



Dear Praying Friends,

One of the key things I do in the *GPD* office is look for the most important people groups to pray for. Starting in May, we will focus for a year on the “Frontier People Groups,” meaning those over half a million in size and number with almost no Christian workers, churches and less than one in 1,000 is a believer. For now, we need to remember the Unengaged Unreached People Groups (UUPGs), meaning those that have no Christian workers or church fellowships as yet. For a country with a small population like Chad, there are many. They will be the focus of our prayers this month. God wants every tribe, tongue, and nation to experience his abundant life!

Chad is in a region of central Africa in the Sahel Desert where furnace-high temperatures and inadequate water supplies make life difficult, if not impossible, to live unless people can stand the heat and lack of water. You will see that they also don’t have enough medical facilities or schools. As you move south, there is more rainfall, and farming takes the place of raising cattle. That is also the region where the vast majority of Chad’s believers live. It will take a major work of the Holy Spirit to convince believers to go to the Muslims of the desert north! Pray that many will.

In Christ,

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Feature of the Month

Pray For

*A Disciple-Making Movement Among Every
Unengaged, Unreached People in Chad*



CHAD—A TAPESTRY OF DIVERSITY

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- There is a reason why Chad did not have its own flag when it gained independence from France in 1958. A flag gives a nation its identity, and it says something about the country and its people. How do you make one flag say something about 120 people groups? Chadians are still working out their identity as a nation.
- Chad is not unified for different reasons than Yemen or Somalia, the two countries we prayed for during the last two months. Chadians are not divided by clan as much as they are by people groups and languages. Even Arabic, one of their two trade languages, has 30 different dialects in Chad alone! (https://data.mongabay.com/reference/country_studies/chad/SOCIETY.html) There are 120 languages in Chad, divided into 10-12 groupings. Sometimes one language represents a specific people group, but at other times, it does not. Joshua Project lists 77 unreached people groups in Chad, 31 of which are listed as unengaged as well as unreached by Finishing the Task. These 31 people groups are the ones that we will lift up in prayer this month.

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CHAD

Where are the Unreached Peoples in Chad?

- Chad is basically divided into three ecological regions. There is the desert in the north where almost no one lives except for the rugged Teda people. Only about 20 people per square mile live in this part of the country. In the middle of



Chad is the Sahel region, which has barely enough rainfall to support nomadic tribes, most of which make up Chad's 77 unreached people groups. Chad's south has enough rainfall to support growing cotton. Most northerners practice Islam, and most southerners practice either Christianity or animist (i.e., indigenous religion).

What Are Chad's Physical Needs?

- Chad has not been blessed with an abundance of resources, though they now have oil reserves that have the potential to help them develop a needed infrastructure. There are mixed reports about whether or not the government has used oil money for this purpose. Though Chad's government is not as corrupt as the two we prayed for the last two months, they face the challenge of having a long-standing president who was just re-elected in 2016. Idriss Déby has been president of Chad since 1990. History has shown that the longer someone is in office, the more temptation there is to lock everyone out of power who is not in the current regime's inner circle. Déby is facing strong opposition, and there have been several coup attempts.
- Chad has a powerful military, and it has been active periodically in fighting insurgents since it gained independence in 1958. Since the dawn of the 21st century, Chad has had military confrontations with Niger, the Central African Republic, and especially Sudan. Today, Chad is a bulwark in the fight against Islamist rebel groups, and was instrumental in fighting against Nigerian-based Boko Haram. Chad gained much

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international recognition for its efforts, and the United States has shown considerable interest in working with Chad in anti-terrorist efforts.

- Unfortunately, Chad's energies and resources have been devoted to fighting and not developing their educational and medical facilities. Schools and hospitals are not available to help this African nation move into the future. Chad's few rural medical facilities typically close down as rebel groups make living in these areas dangerous. As fighting continues, many of their best and brightest leave the country instead of staying to develop Chad. With the ongoing war on terror in Africa, this situation is likely to continue. (https://data.mongabay.com/reference/country_studies/chad/SOCIETY.html)



Chad's Spiritual Condition

- *Operation World* reports that 53 percent of Chad's population is Muslim, and 38 percent are Christian, mostly Roman Catholic. About 10 percent of these Christians are Evangelical. Other sources offer different numbers, but the fact remains that there is a sizable Bible-believing presence in Chad, unlike the other countries in Africa's Sahel region. There is a degree of religious freedom. However, there is animosity between the Muslim and Christian communities, and at times it has been violent. Such a situation makes Muslims view any Christian who comes their way as a potential enemy.

Pray for Chad's Muslims:

- Pray for the Lord to impress on Chadian Muslims that they need a savior who is holy and righteous.
- Pray for Muslims to have spiritual hunger that will lead them to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for their elders and other leaders to understand and embrace the glory and holiness of Jesus.
- Pray for a church-planting movement to flourish among Chad's unreached Muslim communities.



