IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students). Many Poles put their hope in Christ.

His work also involved setting up Pilgrim Mission, a network for people to pray for Poland and beyond. They published books in the Polish language on how to pray. This ministry lasted for 10 years. At that point Godson entered politics to have a platform to be a public witness for Christ.

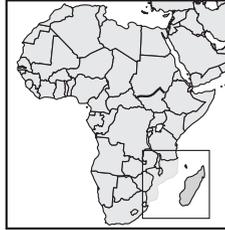
In addition to his work in Poland’s parliament, Godson helped start the “Christian Social Movement” in 2013 to help train and encourage believers to be a good witness in the work place. This is a clear example of how God can use the African diaspora to bless post-Christian Europe.

Pray for many other African believers to be used by the Holy Spirit to take Christ to the Europeans.—KC

WORKERS AMONG COMORIANS

(This prayer entry is about Comoro Islanders in France, but it can apply to most African people groups.)

French believers share their experiences as volunteers reaching out to Africans at homework clubs, tutoring, or second-hand clothing places where some African Comorians come. Our hearts are thankful for their vision to reach out to our islander neighbors. There are around 80,000 Comorians in Marseille; this is more than in the capital city of the islands. Freedom of expression in France makes it possible for many of them to at least hear of the Savior.



One worker comments. “It’s Friday afternoon. I look back on my week and try to remember what I did. It seems to be a series of no show-ups at appointments individuals from the people group we are trying to reach, and I feel discouraged by the slowness of the work. I want to see some action, but it seems to be perpetual waiting. They are busy with their lives here in the city, and the way I wish to point them to is not a priority for them. We like agendas, numbers, meetings, anything to show that something is happening.”

Pray for patience and endurance for French workers. Pray for the joy of bringing the light into the daily activities and the brief interactions with the Africans. Pray that French believers will have boldness and love for the Africans in their midst.—AIM Int’l.

PS 24:1-2, NLT

The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him. For He laid the earth’s foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

Thank the Lord that all people and people groups belong to the Lord. Yet few find their purpose in Him. Pray that those who share Jesus with the Africans in Europe will clearly offer them the purpose Jesus has for them.

BUSINESS AMONG AFRICANS IN FRANCE

GEN 2:15, NRSV

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. The Lord gave meaningful work and duties to mankind from the beginning. Somehow people have become too busy with other matters to pay attention to the One who gave them life and purpose.

Pray that the Africans in Europe will find meaningful work, and make Jesus Christ their purpose and their reason for living.

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(This prayer entry is about Comoro Islanders in France, but it can apply to other unreached African people groups.)

City life adds another dimension to the slower paced routine most Comoro islanders are familiar with in their home country. The women have to walk their younger children to and from school, unlike sending them with siblings when they lived in the Comoros. At times, they spend hours in-between delivering and picking up their children. They stand in lines for several hours at government offices to renew their papers or claim financial aid. Grocery shopping often entails travelling on public transportation to less expensive and *halal* (Muslim version of kosher) stores or markets.

Those women with jobs (mostly housekeeping) often leave their apartment in the early morning to work for one to four hours, and sometimes go to another job in the afternoon. If they have small children, they take them to a neighbor or friend's home to be taken to school or watched. All of these activities are added to their regular daily routine of five prayers, preparing meals, and being involved in other island community events.

Pray that in the middle of their busy lives, the Holy Spirit will speak to them in ways they will see His love and provision. Pray that the Africans in France will understand how crucial it is to make time for Jesus Christ, the Savior of all mankind.—AIM Int'l.

SHAME AND HONOR AMONG COMORIANS IN FRANCE

DAY

04

Keeping up appearances is very strong among the Comorians living in urban France. They are very selective about who they allow

to enter into their homes, mostly family members, as the evaluation mode starts the second someone steps in the door. People will say or think, “That is a very shabby couch” or “you must have spent a lot of money on that mirror” or “you have a small TV” (most are very large). They are very sensitive about what others think.



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When they go out in public, Comorians think it's important to dress in such a way that others perceive them as having lots of money. Unlike in the islands, Comorian women in France carry their gold jewelry in their purses because of the possibility of theft. With any community event, the women are expected to have a different dress and obligated to pay for a matching dress and shawl that all the other ladies will wear from the family or specific women's group. If one does not have the money to participate in purchasing the food and renting the hall, they will either go into debt or not attend, which causes shame to that person.

Praise God that in Christ there is no shame. Pray that these women will find their true identity and value in Jesus. Pray that they will understand that they are treasured by the creator.—AIM Int'l.

IS 50:7, NIV

Because the sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

Pray that Africans in Europe will embrace this verse and understand that those who follow the Lord will never be put to shame, because He is their source of honor.

DEMONIC FORCES

ACTS 13:11, NET

“Watch now, for the Lord has laid His hand of punishment upon you, and you will be struck blind. You will not see the sunlight for some time.” Instantly mist and darkness came over the man’s eyes, and he began groping around begging for someone to take his hand and lead him.

