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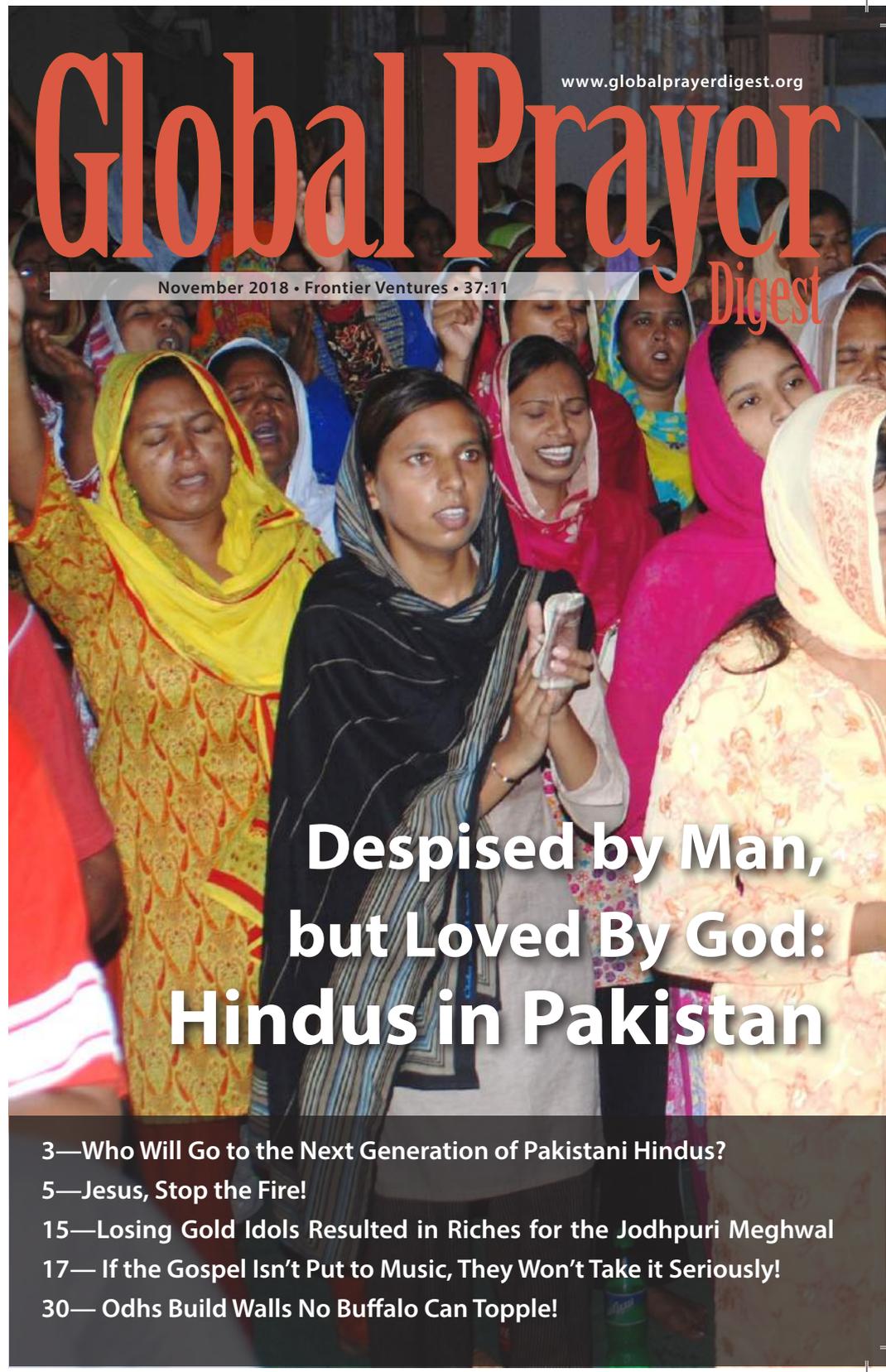
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Dear Praying Friends,

Last month we prayed for muslims in India. But did you know there are Hindus in Pakistan? I knew there were some, but the vast majority had to leave that Muslim country in 1947. The poorest Hindus could not cross a vast desert or survive the places where Hindus were being massacred, so they stayed where they were.

There were some hearty missionaries who went to these needy Hindus at that time, and they have written this prayer guide for the people they loved and introduced to the savior. Few are still on this mission field, but the harvest is not complete. Today it is almost impossible for outsiders to enter some parts of Pakistan where the Hindus still live. Yet we know that God can do anything. As you pray for spiritual openness among these Hindus, please remember to also ask God for more missionaries to go to them until the harvest is overflowing!

In Christ,

Keith Carey, editor-in-chief, *GPD*

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PRAY FOR

*Every Hindu People Group
in Punjab Province, Pakistan*



THE DESPISED HINDU TRIBES OF PAKISTAN



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—BY A GUEST WRITER WHO SPENT DECADES WORKING AMONG THESE TRIBES

I am very excited about this month's issue on these Hindu people groups in Pakistan. For more than 20 years I have prayed that these rejected people would be brought to the attention of many for prayer, and this will be the month that thousands pray for them. I pray that as you use this guide, that you will come to love these people and pray for them long after this month is over. Perhaps some of you might even have the privilege of bringing the good news to them.

There are huge difficulties in reaching the unreached peoples of Pakistan. Pakistan is the sixth most populous nation in the world. There are very few reached people groups there; in fact, Pakistan may be one of the most unreached countries in the world. India has more people groups, but there are local mission agencies from the south that can reach some of them. By contrast, Pakistan does not have local workers going to the unreached in their own country, and foreign workers are very few.

How Hindu Tribes Remained in Muslim Pakistan

In 1947 the lands of West and East Pakistan were carved out of what was then India. Muslims were to migrate to either West or East Pakistan, and Hindus were to go to India. During this time of Partition, one of the largest genocides that the world had ever known occurred. Muslims killed Hindus and Hindus killed Muslims.

The Hindu groups we are praying for this month lived in the southeast part of what is now Pakistan. To migrate to India, they would either have to cross the Thar Desert, which would result in death for many, or travel north to the Punjab where they knew they would likely become victims of genocide. They basically stayed where they hoped that their lives would be better. Their lives actually became worse as they were now hated by the recently empowered Pakistani Muslims because of their Hindu religion. They had no place in society, and they were pushed to live in the desert.