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- Pray for efforts to reach each of Chad's unreached, unengaged people groups with the gospel of peace.
- Pray that as Muslim people groups follow Christ, that they will be transformed into his glorious likeness.

Pray for Chad's Believers:

- Pray for a spiritual revival among Chad's believers that will result in them declaring his greatness among others.
- Pray for believers to lovingly reach their Muslim neighbors in places where the two groups meet, like in the towns and villages of Chad's south.
- Pray for followers of Christ to be willing to reach the nomadic Muslim people groups no matter what it takes.
- It will probably take believers who are willing to risk martyrdom to reach Chad's unreached communities. Pray for the Lord to raise up such people who will give up their lives for the sake of Christ.

Pray for Chad's Needs:

- Pray for peace in this nation that has been wracked by insurgencies and war at the expense of much needed infrastructure projects.
- Pray that as the United States gives military aid to Chad that they won't neglect to help them build roads, schools, and medical facilities.
- Pray for Chad to find exportable resources that will raise their level of wealth and provide jobs for many.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up servant-leaders to replace anyone who is using their political position for personal gain.

Prayer Resources

- <http://prayer.africa/chad/>
- <http://www.operationworld.org/country/chad/owtext.html>
- <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/prayer-for-chad/>
- <http://win1040.com/page.php?id=524>



MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY—TITO

JN 14:6, NLT

Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the father except through me.”

Pray for Mandinka leaders to understand that Jesus meant just what he said in this verse.

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A street scene in Guinea Bissau

Mis Tito, and I was born into a Muslim Mandinka family. When I was young, I went from Senegal where I had been

living to Guinea Bissau to help my brother build his house. He had promised to send me to France once the house was finished. It was during this time that I found an evangelistic group preaching that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I asked the man: “Why do you say that Jesus is the Son of God if God never had a woman? We only recognize Jesus as a prophet.” Right then the man handed a NT to me and asked me to wait for him until he finished. When he finished he began to share how Jesus is the Son of God and invited me to his Christian evangelism study group.

I began to go to the missionary’s home regularly. He began to teach me a lot about Jesus and especially about John 14:6. As I was interested, I too took him to the place I lived, where he would read portions of the Bible to me. My brother then got upset with me and kicked me out. He said that we couldn’t read the Bible in his home.

Pray for many from the Mandinka people to choose to follow Christ through service to others.



TITO, CONTINUED

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I began to live a worthy life, and it was during this time that I accepted Jesus into my heart.



I still longed to know more about God and how to live as a good believer. I went through many difficulties, yet the Lord carried me through.

The missionary that brought me to the Lord then asked me if I would work with his mission group. I accepted the good offer, and did so until the war broke out which is what brought me back to Senegal in 1998. I continued learning the word of God and working for the mission. In 1999 I met my wife and was married in 2000. I had been able to do some medical courses and am currently studying at a correspondence Bible school. I continue to learn more and more about my Lord and how I can be closer to him. We also continue to serve the Lord in the medical field as well as sharing his word wherever we go, especially among the Mandinka and Fulani peoples.

Pray that African believers will walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and be victorious over all demonic depression, oppression, and attacks of every sort. Let the Spirit demonstrate that Jesus is truly King of kings and Lord of lords on earth and in heaven.

HEB 9:27-28, NLT

And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

Pray that this will be the message preached by African missionaries to Chadian Muslims this year!



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03

BERNDE PEOPLE (AKA, MOROM)

HEB 10:10, NLT

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

Pray for the Bernde people to be made holy this very year by the sacrifice of Christ.

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The 9,000 Bernde people are few in number, but God loves them! Even simple farmers who live on the edge of the

desert are people whom God calls to be part of his kingdom. The problem is that no one has answered the call as yet.

Most of these people live in one town in the Guera region of Chad, and they have lived there since the 1100s. Today they engage in farming, but their local community has only a simple infrastructure. The town, however, does have an elementary school. In some nearby towns there are churches which ought to reach the Muslims for Christ; but no church exists among the Bernde.

The Bernde people is unevangelized, unengaged, and unreached. There are no Bibles, no JESUS Film, no gospel recordings, no radio broadcasts, and nothing biblical in their Morom language. They are a people without Christian resources in their language. How can they choose to follow Jesus if they have not heard his great name?

Pray that nearby churches will reach out to the Bernde people with the gospel. Pray for resources to be developed in a language they can understand, especially in their own language. Pray for spiritual openness that will lead them to Jesus Christ, the only one who can save them. Pray for an unstoppable disciple-making movement among the Bernde people of Chad.—TP

BOOR PEOPLE (AKA, BUANA OR DAWRAN)

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04

Today's people group, the Boors, are composed of only 200 to 275 people. 80 percent of them are Muslims.