Pray that the Africans in Europe who dabble in the occult will soon have a healthy fear of the Lord, who can heal them of their spiritual blindness.

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(This segment can be applied to the entire African diaspora in Europe.)

Demonic forces and evil spirits are often an integrated part of African culture and religion. Africans sometimes practice “Folk Islam” which are their ethnic customs under the umbrella of a religion, but outside of official doctrine and practices.

Many Comorian women deal with evil spirits that have been passed on to them from their mothers. A mother with a spirit will call the witch doctor to come and remove it so she can give it to her daughter, like her mother did for her. They invite the spirit into their hearts thinking that it will protect them from other people’s spirits. Some they believe are good, while others cause people to act out in negative ways. They go to the witch doctor for help when they need lasting relief or protection from these dark forces. The person going for help ends up paying a lot of money for “treatments” that don’t do anything permanently. Many treatments involve returning to the islands for certain leaves and berries, making the solution of their problems to be financially impossible.

Pray that the light of Christ will shine brightly into this dark situation. Pray that they will have a desire to be completely rid of these dark forces. Pray that they will turn to Jesus for victory. Pray that the power and authority of Jesus’ name will permeate their hearts, turning them to Him.—AIM Int’l, UK

EMBRACING TRUTH AMONG COMORIANS

DAY

06

Most Comorians in European cities own TVs and pay extra to get specific channels from the islands. In this way they can easily listen to



African youth in France

AIM Intl.

sermons from the mosques on the islands in their own language. They are taught not to ask questions about religion because it is a sin, and they are not to accept anything different from what they are told. Most of the women cannot read and understand Arabic and have to rely on the religious leaders to interpret and tell them what they are supposed to do. They have been told that they must “repay” the days or weeks of Ramadan when they were unable to fast because they were pregnant or nursing a baby. This only adds to their heavy burdens.

Some are very adamantly opposed to any ideas that challenge what they’ve heard. Others will listen politely for a time, then plunge into their version of the religious truth presented. They are faithful to do their daily prayers and give to the poor, attempting to follow Mohammed’s teachings as much as possible.

Pray that the enemy’s lies will be exposed for what they are in light of the truth of the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit will stir their hearts to yearn to know the true God and His son who has given everything so that they could have life and spiritual freedom.—AIM Int’l.

JN 18:37B, NLT

Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”

Pray for a hunger for truth among Africans in Europe that will lead them to Jesus, the one who is the truth.

DREAMS AND VISIONS AMONG AFRICANS IN EUROPE

REV 1:17-18, NLT

When I saw him, I fell at His feet as if I were dead. But he laid His right hand on me and said, “Don’t be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.

Pray that the Africans in Europe will chose the one who holds the keys of death and the grave.

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Do you take your dreams seriously? Some believers don’t, while others believe that God often speaks to them like he did with Joseph and Daniel.

Most African Muslims believe that Allah directs them through dreams and visions. They believe that dreams and visions tell them what they should do, such as what they should say in a conversation or what they need to do in a future event to stay on the “right path.” They tend to keep their dreams and visions to themselves.

Through dreams and visions some have seen a man in white, which they might understand as Jesus the savior. When this happens, some spend extra time in prayer asking for revelation and direction. All hold in highest reverence the visions that their prophet Mohammed had, and they try to follow his teachings correctly. What will they do when and if Jesus reveals Himself to them as the only one worthy of their devotion?

Pray for workers to show African Muslims that Jesus is the real Savior, who is the only one who can take away their sin. Pray that God will powerfully reveal Himself to African Muslims in Europe through dreams and visions. Pray that they will be drawn to Jesus, who is the victorious King, and who has the victory over the shame and slavery of sin.—AIM Int’l.

WALLS OF CONFLICT

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08

The ties remain very strong between the home country of the Comoros Islands and the islanders living in the cities of Europe. The

islanders form village organizations, and they meet regularly to discuss plans to host fundraising events to send money back to their specific town. Normally, this involves food preparation, renting a hall, new dresses, and a host of other details. These events are very village specific, so only those from that particular town would attend. Even well-known singers from the islands who do a concert will only have people from his or her town participating in the event.

In fact, even though the Comorian community is closely tied together as a whole in the city, the village loyalties and conflicts remain. Whereas some friendships can be formed with others from different villages in an apartment complex or work situation, attending each other's events does not happen. These attitudes extend to the different islands as well. For example, people will not help those from another island.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to break down the walls of conflicts and loyalties that prevent an opening to His work in Europe. Pray for the light of the gospel to shine in their hearts so that they will be convicted of sin and righteousness.—AIM Int'l.



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ROM 8:20-21, NLT

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

Pray that the Africans in Europe will soon learn that division and conflicts are part of the curse of sin. Pray that they will yearn for the day when they can become part of God's family, and have victory over sin, division, and death.

MOTHERS AND UNCLES

EPH 5:26-27, NLT

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up His life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to Himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Pray for African men to truly love their wives and lay down their lives to help them to flourish. Pray that African husbands will obey Christ rather than other people's rules.