Why Caste Matters

Hindus are known for their caste system. I believe that the caste system is Satan's biggest stronghold controlling the people, keeping them from coming to Christ. Caste determines your social contacts, your spouse, your occupation, people with whom you can eat, and it sometimes even restricts to whom you can talk. Spiritually it defines everything about you.

Theoretically there are five major groups within the caste system; but in actuality, there are layers within each of these five major caste groups. Each person knows exactly where they fit. All but two of the Hindu groups we are praying for this month are considered so low that they don't even fit in the caste system.

Most of these people groups have been on the India Subcontinent since the beginning. They have been oppressed by various invaders. Through the centuries it seems they have become more and more rejected and despised. They have tried to escape their deplorable situation by changing their caste name, hoping to hide their identity. I know of one group who originally lived in Mumbai. They moved north and changed their name more than 35 times, but they are still considered outcasts.

Changes in the 20th Century

It is hard to find records of these Hindu groups. The best place has been in the old British Census reports of 1905. However, today many have changed

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A scene from the Thar Desert

their names, so it's difficult to identify them as the same people group. In addition, there are sounds in their languages that don't have equivalents in English. This accounts for the various spellings of the same people groups. This situation is very confusing.

Around 1900 there were three major famines. Many of these groups took the huge risk of crossing the Thar Desert and moving east to the Indus River area. Many died in this move, and many changed their name in hopes of losing their identity. They were even more suppressed by the Muslim government taking control of Pakistan after the Partition in 1947.

Some of these groups are large in number. But the Muslim government, who despises them, will not give an accurate count of them for fear they might be eligible for a seat in Parliament. Rejected again!

Most of the people making up these more than 60 Hindu tribes cannot read and are often not allowed to attend the local schools. Literacy was one of our first avenues used in reaching them for Christ. Most were very highly motivated and finished the first level in six months rather than the usual nine. Some even went on to higher education. I think of one young man who got further schooling and then came back to help me in the office, producing primers and other Christian aids. Though society considered them dumb and incapable, we found them to be some of the most intelligent people with whom we had ever worked. They had never been given a chance.

Why Are There So Many Different People Groups?

To the uninformed it would seem that many of the groups are the same. So why have we defined them as different people groups? Sometimes they even speak a similar language. For example, I learned Marwari from one group who lived near me. When I went to my targeted group, I was ostracized because their Marwari was a little different from mine and they immediately recognized this. Thus, even minor linguistic differences can divide people groups into smaller ones.

The caste system, unfortunately, easily defines and divides the people groups into many small communities. They don't intermarry. They don't eat with another group. They don't have social relations. They have their own occupation. They even disagree over the meanings of words in a similar language. Often their worship practices and "gods" will be different.

Difficulties in Reaching Them

They live in a part of the world that Satan has controlled since the beginning of time, and he is not going to give them up easily. I and the leaders I raised up have experienced many demonic attacks with some of the leaders even dying. We learned we needed people praying for each of us. And that is how we must reach them—through prayer.

Because of caste barriers, they will not accept anyone from the outside. When I first went to one group, they ran in fear believing I was a "white god"; and they think that gods only come to destroy people. They had spent their whole lives trying to appease these gods to avoid being destroyed. They had no concept of a God of love.

Next, they ran in fear because the only outsiders who came were Muslims who ran off with their attractive women.

In many ways, it is even harder for a Pakistani Christian than for a foreigner. They see them as a different caste with different customs, languages, and cultures. Missionaries working with these people have experienced visa problems, sickness, and other reasons forcing them to leave this work.—Through this prayer guide we are asking—Will you love these forgotten, rejected people?

Let's Pray!

Satan has controlled these people for thousands of years, and this bondage can be only broken through prayer.

1—Prayer is the biggest need, and that what we are asking for as you pray every day this month for these people groups.

2—Pray that these despised peoples will find their dignity and worth in their relationship with the loving Creator.

3—I can no longer go to the group I worked with, and the Christian leader in one tribe recently died. Who will replace us? Will you? Each of the unreached people groups you pray for this month needs workers. Pray for many workers!

MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY, KANAYA

1 THES 5:16-18, NLV

Be full of joy all the time. Never stop praying. In everything give thanks. This is what God wants you to do because of Christ Jesus.

Pray that no matter what trials come their way, workers in Pakistan will be filled with joyful prayer and praise to their Lord and King.

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It was 1855, and Andrew Gordon, an American Presbyterian missionary, found out first-hand how hot it can be in India. He arrived in what is now called Kolkata,

and traveled across the subcontinent to what is now Pakistan. For two summers, he lived in a tent, braving the heat and sometimes being robbed.

There was no response to his work until a low caste person from the Meg people named Kanaya heard Gordon preaching. Kanaya came to Gordon's home bringing people from his village who joined him in accepting Christ. The rest of the tribe was outraged by Kanaya's actions. They destroyed his home, kidnapped his wife and children, and held them hostage in the kingdom of Kashmir.

Kanaya fasted and prayed before trying to enter Kashmir. He sought an audience with the king only to be bodily thrown out and told never to return. For six months, the missionary and the Meg believers prayed. The king threatened to kill anyone who fed Kanaya, so he sat outside the gate, prayed, and ate grass. Finally, on his fifth attempt he saw a miraculous answer to prayer when his wife and children were returned to him. Kanaya was tested and became a great man of prayer; prayer led to the birth of the Punjabi church.

Pray that the Lord will raise up many who will never give up praying until the Hindu peoples of Pakistan respond to the gospel.—Guest writer

BIOGRAPHY CONTINUED, KANAYA

The Megs would not listen to Kanaya so this man of prayer did the unthinkable! He began to preach to another caste. The first convert was Dit, a crippled man whom Kanaya physically saved from flood waters. Dit's ethnic group slowly began to come to the Lord and changed their caste name to "Punjabi Christians."

Presbyterian missionaries established both a boy's and a girl's school. In the 1880s a missionary shared in the girl's school. His message touched a young woman by the name of Miriam, who was a Meg. Within a year she had the 290 students praying into the late night in groups of 10. These girls then started prayer groups with other girls in their villages. Within two years women had joined the groups. The girls were concerned there were no men's prayer groups, so they approached Kanaya and asked for his help. Soon everyone was praying daily, asking God to bring their people to the Lord.