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At this point in time, none of them follow the Christ who paid for their sins and calls them to join his family. Little is known about these people of Chad other than that they are Muslim and are few in number. Most likely they engage in agriculture, commercial fishing in the Chari River, or work at a slaughter house.

HEB 9:22, NLT

In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

Pray that the Boor people will soon hear about Christ and believe that his blood is the only way to have their sins forgiven.

The Boor are a people with a dying language. Few of their children speak Boor. However, some of them speak Bagirmi as a second language, which is widely spoken in this part of Africa. Indeed, the Boor language is giving way to Bagirmi, which is a written language with literature, but not a Bible. Neither language has biblical resources that can be used to show the Boor people the way to the cross.

Pray that mission agencies will adopt this people group. Pray for their spiritual and physical well-being. Pray for believers to be thrust out to reach the Boor speakers through songs, skits, and stories. Pray that there will soon come a day when the Boor people will have churches that multiply and spread out until all have had the chance to allow Jesus to come into their lives and bless them.—TP

BUA PEOPLE IN CHAD

HEB 2:18, NLT

Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.

Pray that the strength the Bua people gain from their nomadic lifestyle will be used by God to help strengthen others when they become part of his family.



(This story illustrates aspects of the lives of this people group.)

Ayo (age 11), and his sister, Sabah (age seven) were hot,

hungry, and tired. Their responsibility was to lead the family's herd of goats to a distant source of water since the source close to their fields was dry.

Child labor is common in Chad, and the Bua people are sadly part of this circumstance. It is reported that school attendance of children aged five to fourteen is 39 percent, and 53 percent are working.

Though some are farmers in south-central Chad most Bua people are nomads who herd cattle, sheep, and other livestock. Bua people need to improve the quality of their life skills, educational opportunities, and medical care. They desperately need disciples of Jesus to come to their side with needed help.

They were forced to become Muslims about 200 years ago. Most are now animists with some following folk (i.e., animism tainted) Islam. It is difficult to imagine the confusion and fear that these dear people for whom Christ died must live under! They need their own Bible translation, because they do not understand any of Chad's Arabic dialects very well, and they speak their own Bua language.

Pray that in spite of their nomadic lifestyle, they will be found easily by those sent to tell them the gospel. Pray for development of auditory and visual Bible resources that are understandable to the Bua people.—KH



FAGNIA (AKA, FANYA) PEOPLE

DAY

06

(This story illustrates truths about this people group.)

Kaia sat nursing her baby, Chidike, enjoying the beautiful sunset. She remembered when his father named the baby, “Strength of the spirits.” He said, “May our son live up to his name all of his days.” She smiled at the child and tried to imagine him having the strength of the powerful spirits.



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IS 49:15, NLT

Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? Even if that were possible, I would not forget you!

Pray for the Fagnia people to understand that God loves each one of them even more than they love their own children.

Fagnia people live in isolation on the savannah plains north of the wide Chari River. They are very proud of their identity, and they are known for their hunting skills. They are said to be related to the Bua people who live on the other side of the river. There was a time when wild animals were so plentiful, one could almost catch them with bare hands. Currently in order to survive dangers posed by armed militias, the Fagnia people are forced to resort to farming millet and raising chickens in less secluded areas.

Almighty God has given mothers a special connection from their hearts to his heart. Perhaps he will speak to Fagnia children through their mothers to raise up a “David” among them to lead this people group into God’s truth. No churches or Bible resources exist in the language of the Fagnia people.

Pray urgently that workers will soon bring God’s word to the Fagnia people. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to Fagnia mothers, who can teach their children about their heavenly father.—KH



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07

BULGEDA (AKA, KOKORDA)

COL 1:4-5A, NLT

For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven.

Pray for the Bulgeda people to hear the word of the Lord and take comfort in being part of his family!

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Imagine what it would be like to live in an increasingly arid place where your ability to grow necessary food is becoming more difficult. For comfort

and help you can only call upon false gods and demonic spirits. What would you do?

This is the circumstance of the Bulgeda people of Chad. They are farmers and herders, living on the edge of existence as the Sahel Desert continues to creep into their homeland like a stalking animal. Where will they go? They have no comfort in their spiritual lives, fraught with fearful animistic spirits, witchdoctors, and Allah, a distant, impersonal god. What must it be like to fear and serve these gods? Where is hope?

No Bible resources exist in the language of the Bulgeda people. How will they be reached with the good news that the Almighty God has made loving provision for them by paying the full penalty for their sins? Who will tell them? The needs of these people are many, as are the opportunities to help in practical ways, earning the privilege to speak God's truth to them.