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When Comorians are asked who their mothers are, the answer can include three different women who helped raise them, and thus are counted as a mother. The true answer is found when asking the question, “Who gave birth to you?”

Along the same line, a very strong and complex relationship lies in the oldest brother of the mother who gave birth to the child, the uncle. He acts as the male figure in that child's (or children's) life. Local society places a great importance on his role because fathers come and go to marry other wives and have other children. His role is that of being “the uncle” for life. He makes life decisions for the child, helps with finances, chooses the fiancée for his niece, and plays a large role in the wedding. He is the head of the household, and no big decisions get done without his approval. Even if he is living in the islands and his nieces or nephews are in a European city, he still has the responsibility and role of making the major decisions that involve them.

Pray that these men will make wise decisions for their nieces and nephews. Ask that they will learn that Christ is the head of all, the one true King. Pray that they will give their hearts to Him and lead their families in His ways.—AIM Int'l.

WOMEN AND INFERTILITY

DAY

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When a Comorian woman in Europe has a child, she is no longer called by her first name. But instead, she takes the name of her first child. For example, if her firstborn is “Salim”, she will be called “Mama Salim.” This role of mother gives her respect in the community. If she doesn’t marry, it is unusual, strange, and shameful. Even if she does marry and cannot have children, it is crushing to her and just as shameful.



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To be barren is not to fulfill the duty of the wife for her husband. As a result, barren ladies are divorced by their husbands or the husband takes on other wives. It is a lonely life for a woman who cannot have children. Often such a woman will take on the name of one of her sibling’s children (her nieces or nephews) and will raise one as her own.

Being in the city, fertility treatments are available and sometimes attempted with many discouraging results. Often, the men do not seek fertility testing because everyone assumes fertility issues originate with the woman.

Pray that barren African women will see beyond the shame of not being identified with their firstborn. Pray that they will identify with the one who loves them and cares for them deeply. May they see visions and dreams of the Savior in times of sorrow and experience His great comfort.—AIM Int’l.

1 SAM 1:25-28, NLT

After sacrificing the bull, they brought the boy to Eli. “Sir, do you remember me?” Hannah asked. “I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the Lord. I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and He has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.” And they worshiped the Lord there.

Pray that many African women who struggle with infertility will be given hope and confidence as they read the story of Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

EPH 6:4, NIV

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Pray that African fathers will heed this advice from the one who created us for His purposes.

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Another family issue involves the conflict between the parents' wishes and the needs of their children. Many homes have single

moms who have been married and divorced several times. These women have been totally disillusioned and betrayed. Some have left their children in the islands with family members to go to a European city. They hope to find a more prosperous life where the children can later join them and get a better education. Others have divorced their husbands, and married different men who live with them and other spouse's children.

There tends to be a distant relationship between the fathers and their children as they grow older, which doesn't allow for mentoring or involvement in their lives. At times the children are caught in between the mother and her husband, especially if the mother returns to the islands for a period of time, leaving the husband with children who don't belong to him. The phone calls can be strained when the financial expectations of the husband aren't met.

Pray that parents will have a heart for the well-being of their children and make sacrifices for them, leaving their own interests aside. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts to seek after Christ and obey His teachings regarding family matters.—AIM Int'l., UK

DRUGS AND GANGS AMONG AFRICANS IN EUROPE

DAY

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Many Africans in urban Europe live in government housing which is often in big crowded apartment complexes with many different immigrant communities living alongside each other. Many of these complexes have drug trafficking sites and gangs. Anyone coming into these complexes are closely watched by appointed “guards,” at times preventing those who live in the apartments from using their own elevators, etc. Shootings happen regularly as a form of revenge.



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Sadly, young men who have finished school without going on to university or finding a job end up getting pulled into these gangs. They have nothing to do, so the possibility of having money draws them into dangerous circles. Children of families who live in these complexes are constantly exposed to an evil and dangerous lifestyle. In many places, once one area of drug trafficking is removed by the police, another site is established, making the situation very difficult to monitor, let alone eradicate.

Pray for the Lord to intervene. Pray that the forces of evil will be destroyed in the lives of these people and replaced with victory in Jesus. Pray for the protection of families and a desire to find resourceful avenues to further themselves in productive ways. Pray that young Africans in Europe will seek after God, and embrace His ways.—AIM Int'l., UK

GEN 1:29-30, NLT

Then God said, “Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life.” And that is what happened.

Pray for the Africans in Europe to seek God's perfect sin-free innocence. Pray that many who are in bondage to drugs and gangs will be shown the way to spiritual freedom in Christ.

CHALLENGES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

PS 98:7, NLT

Let the sea and everything in it shout His praise! Let the earth and all living things join in.

May the next generation of African Muslims in Europe shout His praise no matter how much community pressure there is to be silent.

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African children living in European cities face the challenges of materialism, strong social pressure in school, and few outlets for their energy.