Around the turn of the century, missionary John Hyde ("Praying Hyde") arrived and God used him as a catalyst to bring groups together in large meetings for prayer and teaching on prayer. In 1903 revival broke out among Punjabi Christians. It lasted seven years and was one of the largest revivals on record. Thus the Punjabi church was born through prayer.

Pray for a revival of prayer and worship in 2019 that will transform communities in Pakistan.—Guest writer



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LUKE 7:3-5, NLV

When the captain heard of Jesus, he sent some Jewish leaders to Him. They were to ask if He would come and heal this servant. They came to Jesus and begged Him, saying, "The man is respected and should have this done for him. He loves our nation and has built our Jewish place of worship."

Pray that like the Jewish leaders quoted here, the Meg people will have an appreciation for those from other communities.

BIOGRAPHY CONTINUED, KANAYA

ACTS 4:30-31- NLT

“Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Pray for Punjabi believers to step out in boldness and preach the word with power and love.



As the Punjabi church continued to grow, more than 100 new Presbyterian missionaries joined Gordon in teaching them. This was still not enough, so they invited many other mission groups to help. Prayer continued to be emphasized throughout the 1950s. After the Partition in 1947, Punjabi believers found themselves rejected by the Muslim majority. It was hard for them to get jobs in Pakistan. Meanwhile, missionaries and

Punjabis who had once put great emphasis on prayer now seemed to shift their emphasis to schools and hospitals to raise the status of Christians. Prayer declined and so did the strength and growth of the church.

In the 1970s, we began work with an unreached people group. Satan took out leader after leader that we raised up. We learned that our only choice was to develop a strong prayer movement. In the 1990s, God led me to a ministry of building up prayer in the Punjabi church.

More than 100 years ago, the Punjabi church was literally born out of prayer and it was one of the largest revivals the world has known. If people faithfully pray no matter where they live, it can happen again.

Pray about whether or not the Lord would have you personally join a regular prayer group to see Pakistan's Punjab blessed with fellowships of believers from every people group in their province.—Guest writer

PIRS (HINDU SPIRITUAL GUIDES)

The caste system controls and divides Hindu groups from each other in many ways. But one thing they all have in common is the prominent role “pirs” play in their lives. It is difficult to win Hindus to Christ unless we understand the power and control of pirs.



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Who are “pirs?” They are spiritual guides and they are given tremendous power by Satan himself. Pirs control every aspect of a Hindu's life, whether social or spiritual. People live in great fear of them and their power. Pirs are often consulted for major decisions.

Hindus hold festivals at the graves of dead pirs and often consult them for major decisions. The sick, the dying, and barren women are taken to pirs for help. Healing sometimes occurs; but death or worse sickness follows. Hindus do not understand that there is an all-powerful God who offers healing and will never send them something worse, because He loves them as a father loves his children.

Pray that this bondage of the pirs will be broken so people will be free to hear and accept Christ. We have seen some pirs turn to Jesus; pray for more to repent and to use their incredible influence to disciple others.— Guest writer

EPH 6:12, NLV

Our fight is not with people. It is against the leaders and the powers and the spirits of darkness in this world. It is against the demon world that works in the heavens.

Pray for many pirs to understand that they can turn their allegiance from spirits of darkness to the all-powerful Lord and master.

MARWARI-KHADALI MEGHWAL

MARK 6:12-13, NLV

Then they left. They preached that men should be sorry for their sins and turn from them. They put out many demons. They poured oil on many people that were sick and healed them.

Pray for many new disciples to be empowered by faith and the Holy Spirit to emerge among the Marwari Khadali people this year.



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Sikandra overheard a missionary talking about a strange new God; he was intrigued and wanted to know more. He accepted Christ and boldly won his extended family to the savior. His own people, the Marwari Khadali, rejected him. How could someone

leave the gods of their fathers and accept this foreign God? They would not listen to him. As we taught him each week we shared the authority he had through Christ and encouraged him that prayer was key. God would make a way for him to share.

It was harvest time and everyone except the elderly and the very young were in the fields cutting wheat. By God's providence, Sikandar was not in the fields. The village homes of mud walls and thatched roofs were close together and in the middle were two large stacks of kindling wood. A man walking through the village dropped his lighted cigarette near the kindling. The fire roared through the village consuming trees and jumping from rooftop to rooftop. Children and the elderly were screaming. Seeing the devastation, Sikandar was overwhelmed by the impossible situation. He simply raised his arms and yelled, "Jesus, stop this fire!" The fire stopped immediately – leaving half burned roofs. People came from miles to see this and Sikandar was able to share with them about a God who could do the impossible.

Pray for a Disciple-Making Movement to spread like wildfire throughout Marwari Khadali communities.— Guest writer

VAGARI (VAHG-AREE) PEOPLE

Though the sunrise was beautiful that morning, we were greatly saddened. Many from the Vagari tribe near Karachi were worshipping the sun. They said that they had been taught that it was right to worship it for it had great power over us and gave life to everything on earth. I had to admit that was right, but I asked the question, "Who made the sun? It did not just happen, but the sun was created." They did not have an answer for that.



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We later found out that the Vagari men exchange their wives, using them as pawns for sexual pleasure. How could we, as visitors, teach them about what Christ has taught us through His word? They are a needy but spiritually responsive tribe who need follow-up teaching and fellowship to grow in the ways of Jesus Christ.

There are 20,000 Vagaris, and the only believers are from one family. That family invited us to come, and they led us and others in worship. We preached about Jesus and sang songs about our savior.

Pray that this family will lovingly teach others the way of the One who created the sun they worship, the same God who gave Jesus to die to pay for their sins. Pray for many from the Vagari people to learn about Him and disciple others so that they can live life to the full, just as Jesus offered.— Guest writer

DEUT 4:19, NLV

Be careful not to lift up your eyes toward heaven and see the sun and moon and stars, all the things of heaven, and be pulled away and worship them and serve them. The Lord your God has given these things to all the nations under the whole heavens.

Pray for the Vagari people to have a healthy fear of the living God that will cause them to worship Him alone.

SINDHI MEGHWALS

JN 4:28-30, NLV

The woman left her water jar and went into the town. She said to the men, “Come and see a Man who told me everything I ever did! Can this be the Christ?” They went out of town and came to Him.

Pray for Pakistani Hindu women, who are taught that they don't matter. May they be bold to risk everything to share the Savior after they meet Him.