Unlike the islands where children run freely and safely in their villages, they are confined to their apartments after school to watch TV programs that the mother has chosen. Fathers are often not present in the home until the evening after the last prayers. Therefore, homework is done without encouragement from either parent. This is difficult for those who need extra help. Children are seldom given positive verbal affirmation, and they can easily lose their motivation. Added to their school schedule, many children go to Qur'anic school in the afternoons and on weekends. Religious instruction is as important to them as it is in Africa.

As they get older, girls are expected to do more of the housework and meal preparation which takes away time from study. Many mothers have not finished school and do not place a high priority on helping their children do well academically. Without improving their educational standards, the next generation of Africans in Europe can easily be stuck in poverty.

Pray for parents to realize the importance of education and seek to help their children to thrive in their studies. Pray for hearts that desire to learn, to understand the truths of God's word, and a willingness to obey the Lord.—AIM Int'l.

MOORS IN FRANCE AND SPAIN

Imagine a family in France or Spain where parents arrange marriages for their offspring, and the bride's family must pay a dowry to the groom's family. This is the situation for the Moors in Spain and France today. They probably seem backward to the Europeans, but their proud history has given them a sense of superiority.

The Moors have a long history in Spain and France. Black Africans identified as Moors were recruited as soldiers by the Roman Empire. Hundreds of years later after Rome fell and the Islamic empire expanded, Moorish Muslims were instrumental in taking over what is now Spain and Portugal. They contributed to European civilizations with their advances in mathematics, astronomy, art, and agriculture at a time when even most European royalty could not read. Some historians credit Moors with helping to propel Europe out of the Dark Ages and into the Renaissance.

Today Moorish people do not know how to answer the most important question of their lives. There are no known Moorish believers in either country. There is no Bible translation in their Hassaniya dialects; however the JESUS Film, and other audio/visual resources are available.

Pray for audio and visual resources to become easily available for the Moors. Pray that God will grant Moorish people eyes to see their spiritual need. Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Moors in France and Spain so that they can reach their own people.—KH



REV 19:7, NET

Let us rejoice and exult and give him glory, because the wedding celebration of the lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.

Pray for the Moors in Europe to make themselves ready for their groom, the savior, Jesus Christ.

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SAHARAWIS IN FRANCE

ROM 8:37, NET

No, in all these things we have complete victory through Him who loved us!

Pray that the Saharawis will look to the Lord for victory. Pray that they will understand that what matters most is being on the Lord's side.

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Saharawis in France

The crowd of Saharawis stood and cheered loudly as Ali struggled for breath. He gave a mighty kick and scored the winning goal in the championship soccer match. This victory would speak loudly for his Saharawi refugee countrymen in Western Sahara section of northwestern Africa.

France's Saharawi population lives mostly in Paris and Marseilles. Saharawis are trying to convince the French to be sympathetic to the situation their people face in the Western Sahara where they are in a state of low-level war with the Moroccans.

They consider themselves to be pure Muslims, but pre-Islamic beliefs are strong among the Saharawis. The Saharawis need to be transformed by a relationship with Jesus Christ who loves them and died for their sins. This is extremely difficult in northwest Africa, but they can hear of Jesus in France where there is relative freedom of religion. A worker in Europe tells us that there is a ministry that addresses refugee needs while sharing good news.

Pray for workers in France as they prepare to receive 300 North African refugees. They need English teachers, cooks, and lawyers. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften hearts and supernaturally reveal Jesus to the Saharawis as the way to true spiritual peace. Pray that God will save key leaders among the Saharawis who will boldly declare Jesus among their people in Europe and in Africa. Ask God to raise up intercessors, strong local churches, and disciples.—KH

BAMBARA PEOPLE IN FRANCE

(This story illustrates some truths about Bambara people in France.)

“This pottery is stunning. Who made this?” Monique, the owner of a pottery shop in Paris, responded to her client. “This unique design is the work of Madou Sissoko. He is a Bambara refugee from Mali who has been here in Paris for over four years. In Mali, he made his living as a potter producing beautiful pieces like these. When he first came here the only job he could get was doing janitorial work. He felt lost and depressed. Then he heard about a group who tries to help refugees in France find jobs related to the work they did in their country. Now many people here in France will be able to benefit from his outstanding talent.”

Bambaras are considered to be a powerful and significant people group who primarily live in Mali, West Africa. They blend their traditional ancestor worship into their Muslim faith. There are an estimated 3,000 Bambaras living in Paris. Almost none have put their faith in Jesus Christ. Many are undocumented refugees. Most of them are working in low paying jobs and have chosen a secular life.

Pray that God will prepare more believers to reach out to the Bambaras in France.—PD



ACTS 4:12, NIV

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among people by which we must be saved.

Pray that the Bambara people in France will embrace this verse, and put their faith in the only savior, Jesus Christ.

TAMACHEQ PEOPLE IN FRANCE

HEB 11:8, ESV

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Pray that the Tamacheq people living in France would find spiritual rest in Jesus from their wanderings.

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In a developed nation like France, a drought only means you must not water your lawn or wash your car often, but in developing countries in Africa, lack of water can be life threatening. In the 1970s lack of rain in the southern region of the Sahara Desert (called the Sahel) brought disaster to the nomadic Tamacheq people. Many lost their herds of camels, cattle, sheep, and goats, which is all they had. Others were forced to move south to find pastureland. In order to survive many moved to the cities or left their homeland for work.

Others traveled to France to earn money to send home. Oddly enough, the majority of the Tamacheqs plan to return to their families in Africa rather than stay in France. A few Tamacheqs come to France to sell jewelry made by their skilled artisans, but most of them work as laborers and in other businesses. They are Tamacheqs who come to France to stay with friends or family living there. Such networking is a cornerstone of Tamacheq culture. Tamacheqs mix their ancient Berber beliefs with Islam, and very few have found a relationship with Christ.

Pray that believers would build friendships with the Tamacheq living in France. Pray that the Tamacheqs in France who find Christ will take the gospel to their relatives in Africa. Pray that the Lord would plant strong churches among the Tamacheq people in France and Africa.—DK

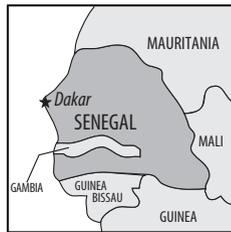
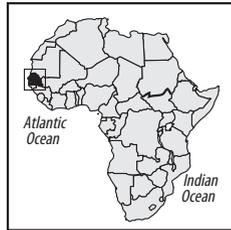
WOLOF PEOPLE IN FRANCE

“Young people see no future here, that’s why they want to go to Europe,” shares an angry, young, educated man from Senegal. There are thousands of Wolof people who think like him, some educated and some not, some who make it to Western Europe and some who don’t—including many who die trying.

There are over 5.6 million Wolof people who make up Senegal’s largest ethnic group. Approximately 41,000 now live in France. Senegal became a French colony in the 1800s, with the Wolof being awarded French citizenship in 1946. Senegal has since gained independence, but European influence is still seen in Wolof culture. About two thirds of Senegal’s population is below the age of 18. Multitudes of young people can’t find viable work. Many Senegalese families rely on income from a relative abroad. However, the dream of European prosperity often leads to mounting frustration for Wolof people who can’t find good jobs in Europe.

Few Wolof people try integrating with the French majority. Despite numerous Christian resources available to them, the Sufi Muslim Wolof people are also closed to the gospel.

Pray for softening of Wolof hearts through the JESUS Film, radio, and other evangelistic tools. Ask God for anointed, culturally-sensitive witnesses to go to the Wolof. Pray for disciple-making movements among France’s Wolof diaspora.—CR



EPH 1:7-8, NET

In him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace that He lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.

Pray that the Wolof people in France will embrace this promise and allow it to transform their communities.

FULANI PEOPLE IN FRANCE

MARK 6:53, NET

As they got out of the boat, people immediately recognized Jesus.

Pray that the refugees who are fleeing to Europe will recognize Jesus for who He is, and seek Him as they begin their new lives.

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(These events are hypothetical.)

Rashad stood under a tree in a Paris park, gazing at the distant Eiffel Tower. He was a member of the

Fulani people group, the same one we prayed for in February.

His journey to France had begun in Nigeria. Ten people from his village had each paid a smuggler \$400 to get them to France. The group had decided to leave Nigeria because of religious violence, and they wanted to earn more money. First came a hot, dusty bus ride through the Sahel Desert, followed by a second bus ride to war-torn Libya. Then came a rickety boat ride to Italy. Five of them had died, some drowning off the coast of Italy, and others were shot to death in Libya. Rashad felt lucky to be alive, and he thanked Allah for that.

There are 32,000 Fulani people living in France today, most of them recent refugees. Almost all of them are Muslims. They speak a language called Fulfulde. Some are college graduates, but most are much less educated. There are few, if any, followers of Christ among them.

Ask God to strengthen mission efforts to reach Fulani and other African peoples in France. Pray that God would break the spiritual stronghold of Islam, and give them a spiritual thirst that will lead them to Jesus. May there soon come a day when Fulani people in France will be disciplined in Christ's ways.—WK

THE WORK OF ABEL AND PATRICIA VALLEJOS

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Hailing from Argentina, Abel and Patricia Vallejos have worked side-by-side among the Fulanis in Guinea Bissau and Portugal. Their impact has been felt wherever there are



A Fulani worship service

Fulani migrants in Europe. Both the Fulani and Mandingo people have been a particular focus of this couple. They have attempted to reach the Muslim groups in Guinea Bissau, Senegal, Portugal, and even Paris, France. The work is slow, but they have made progress. Since first arriving as missionaries to Equatorial Guinea in 1990, they have planted multiple churches. There are now a few Muslim-background members beginning to fill the seats. As a doctor, Abel has started a medical clinic in Lisbon, and they have also established a school to teach alphabetization to adults.

Twice a year, they returned to Africa for short periods, taking pastors along from Argentina and Portugal to see the needs of the people and to spread the desire to reach the unreached.