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Khatu was a strikingly beautiful woman, and her husband was one of the Sindhi Meghwal tribal leaders. In spite of outward beauty, she was oppressed

by all the demonic spirits and beliefs that Satan had brought into her early life. She had only heard of gods of hate, wrath, and death. I often shared Christ with her husband, but culture dictated that I could not talk to her.

Yet she sometimes followed me from village to village, so one day I asked her why. She replied, “Because I want to hear about the love of Jesus again.” Later in the conversation I asked if she believed Jesus is real. “Oh yes. He is the most powerful. I have seen Him perform miracles in answer to your prayers.” I asked if she was ready to accept Jesus. Tears ran down my face when she answered, “I am a woman. I do not have a soul.” Lots of teaching followed sharing how much Jesus loved her, a woman. With tears streaming down her face, she cried out, “Jesus, if you have given me a soul, please come right into the middle of me. I want to accept you.”

Rescued from Satan's lies, she was the first woman believer among her rejected and lost people, the Sindhi Meghwals.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of many men and especially women among this people group this decade.—guest writer

PARKARI KOHLI PEOPLE

The Roman Catholics have concentrated their evangelistic efforts on the Parkari Kohlis and have a girls' boarding school in Pakistan for them. They have been successful and have a growing church.

One Protestant Parkari evangelist, Megh Raj, worked in Badin. His teenage daughter attended our Protestant boarding school in Hyderabad, Pakistan. She had been named “Rubbish” in Parkari in an attempt to fool evil spirits into believing that she was not valuable. Much to her parents' alarm she gradually lost her ability to walk. Medical testing revealed that she had an inoperable cancerous cyst in her spine. The family moved to a small village close to our mission hospital. Her first wish was to be baptized and change her name to Maryam, the mother of Jesus. She steadily grew in spirit.

We contacted Joni Ericsson who provided her with a wheelchair and wrote encouraging letters to her. As Maryam grew weaker, she pleaded with her father, “Please take me with you to visit all our non-Christian relatives so we can urge them to believe in Jesus!” Maryam had the joy of sharing her faith until she peacefully went to be with Jesus.

There are about 500 believers among the Parkari Kohlis; pray that the Lord will raise up many of them to joyfully go to their neighbors and share what the Lord can do for them.



JER 9:23-24, NIV

This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.

Pray that many from the Parkari Kohli people will put their identity and trust in the Lord, and Him alone!

KHADALI MARWARI BHILS

IS 60:17, NLT

I will exchange your bronze for gold, your iron for silver, your wood for bronze, and your stones for iron. I will make peace your leader and righteousness your ruler.

May this be our prayer for the Khadali Marwari Bhils today!



Rana and Sita were trophies of God's grace! As youths living in the northern Sindh Province they came to saving faith in Christ. As is customary they were given Christian names and known to us as Timotheus and Martha. Although described geographically as Khadali, they were of the subtribe of Jhaktia (Timotheus) and Lirieani (Martha). It is a strong cultural tradition for marriage arrangements always to be made with a girl of a different subtribe, yet always

within the framework of the main tribe, in this case, the Marwari Bhils. There are some 40 subtribes of Marwari Bhils. The vast majority of Marwari Bhil believers are from the Lieriea, Jhaktia or Malkhat subcastes. We need to pray for believers from all 40 subtribes.

Rana Timotheus was one of the first to come to faith. He learned skills as a bricklayer, which is unusual for a Marwari. He and Martha regularly received teaching as we visited them in their village home. They moved to a settlement in southern Punjab. With a deep love for the Lord and desire to serve, they were asked to serve as hostel parents to care for Marwari boys who were chosen to attend a local Christian school. Later in retirement Timotheus served as a village church pastor near Daharki.

Thank the Lord for those Marwari Bhils willing to serve Him! Pray for a Disciple-Making Movement among every Marwari Bhil sub tribe.

UGNIA MARWARI BHILS

The Ugnia group of Marwari Bhils are very different culturally from other Bhil peoples. They do not mix socially, and they do not intermarry with other Bhil subtribes. I know of virtually none from the Ugnias who have come to faith in Christ.



Bhil men

In the 1980s I came to know a Ugnia Bhil family. One family member was a young man named Mohan who lived in a village near the northern Sindh Province town of Daharki. Despite efforts to make contacts with these people there seemed no way to bring them under the influence of Christ. Mohan himself did come to profess faith, and there was a little contact with him for several years. He somehow improved his social standing and received an education. He went for teacher's training and got a job as a teacher in a primary school. But he had psychological problems and lost his job.

Sadly, this seems typical of this group. Not only are they outcasts in a world of Islam, but also outcasts within their own Marwari Bhils. The contact with Mohan was lost and as far as I know there was no lasting work within his family or with others from the Ugnia Marwari Bhils. We must pray for the light to penetrate this people group whom God loves.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate the Ugnia Marwari Bhil community with His light. Pray for many disciples among them.

JN 4:9, NLV

The woman of Samaria said to Him, "You are a Jew. I am of Samaria. Why do you ask me for a drink when the Jews have nothing to do with the people of Samaria?"

Pray that the Lord will do the impossible by bringing together various peoples in Pakistan just as He brought this Samaritan to the Jewish savior, Jesus.

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MARWARI BHATIPA PEOPLE

1 KINGS 16:31, NLV

He thought it was a small thing to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. He married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians. Then he went to serve the false god Baal and worshiped him.

Pray for Marwari Bhatipa marriages to reflect the character and deeds of the servant King rather than the wayward kings of Israel.



An Indian tailor at work

was he to care for his family? Then his wife died. With difficulty, he was able to remarry, but this woman did not share his faith. The tribe hoped she would pull him back into the old religion.

He met weekly with other believers for prayer and teaching and eventually his wife and other extended family members came to Christ. People began to return to him for their tailoring needs. Even Muslims used his skills to make special wedding and festive-occasion clothes.

His four older sons followed their father and became exceptional tailors. It was time to make marriage arrangements for them. Having experienced so many problems with his second wife being an unbeliever, he was determined to find Christian girls for his sons.

We made arrangements for him to meet with Christian families from two other tribes who had daughters for whom they were seeking husbands. To us it seemed the ideal answer. But none of the families were willing to cross that caste barrier. Unless believers marry other believers, it is very difficult for them and the next generation to follow the Lord.