Pray that the Lord would bring good fruit from this work, and that Fulani hearts would be open and receptive to Jesus Christ. Pray for additional resources and materials in the Fulani language, especially digital media and film. Pray that attempts to spread zeal for the lost and unreached would be wildly successful among European believers, so that they will take part in this emerging harvest.—BK

JAMES 3:17, NET

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical.

Pray that the work of missionaries among Africans in Europe will result in many putting their faith in Jesus Christ alone.

SONINKE PEOPLE IN FRANCE

PROV 25:25, NET

Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land.

Pray for the Lord to provide spiritual rest for the Soninke people in France, and use them to provide the same for those in West Africa.

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“Your whole life you will be tired, from when you start working till the day you die.” These are the words of a Soninke man describing life as a migrant worker in France.

The Soninke are an agricultural people spread across seven countries in West Africa. Since the 1950s, however, after desertification of natural farmland, Soninke men began supporting their families as international laborers, primarily in France. These migrants were once a valued source of labor within France, as they served in reconstructing the country after WWII. Today, the Soninke migrants are condemned as an unwelcome social burden. Nevertheless, the promise of overseas labor remains a source of hope to them, and many Soninke youth consider immigration to be a sign of manhood.

The Soninke migrants have a saying that captures the difficulty of life abroad: “A foreigner has no value in foreign places.” Soninke laborers experience constant racism in their host countries. Their living situations are also dismal. Often laborers will sleep only two hours a night in a room packed so tightly with other workers that they will not even be able to turn in their bed. Almost all Soninke are Muslim.

Pray for the French church to embrace the Africans in their home country. Pray for the Soninkes in France to find rest in the knowledge of Jesus, and for many to return to Africa sharing the good news of the true riches of knowing the Savior.—EC

WORK AMONG AFRICANS AND ARABS IN EUROPE

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Can you play ping pong? Do you like soccer? Do you like to eat and socialize? Have you led a Bible study? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, you might qualify to work with refugees in Europe.



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Refugees from Iraq and Syria are still arriving along with others from Sudan and Somalia. One worker is organizing ping pong and soccer for teenagers, and she is surprised by how respectful the young people are. Once they get into the job market, they will do great with their people skills! For security reasons, we will just call her Rhonda, though it's not her real name. The refugees also play video games, learn dance, and attend Bible studies.

Africans gravitate towards Bible studies in English, while the Arabic speaking people hear God's word in their own language. For most of them, this is the first time they have had a chance to interact with God's word and to hear of the lovingkindness of the Lord. Teenagers are among the most spiritually receptive. With all the confusion from being in a foreign country, many of these refugees are even more open to spiritual change.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of both workers and refugees. Pray that Bible studies will lead to discipleship and transformed lives. Pray for loving volunteers to help lead Bible studies and befriend these Muslim refugees.—KC

EPH 3:18, NLT

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is.

Pray that through this work of the Lord, Muslim refugees will understand the depths of God's love, and embrace Him with all their hearts.

CHRISTAR WORK

HEB 10:24, NET

And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works . . .

Pray that the work of missionaries in Europe will motivate believers to show the love of Christ to the new people in their midst.

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Ken and Julie (fictional names) are Christar team members reaching out to Muslims in their vicinity. They befriend them, help

them, and teach the Bible to some of them. Julie has become close to a post-doctoral researcher from Iran and to a new mother from Syria. Ken is sharing the gospel with contacts from Libya and Iran. At Christmas, Ken and Julie were able to welcome Syrians, Iraqis, Kurds from Iran, and a Kenyan to their home.

Ken has travelled to Panama to teach Islam and Muslim evangelism. Twenty-five students from various countries were enrolled in the program. The mornings began with class and the afternoons consisted of witnessing and practical application of their lessons. Graduates of this program have used their training in 19 countries.

Pray for the students to catch the vision for sharing the gospel with their Muslim connections and to put their training into action. Pray for Ken and Julie's partnership with pastors and teachers who reach out to Arabs in many countries. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of listeners to receive the truth. Ask God to strengthen Ken and Julie for their work so that they will be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pray for good health, especially for Julie.—CMW

SOMALIS IN CARDIFF, UK

Cardiff, the largest city and capital of Wales, is home to 350,000 people. Studies indicate that 100 different languages are spoken as mother



A proud Somali father

tongues in this cosmopolitan city. African unreached people groups are well represented, and Cardiff is home to the oldest Somali community in the UK.

Somalis originally started moving into Cardiff at the end of the 19th century and worked as seamen in the thriving docks. Those who came first were not refugees, but took up jobs locals did not want to do. Later some worked in the merchant navy during World War I. Some of those who came settled and married local women, while others returned home every now and again to visit their families.

Cardiff has the largest British-born Somali community. They were later joined by refugees who came in the 1990s. Despite their long history in Cardiff, churches have never penetrated these communities. Both sides seem reluctant to have social interactions with one another. Some of the older seamen are now in retirement homes. They still remain connected by trust and friendship with those they came with.

Pray that God will give vision to the churches in Cardiff to intentionally reach the Somali people with the good news of Jesus. Pray that the Somali people will hunger and thirst for true righteousness. Pray that soon there will be a disciple-making movement among Somalis in Cardiff.—AIM Int'l., UK

GEN 1:28, NLT

Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

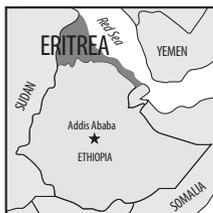
Pray for the Somalis in the UK to be fruitful and multiply . . . discipleship groups!

ERITREANS IN THE UK

JN 13:14, NIV

Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

Pray that the despotic leaders of Eritrea will learn to lead by serving in such a way that the non-believing world will take notice. Pray that despotism will be replaced by service.



Eritrea is a country in the Horn of Africa which gained independence from Ethiopia in 1993 after a 30-year war. It is a one-party state with an authoritarian regime committed to clamping down on anyone who disagrees with their president's way of doing things. There is no freedom for followers of Christ to meet together for worship, and many church leaders and believers have been

imprisoned. Military conscription is mandatory and indefinite which has forced many Eritreans to flee their country and seek freedom from oppression. Described as “the North Korea of Africa,” detention, torture, and extra-judicial killings are some of the horrendous experiences the people of Eritrea face. Unfortunately, the inhumane situation in the country has not been featured in the global media as much as it should be, and this is partly due to the secretive operations of the Eritrean government.

Many of those fleeing Eritrea take the extremely hazardous journey through the desert into Ethiopia, Sudan, and Libya. Then they cross the Mediterranean Sea on unsafe dinghies to Europe. Eritreans arriving in Europe include huge numbers of unaccompanied minors.

Pray that these traumatized people will be shown the love of Christ by believers in the UK. Pray for emotional and spiritual healing. Pray that Eritrean believers facing persecution in Eritrea will never lose their hope in Christ.—AIM Int'l., UK

CHURCH-BASED OUTREACH TEAMS IN UK

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AIM International is seeking to encourage churches in the UK to set-up church based outreach teams to reach diaspora (eg, from other countries) communities, especially Muslims, with the gospel of Christ. The teams would be comprised of ordinary church members who have a heart to reach diaspora communities with the gospel. Yet they don't feel adequately equipped to do so. AIM has developed a curriculum to be used by churches over a two-year period to provide ongoing training, nurture, and mutual support for such teams.



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Coaching and mentoring is available at AIM's networks from people who have cross-cultural experience. The essence of this approach is to see a growth of churches which reflect the diversity prevalent in most UK cities today, because at this time many churches remain mono-ethnic in their membership. AIM also hopes to use this to encourage local churches to be active in frontier mission work at home or abroad.

Pray that churches in the UK will gain a greater heart for their part in global mission. Pray that those from unreached people groups will be reached with the gospel and disciplined. Pray especially that the many Muslims who are seeking for truth will soon find Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life.—AIM Int'l., UK

ACTS 3:25-26, NIV

And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, "Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed." When God raised up His servant, He sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.

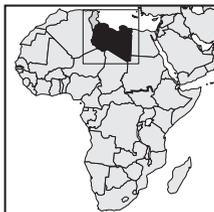
Pray that believers in the UK will act upon the knowledge that they are heirs of God's covenant, and as a result, they will do all they can to bless all peoples, including those not like themselves.

LIBYANS IN MANCHESTER, UK

DEUT 30: 15-16, NET

Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster. For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep His commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in His ways. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy.

Pray that there will be a large remnant of Libyans in the UK who will choose life over death, and prosperity over disaster. Pray that they will know that this will involve taking the Lord at His word, and living by His ways rather than the ways of the flesh.



Many Libyans fled to the UK in the 1980s and 1990s in the days of dictator Muammar Gaddafi. Many ended up settling in Manchester. We don't know exactly how many are there, but those on the ground think that there are possibly 6,000 to 10,000 Libyans in Manchester. There have been concerns that young Muslims including Libyans are in danger of being radicalized.

Despite the recent negative publicity that the Libyan community in Manchester has faced, many Libyans are making a very positive contribution to the British economy. For instance, the National Health Service has over 3,000 Libyan doctors.

The continued turmoil in Libya is a problem not just for Libya, but it also affects the Libyans living in the UK and elsewhere. There has been an effort through the Libyan Youth Association to get Libyan youth off the streets, because there is a problem with drugs and crime among Manchester's youths. These problems also affect migrant communities.

Pray for clear efforts to reach Libyan people with the gospel in Manchester. Pray that those reaching out to unreached people groups in Manchester will be spiritually strong and see good fruit from their labor. Pray for peace to be restored in Libya.—AIM Int'l, UK

SUDANESE ARABS IN THE UK

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Sudan is a country that has gone through two civil wars and a war in the bordering Darfur region. There have been millions of casualties and many have had to flee. Most of the refugees have been hosted by neighboring African nations, though some have arrived in the UK.