Pray for the Marwari Bhatipas to be able to find Christian mates. Pray believers in other ethnic groups will be able to find spouses who follow the Lord.

CULTURAL SUBSTITUTES

Weddings, funerals, the birth of a baby; All are observed by various cultural traditions, including the Hindu people groups in this issue.

For example, after the birth of a baby the mother must remain in her house for six days. She then emerges, sits in front of religious leaders, and worships the sun. This is expected to bring blessing and health to the newborn baby. Other festivals have some very demonic rituals that tie them to the evil one.

We asked those who had become believers whether their culture or obedience to God was more important. They found that hard to answer. These rituals have a strong grip on them. We wrote down every detail that takes place in each ceremony. Then we asked believers what glorified God and what brought glory and honor to evil spirits. We replaced those elements that exalted Satan with something honoring to God, something people were happy with and would recognize.

I remember the first time we performed a Christian wedding ceremony. Weddings last several days and nights in their cultures. The last morning the tribal leaders came to talk to me. How surprised I was when they said that rather than changing their culture, this helped them understand the meaning of marriage for the first time. Christians now wanted to use this ceremony.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will use local cultural traditions that help Hindus understand the redemptive work of Christ.



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ACTS 18:9-10, NLV

Paul saw the Lord in a dream one night. He said to Paul, "Do not be afraid. Keep speaking. Do not close your mouth. I am with you. No one will hurt you. I have many people in this city who belong to me."

Pray that there will be many people who are "His" in the towns and cities of Pakistan when believers go to share Christ.

MAYVASY KOHLI PEOPLE

JOHN 2:11, NLV

This was the first powerful work Jesus did. It was done in Cana of Galilee where He showed His power. His followers put their trust in Him.

Pray that weddings will be places where Jesus shows His power among the peoples of Pakistan.

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Pastor Chagan John invited us to accompany him to a Mayvasi Kohli wedding. When we arrived, he asked to see the bride so we could pray for her. When he found that the bride was not the oldest sibling he asked why she was being married first, since that was the custom among the Mayvasi Kohli people.

They told us the sad story about Rudhi, her older sister, who was crippled. For the last six months she has had this disease and has been unable to walk. They had taken her to the best doctors and had bought the best charms and amulets to heal her, but to no avail. But they said we were welcome to pray for her.

Rudhi was brought out to this open room and placed on a mat in the center. We began praying for her. Suddenly Pastor Chagan said to Rudhi, “Stand up and walk.” We were very amazed at this; what if she couldn’t walk? As Pastor Chagan took her hand, she stood up and began walking! People asked us to pray for them as well. As a result, Rudhi and her family were baptized.

There are about 30,000 Mayvasi Kohlis, but only about 20 believers among them.

Pray for many from the Mayvasi Kohli people to put all their faith in Jesus Christ.

DHATI BHIL PEOPLE

Paru was a tall lanky farmer from the Dhati Bhil tribe in the desert area of Pakistan. He was about 35 years old with a friendly personality and a ready smile for everyone. Paru had a serious case of tuberculosis that was treated at the Kunri Christian Hospital. One lung had to be removed, but he healed and was able to return to normal life in his village.

Paru was charged very little at the hospital, and more important than that he heard the good news of the savior there. After hearing about Jesus, he wanted to become His follower. There were others who wanted to be baptized along with Paru and his wife and their family. So when they confessed Christ, there were four others who joined them.

What we are describing is the beginning of what the great mission thinker, Donald McGavran, called a “people movement.” Outside of the West, people make their decisions in groups. These group decisions are usually decided by clan, village or tribal leaders. It is much less likely to have a people movement snuffed out by persecution if several families join together to follow Christ.

Today, the Dhati Bhil tribe numbers about 75,000, and about 50 of their families follow Christ. This people group is open to the gospel, and there is a good chance that other families will do the same, if someone goes to them.

Pray for workers!

ACTS 16:32-34, NLV

Then Paul spoke the word of God to him and his family. It was late at night, but the man who watched the prison took Paul and Silas in and washed the places on their bodies where they were hurt. Right then he and his family were baptized. He took Paul and Silas to his house and gave them food. He and all his family were full of joy for having put their trust in God.

Pray for many Bhil families to come to Christ as eagerly as this Roman family did 2,000 years ago.

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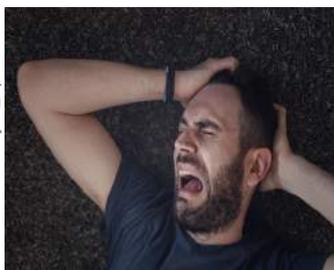
JODHPURI MEGHWAL PEOPLE

MARK 16:17-18, NLV

These special powerful works will be done by those who have put their trust in me. In my name they will cast out demons. They will speak with languages they have never learned. They will pick up snakes. If they drink any poison, it will not hurt them. They will put their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.

Pray that the Jodhpuri Meghwal people will put all their trust in Jesus Christ, whether or not they see miracles in their daily lives. Pray that they will understand that forgiveness of sin is itself a miracle.

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Teku sat beside the road crying uncontrollably. I stopped to ask him what was wrong. “My silver and gold idols have been stolen from my worshipping place. I have lost all my wealth and influence as a religious leader.” I told him about Jesus who could not be stolen. For several months he followed me to hear more about the creator of the world who had more power than his man-made idols. One day he and his family accepted Christ.

In the coming years Teku suffered much persecution from his tribe, but his faith never wavered. His Jodhpuri Meghwal people saw God do miracles— even healing his cow whom they considered to be sacred.

Teku was not healthy, but he drove himself night and day to share Jesus with his people. He had the spiritual gifts of faith and miracles. One day he became ill and lay unconscious. As he died he suddenly sat up in bed and began talking to Jesus. Teku had repeatedly shared that Jesus would take him straight to heaven when he died, and he would not be reincarnated. It rained during his funeral. Later Jodhpuri Meghwal leaders told me that they had a belief that if it rained on the body that was a sign he had gone straight to heaven.

Pray that others from the Jodhpuri Meghwal people might come to the miracle-performing Jesus and be disciplined in His ways.

SINDHI BHILS

The Sindhi Bhils are a fairly large group in Pakistan’s Sindh Province, and they are responding to the gospel. By 1996 there were 34 families who were fairly active members of our Kunri Ashram Church, despite the fact it is far from most of their homes. They have an active Sindhi Bhil community, and we needed to have a fulltime evangelist to hold regular worship for them in their own language.



A young man named Jam was in eighth grade and doing well. We watched and waited for him to grow in spiritual maturity. After he graduated we approached him about working for us as an evangelist. He became part of our team of evangelists. He needed Bible training, so we sent him to our Bible School in Mirpurkhas. He did well there, and we were encouraged. We began training him in leading worship and evangelizing his neighbors. We were happy with his progress and his desire to serve as an evangelist to his own Sindhi people. Most of them are still unreached. We have only a few Sindhi Bhils believers among thousands of Hindus, but the door is open and they are responding. There are about 50,000 Sindhi Bhils, but only about 50 believers among them.

We need prayer and more workers who will share God’s love with these dear people. Pray for a Disciple-Making Movement to flourish among this people group.

1 TIM 4:12, NLV

Let no one show little respect for you because you are young. Show other Christians how to live by your life. They should be able to follow you in the way you talk and in what you do. Show them how to live in faith and in love and in holy living.

Pray that the Lord will raise up many young, Holy Spirit-filled evangelists and pastors to minister to the Sindhi Bhil people of Pakistan.

BHAGET (BUG-IT) PEOPLE

PS 150:4-6, NLV

Praise Him with timbrels and dancing. Praise Him with strings and horns. Praise Him with loud sounds. Praise Him with loud and clear sounds. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Pray for the Hindus of Pakistan to express devotion to Jesus through music and dance, so that all may understand what they might miss through other evangelistic means.

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After years of language study, cultural learning and preparation for what we (missionaries) thought were appropriate Bible stories for the groups we were working with, the Christians were heartbroken to find out that Bhaget people considered the salvation message nonsense! Their religious communication takes place through music and if you, the story teller, do not consider it worthy of putting to music, then why should anyone listen to it?

Each people group has its own Bhagets, traveling religious communicators who always put their stories to music in their own language.

If we were to successfully communicate the message of Christ to these people, we had to become like the Bhagets. Bible stories, teaching and memory verses all must be put to music so they are given credibility. When we did this, it was amazing to see the openness to what God was saying to them through their own way of communicating. God has used some especially gifted missionaries and local believers to tell the good news in this culturally acceptable way.

Pray for the Lord to raise up hundreds of Bhagets for His purposes. Pray for Bhagets to put their faith entirely in Jesus Christ and tell of His glory to thousands. Pray for missionary writers to put God's word to music.

KACHI KOHLI PEOPLE

“These are new songs!” said Bejal to Kaara, a traveling musician. “Where did you learn them and who is this new guru, Jesus, that you are singing about?” After completing his repertoire of Hindu songs, Kaara had started singing Christian songs he had learned from a missionary. Kaara had chosen Jesus as his guru but continued his career as a village singer.



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Bejal was intrigued by these songs. He said, “Stay with us a few days and sing more songs about this new guru.” So Kaara stayed and the whole village listened to the songs with interest. This illustrates the importance of music in teaching the gospel message. People gravitate to music from their own culture. In fact, St. Patrick, the 5th century missionary, won all of Ireland to Christ largely by using music.

Bejal went with Kaara to the town of Matli where he met the missionary. After more teaching he wanted to be baptized. As a result, 110 in his village were baptized. These were the first believers in the Kachi Kohli tribe. At present there are about 1,000 Kachi Kohli believers out of a tribe of about 50,000.

Thank the Lord for these new members of the heavenly family! Pray for them to be used by God to disciple people from other people groups with the truth. Pray for many to take the gospel to rural Pakistan through songs and dramas.

PS 149:3, NLV

Let them praise His name with dancing. Let them sing praises to Him with timbrels and a harp.

Pray for joyful, worshipful music to fill the hearts of the Kachi Kohli people of Pakistan.

THARADARI KOHLI PEOPLE

ACTS 7:59-60, NLV

While they threw stones at Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." After that he fell on his knees and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up many believers in Pakistan who will willingly face injustice and even death for the sake of Christ.

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Punna Lal, a young Tharadari Kohli living in Sindh, Pakistan, had learned much Hindu teaching from his father, a well-known and respected Hindu leader. Punna

Lal had been attracted to believe in Jesus and had been baptized. This infuriated many of his father's disciples, but Punna Lal was able to give convincing proofs of the superiority of Christ to Hindu mythological heroes.

One village leader had never met Punna Lal, but he vowed that he would hunt him down and kill him. When Punna Lal heard this, he hunted his enemy up and said, "I heard that you wanted to kill me. I wanted to spare you the trouble of hunting me down. Here I am. You can keep your vow now." The man fell down before him, weeping and asking forgiveness.

Boldness and love go a long way towards softening hard hearts that oppose Christ. In some cases, such a situation would result in the evangelist being killed, but in others, it can result in people surrendering to Christ.

Punna Lal has become the first pastor of the Tharadari Kohli tribe that numbers approximately 30,000 with about 200 believers.

Pray for thousands to hear of His mercy, and give Him their hearts, like the man described above. Pray for them to be discipled by those who love the Lord.

BALMIKI PEOPLE

The low caste Balmikis are scattered widely throughout the Punjab and Sindh where they work as sweepers. Some have worked hard, gained an education, and found employment higher up in society. Balmikis are Hindus, and they seem to have little spiritual interest; they are mainly concerned with earning a living.

A number of these people identify with the Punjabi Christian community, which gives them more social acceptance. There seems, however, to be only a few Balmiki people who have a personal saving faith in Christ.

In the 1980s and 90s I knew a Christian man who was Balmiki. His name was Maqbool, and he was a head man of a group of Balmiki sweepers in the city of Bahawalpur. He was a regular attendee of the Calvary Baptist Church in that city where the renowned Pastor Umar was serving. Maqbool had a deep love for the Lord, and he was a man of prayer and strong in faith. He had a zeal to serve the Lord and bear witness to his faith in Christ, but I knew of no others of his people who came to faith.

Pray that the few Balmiki believers will shine the light of the Holy Spirit in such a way that others will be eager to be discipled. Pray for a Disciple-Making Movement to thrive in the Balmiki community.



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JOHN 4:28-30, NLV

The woman left her water jar and went into the town. She said to the men, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Can this be the Christ?" They went out of town and came to Him.