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The early immigrants from Sudan to the UK were professionals, business people, and academics. But this pattern has changed dramatically since the end of the 20th century. Less educated people have had to leave Sudan as a result of the struggles between the *janjaweed* militias and various rebel groups in western Sudan. Many Sudanese in Darfur have taken risks travelling from Sudan through Egypt, Libya, and the Mediterranean Sea into Europe in overcrowded dinghies. The situation in Darfur is a clear attempt to perform ethnic cleansing of certain people groups as both the government security forces and the *janjaweed* militias terrorize them through air raids and by burning homes.

Significant numbers of diaspora Sudanese can be found in greater London, Brighton, and the West Midlands. Some have come as unaccompanied children, and they consist of both Muslims and Coptic Christians.

Pray that the people of Sudan will find the Prince of Peace. Pray for UK churches to be proactive in welcoming the foreigner. Pray that those sharing the gospel will see much fruit, and that these suffering people will be disciplined in the ways of Jesus.—AIM Int'l., UK

ROM 8:18, NET

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who His children really are.

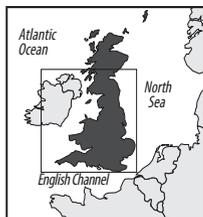
Pray that Sudanese refugees in the UK will have hope and comfort in Jesus who will one day reveal Himself to the entire world. Pray that they will eagerly become part of God's family, and join in praising Him!

THE AFRICAN DIASPORA IN THE UK

1PET 3:15, NET

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do so with gentleness and respect.

Pray for believers in the UK to be ready and eager to share their savior with those who are seeking for truth.



(This fictional account is intended to portray possible experiences Muslims might be having.)



“Coffee!” Fatima announced brightly, setting a cup in front of her husband. Seated at the kitchen table, he was frowning, staring out the window. When she noticed the expression on his face, she asked, “What’s wrong?”

He took a deep breath, then explained, “I had the dream again.” Fatima sighed and sank into the chair next to him. “The dream about Isa?” He nodded. “It’s always the same: we’re driving somewhere, a dust storm suddenly arises and engulfs us. It gets so dark we can’t see the road. And then, suddenly a light pierces the darkness. The dust parts and there is Jesus, standing in the road, gesturing for us to approach him.” Fatima considered this. “What does it mean?” “I don’t know. But I think I’ll ask Tony, my friend at work. He follows Jesus. Maybe he can tell us.”

More and more Muslims are having visions and dreams of Christ, even as they are fleeing their homelands in the Middle East and Africa to resettle in places like the UK.

Pray for God to continue revealing Himself to Muslims in supernatural ways as well as through the Bible. Ask the Lord to speak to their hearts. Pray for believers in the UK to be ready to respond to seekers who desire to know more about the Savior.—CL

OUTREACH AMONG AFRICAN MUSLIMS IN EUROPE

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“Off to visit a woman in desperate need of Jesus’ healing touch and wholeness. Dangerous for her!” This is one of the daily posts flying between 30 team members as they, for the first time, shared Jesus on the streets of four cities in southern Europe.



Watching the JESUS Film on a cell phone

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Partnering for two weeks with church leaders in each city; equipped with cell phones, digital apps, and SD cards programmed with the New Testament and more, four teams hit the streets and beaches to share Jesus with African immigrants. Finding the populated areas took hours. Sharing the gospel through an interpreter—frustrating! People turning away—heartbreaking! But we shared meals and the gospel with folks from Guinea and Cameroon. We watched “More Than Dreams” with Moroccans and held English classes with Somali, Eritrean, and Sudanese women and teens. We saw our taxi driver come to Christ.

God’s power rules! Despite the difficulties and our limitations, the gospel was proclaimed and people responded. If we’re looking for opportunities, we can share the gospel. There are so many here who desperately need to know Jesus; from people hiding in wait for a chance at safety, to those living hopelessly in an area named for a sinking ship.

Pray for opportunities and local church outreach. Pray that new believers will get disciplined in the ways of Isa, Jesus, and allow the Holy Spirit to rule in their lives.—AIM

JOB 4:10-11, NLT

Then the Lord said, “You feel sorry about the plant, though you did nothing to put it there. It came quickly and died quickly. But Nineveh has more than 120,000 people living in spiritual darkness, not to mention all the animals. Shouldn’t I feel sorry for such a great city?”

Pray that the church in Europe will have pity on those arriving from Africa, and provide for both their spiritual and physical needs.

“The great new fact of our time is that the Christian missionary movement from the majority world . . . far outnumbers the movement from the West.”

—Paul E. Pierson, PhD

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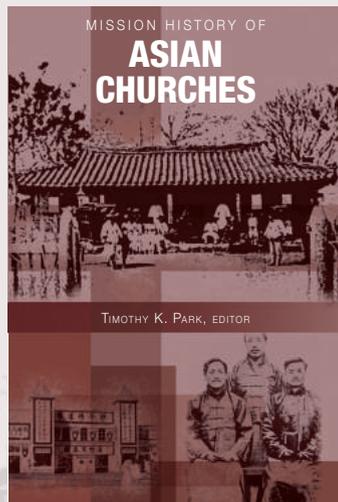
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