Pray that the Lord will raise up the "lowly" Balmikis, just as He raised up this "lowly" Samaritan woman to gossip the gospel to their neighbors.

JAISLMIRI MARWARI BHILS

1 SAM 2:8, NLV

He lifts the poor from the dust. He lifts those in need from the ashes. He makes them sit with rulers and receive a seat of honor. For what holds the earth belongs to the Lord. He has set the world in its place.

Pray for the Lord to do this for the Jaislmiri Marwari Bhils of Pakistan.



Domji was born in 1926, the son of a tribal leader. His father arranged for him to receive an education, and he spent 11 years in a Hindu school. But Domji left disillusioned, realizing that within the caste system he was considered an outcast because he was Bhil. Domji sought to improve his lot, and in 1953 he enrolled in the police force. He began to have contact with foreigners and he became friendly with a local Catholic priest. The priest gave Domji a Bible, and with hunger for truth still burning in his heart, he began to read about Christ.

Peace however evaded him until one day he found a flyer offering a free Bible correspondence course being offered by evangelicals. Domji's eyes were opened. He sought out a Baptist missionary who lead him to Christ. After his baptism Domji began to share his new faith. At first, he experienced opposition, but soon many of his family also found new life in Christ. Domji continued as a faithful witness for the Lord until his death in 2006.

Pray for the Lord to raise up 10 more Marwari Bhils to continue the work of Domji.

SANSI PEOPLE

Surely one of the hardest of all people groups, the Sansi people, are found widely in Punjab and Sindh Provinces of Pakistan. We began ministry among Sansi people in 2003. Their occupations are stealing, begging, and polishing shoes. Many Sansi men have a little wooden box with shoe polishes and brushes and a strap to carry it around. Even the very few who have been to school have no work ethic and see no value in working to earn a living.



Raju Rahool had been to school, but followed the way of life of his people. Living in northern Sindh Province, we came across him and a number of other Sansi families living in one room brick houses amidst squalid surroundings. We began to regularly visit and share God's word. Raju and five other young men were taught tailoring skills. During the six months while this was happening, they heard the gospel and several of them made professions of faith in 2006. These were the first known believers in Christ among Sansi people. There may be about 25 Sansi people who have come to faith in Christ. Today Raju is a teacher and supervisor in one of our six village primary schools being run in this area.

Pray that this small flock of God's sheep will grow into a Disciple-Making Movement among the Sansis.

IS 1:27, NLT

Zion will be restored by justice; those who repent will be revived by righteousness.

Pray for these "hardest of all people groups" to repent and be spiritually refreshed by righteousness.

GAGRA PEOPLE

JOHN 4:9, NLV

The woman of Samaria said to Him, "You are a Jew. I am of Samaria. Why do You ask me for a drink when the Jews have nothing to do with the people of Samaria?"

Pray that like the Samaritan woman at the well, people in Pakistan will realize that they are missing God's blessing when they reject other communities.

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The Gagra are a nomadic tribe, living along the Ravi River where they fish and hunt animals nearby. Ayub, a Pakistani believer,

began teaching reading among this pre-literate tribe. Seeing the great burden God had placed on Ayub's heart for these low-caste people, we made arrangements for him to begin literacy classes with them even though this meant riding his bicycle up to 25 miles a day to keep up with these constantly moving nomads. Months went by, people were learning to read, and they trusted Ayub. Some leaders were ready to accept Christ and be baptized.

Suddenly, Ayub became very ill and he was brought to our mission hospital. Although doctors felt he would recover, two days later he suddenly died. How disheartening to learn that it was actually his wife who had killed him. The family was embarrassed that he was associating with low-caste people. His wife got a "death charm" from a holy man, sewed it into his clothes, and then she poisoned him.

The movement among the Gagra was stopped. This was one of our first attempts at reaching an unreached group; we learned not to walk into Satan's territory without prayer cover.

Please pray for God to protect missionaries and national missionaries who go to the Gagra people. Pray for God to raise up many national workers to go to low caste tribes and they would have the prayer protection they need.

BHATIPAR MARWARI BHILS

One day in 1991 I arrived in our Land Rover with two Marwari evangelist colleagues in the remote village of Mudd Wala, in southern Punjab Province. There were no known followers of Christ living in this area and the Bhatipar Marwari Bhils we had come to reach were all illiterate ... except for a boy called Punu, who was in his third grade at a local government primary school. I wondered if any good could come from such seemingly futile travel.



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Nearly 10 years later Punu, then a teenager and a young follower of the Lord Jesus, was himself teaching a 'raggedy' bunch of children in our mission village school. Two of his pupils were Ajmal and Bhauru. Fast forward another 15 years and Ajmal and Bhauru completed their higher education. Ajmal became an assistant judge in the local Alipur Civil Court and Bhauru became a teacher in a government middle school. More importantly these young men are bearing a Christian witness in their home village, where they have a key part in leading worship and witness for Christ. Today Punu is an evangelist and a gifted gospel singer with a wide ministry among Bhatipar Marwari Bhils. Yes, there were purposes of God our heavenly Father in our long, seemingly futile journey to Mudd Wala on that day in 1991!

Thank the Lord that He can use a seemingly "futile" effort to win people to His kingdom for His glory.

DAN 12:3, NIV

Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.

Pray for the Lord to raise up many others in the coming years to lead many of the Marwari Bhils to true righteousness.

TRANSLATION WORK

ACTS 17:11, NIV

These Jews were more willing to understand than those in the city of Thessalonica. They were very glad to hear the word of God, and they looked into the holy writings to see if those things were true.

Pray for the Lord to raise up many Pakistanis to be like the Bereans, who treasured God's word.



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“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness ... (2 Tim. 3:16, NIV)

How can one understand God's word if it is not in a language they can understand? Furthermore, language can become a very divisive wall when people will not accept a person who speaks a different language.

During the 40 years I worked in Pakistan, I was often asked for a Bible. A Bible in Urdu, the trade language of Pakistan, was usually the best I could provide. Men might understand it, but not the women and children who only understood their mother tongue. In the Bible we see families coming to Christ and having a Bible that everyone can understand is needed so entire families can come to worship the Lord. Missiologists have learned that without a Bible in one's own language, it is difficult to see a growing church established or one that continues to the next generation. Bible translation is one of the main things Satan opposes.

There is a desperate need for a Bible for each of Pakistan's minority groups. Of the people groups in this prayer guide, translation has begun in five or six of the larger language groups. We hope that with the help of modern technology, other translations might be completed quickly.

Pray for Bibles to be accurately translated in each of the languages of Pakistan's minority peoples.

BAGRI PEOPLE IN PAKISTAN

Bagri people live throughout Pakistan's Sindh Province. In the spring of the year they rent land and grow and sell vegetables, especially tomatoes, cucumbers, and melons. They are industrious, hard workers. With their earnings they buy trinkets, then take off to big cities like Karachi and Islamabad to sell them. All Bagri people live simple lives and their dwellings are made of tree branches and palm leaves. They make small shrines to display pictures of Hindu deities as well as images of local gods and folklore heroes.

Lachman Das and his wife live in a colony of Bagris near the city of Larkana in the northern Sindh Province. This couple are only two of about 15 known Bagris who follow Christ. They came to faith around 2010. Lachman teaches at a small Christian village school that we run in the colony. Even their other close relatives in this community are yet very far from having faith in Christ. The children in the school, however, have the opportunity to hear Christian truth and are being faithfully instructed in the word of God. It gives us joy to hear the children under instruction answering questions from the Christian catechism.

Pray that these children will grow up as disciples of Christ who will in turn disciple others in how to follow Him. Pray that they will understand that Jesus truly is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.



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PS 111:3, NLT

Everything He does reveals His glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.

Pray for the Bagri people to become aware of the all-surpassing righteousness of the true God, and His son, Jesus Christ.

JOGIS

PROV 16:19, NLV

It is better to be poor in spirit among poor people, than to divide the riches that were taken with the proud.

Pray that the Jogi people will soon find their way to the one who provides spiritual riches beyond what they can imagine.



Parsons

The Jogi tribe is found throughout Pakistan in scattered communities. We often met them at the beach in Karachi where they come around to put on snake shows. They are also found in resort towns where they earn money by putting on snake and monkey shows. They used to come regularly to the homes of foreigners and rich people to charm snakes out of their gardens. This was a service that was much appreciated.

Their spiritual beliefs tend to fall into the category of superstition rather than organized religion. They are included among the Hindu outcast groups. They are not respected since they are nomadic.

Juno was a Jogi who lived near Kunri, Pakistan. He saw the JESUS Film several times and was attracted to Jesus. He and his family were baptized in the 1990s, and they seemed sincere about their new faith. However, we left Kunri in 1997 and lost contact with them.

We don't know of any other Jogis who are following Christ. There are about 20,000 Jogis and this is the only family we know of that is following the Lord. It is a very needy group. They could be a strategic group to evangelize because they are spread throughout Pakistan and even India.

Pray for a movement to Christ among the Jogis that will result in many being disciplined.

PUNJABI MISSIONARIES

We know that those who ask Christ into their hearts will be saved. The biggest problem for many people groups is they cannot call upon Christ because no one has gone to tell them. (Rom. 10) This was the compelling verse that called me to the mission field. God put a heavy burden on my heart for these people who had never heard, and 50 years ago I obeyed and went to those who some believe are the lowest, most despised people on earth. The most enjoyable years of my life have been seeing Christ work miraculously as these people came to Jesus and seeing them grow in Him, and to know that they are loved and have hope.



Worship is the purpose of mission!

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I can no longer be with these people, but the burden remains. Who will carry this burden to the next generation? Will Punjabi believers, who themselves came out of one of these caste groups more than 100 years ago, go to these unreached groups? The Punjabi believers live nearby so they do not need a visa. Though Punjabi Christian culture is very different from that of their Hindu neighbors, it is still closer than any westerner's.

Pray for many Punjabi believers to receive a Macedonian call to reach the lost nations of Pakistan.

ROM 10:15, NLV

And how can someone tell them if he is not sent? The holy writings say, "The feet of those who bring the good news are beautiful."

Pray for the Holy Spirit to make sure there are thousands who will answer the call to take Christ to the Hindus of Pakistan!

BAVARI PEOPLE

1 TIM 5:17-18, NLV

Leaders who do their work well should be given twice as much pay, and for sure, those who work hard preaching and teaching. The holy writings say, "When a cow is walking on the grain to break it open, do not stop it from eating some," and "A person who works should be paid."

Pray that the local church will heed this exhortation that more of them will join them in extending God's Kingdom.



Wild boars

meat, it feeds them for a long time.

Our main outreach to them was through literacy, and we saw several families come to Christ. They were anxious to witness to others in their tribe. It was Christmas time and they decided a Christmas drama would be a good step in witnessing. They easily rounded up the sheep, cows, camels, manger, etc. A large crowd of mostly unbelievers eagerly attended. The wise men entered following the "star" which was a gas lantern pulled across a rope strung between two tall trees. Suddenly the lantern burst into flames, burning the rope and crashing down on a thatched roof home. As if this were a normal occurrence, people grabbed the rugs we were sitting on and as one ran towards the flames and beat them out. Then, as if nothing had happened, people returned to their seats as the wise men now followed a flashlight "star." We rejoiced and prayed for open hearts.

Then the work with this group came to an abrupt stop. The literacy teacher/evangelist suddenly left, having been offered a job which paid much more.

Pray that the national church will support their own pastors and missionaries so that the small Bavari church can stand on its own without outside funds.

ODH PEOPLE

The Odhs build walls that are so strong they are said to be able to resist a buffalo running into them! Although despised, everyone needs their work. They use sun-dried bricks with mud as mortar. Their women work alongside the men carrying huge loads of bricks, usually balanced high on their heads. Some say an Odh woman is twice as strong as a Pakistani man.



In my second year in Pakistan, I was excited that Odhs were living right behind our house. A fellow missionary had worked with this group and seen 200 come to Christ. He warned me that the Muslims had persecuted them so badly that they were being forced to become Muslims. Knowing this, I still had them build walls for the mission and talked to them about Christ during tea breaks. Many were ready to accept Christ and be baptized.

Then it happened; there was a knock at the door in the middle of the night. Their spokesman told me, "We cannot accept Christ. We have to become Muslims. If we do not, our children and wives will be taken from us and sold."

Pray that the Odh people may come to Christ before they are all forced to become Muslims. Pray that Odh believers will be used of God to bring hardened Muslims to the throne of grace.

NEH 4:6, NLV

But we built the wall, and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

Pray that this wall-building caste will find their purpose in the God of Nehemiah.