Pray for workers with the right skills to go to the Bulgeda people and show them the lovingkindness of the one true God. Pray that through the teachings of Christ they will gain hope and strength to accept their many trials.—KH



JAYA PEOPLE OF CHAD

DAY

08

What would it be like to have your life totally dependent on erratic rainfall? This sad situation



Riccardo Lennart Niels Mayer

applies to the Jaya people of the land-locked African nation of Chad. Chad lies 1000 miles away from the nearest ocean. That fact makes trade with other nations challenging. They have to depend on going through international borders and having good relations with these countries.

The severe droughts of the 1970s and 1980s made the hard lives of the Jaya people even more difficult. They try to grow grains like millet and raise some livestock. They are subsistence farmers like 80 percent of the rest of the country. As Sunni Muslims, they do not eat pork. No Bible portions exist in their Jaya language. Only a little over 50 percent can read and write. Without the blessings of modern medicine or access to clean water, the average lifespan of the Jaya people is less than 50 years of age.

Pray for the Lord to shower the Jaya people with his mercy and blessings for their physical needs. Pray that the Lord will thrust out workers to help the Jays with their spiritual and physical needs. Pray that the tiny group of Jaya followers of Christ would be trained and built up in the Lord so that they can begin a disciple-making movement.—DK

1 PET 3:18, ESV

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Pray the Lord would bring the Jaya people of Chad to himself. Pray for them to have a spiritual hunger that will drive them into his loving arms.



JEGU PEOPLE OF CHAD



Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Pray for the Jegu people to have the gift of faith in the God who gave us the stars to amaze us with his creative beauty!



The Jegu people live in the desert; It's hot, windy, and dry. Summer days frequently soar past 100 degrees, and the coldest of the cold days never dips below 65 degrees Fahrenheit. The four to eight-inch annual rainfall is never enough. No one would voluntarily move there, even missionaries, but to the Jegu people who are born in the Sahel Desert of Chad, it is home.

There are only 4,000 Jegu people, which means they don't make it anywhere near the top of any lists for mission outreach or Bible translations. They are therefore unengaged and unreached. Because there are no Christian materials in their language, the gospel message that is presented to them will most likely be in a language which seems foreign to them.

The view of the stars is often best in an arid area, so it is possible that the Jegu have spectacular night skies. Psalm 147:4 says, "He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names." Our God knows each of the innumerable stars in the heavens. Conversely, He also knows each of those who are few in number—the 4,000 Jegus.

Please pray that our all-knowing father will send workers to speak his name to these people. Pray that they will have a hunger to know the God who created the beautiful stars they see above them every night.—CMW



KARBO (AKA DANGALEAT) PEOPLE

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(This fictional account portrays life in a Karbo village.)



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“B” looked forward to today. This was the day his father had agreed to let him quit school. In B’s estimation, school was a waste of time. And he was just about right. The school didn’t have any of the supplies necessary for his needs, and even his teacher could barely read. He also couldn’t explain things in ways that made sense to the students. So today, B was going to borrow his father’s bicycle and earn some money by making deliveries. He would take some bags of millet to barter with Arabs. In exchange, he would receive some tools made by the Arab blacksmiths. B would also take a portion of millet as a gift to the village chief, the one who held the religious power in their community. That way, B’s family would find favor with the chief. There was no health clinic in the village and the family needed the chief to pray for B’s mother, who had been sick for weeks.

B is one of the Karbo people of central Chad. They are Muslim, and very few people in their region have accepted Jesus.

Please pray for God to send faithful teachers and medical workers to live among the Karbo people and disciple them. Ask that God would bring physical well-being along with spiritual life to them. Ask, too, for gospel resources in their language.—CMW

HEB 1:8-9, NLT

But to the son he says, “Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice. You love justice and hate evil.” Therefore, O God, your God has anointed you, pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else.

Pray that the Karbo people will understand and embrace their true God.



MAHWA PEOPLE

HEB 2:9, NLT

What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.

Pray for many from the Mahwa people to taste and see that the Lord is good!

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(This fictional account portrays life among the Mahwa people.)

Today’s sun would make Arafa’s clothing and headscarf feel like an oven. It was her job to go to the village pump to fill her family’s pails with the day’s drinking and cooking water.

Arafa loved books. She was fascinated by the squiggles on the page that translated mysteriously into sounds that had meaning. She cherished the precious hours she spent at school. Now, there was even a village library; she had never been there, but she longed to go one day. Imagine—a room full of books! The library and the water pump had been the projects started by a foreigner who came to live among them. Arafa knew that several villagers had become friendly with the foreigner and started going to his house every week to listen to stories. Maybe he had books, too! It was Arafa’s dream to be invited, but she doubted her parents would let her go.

The Mahwa people are few in number—only 15,000. They live in central Chad, and they are Muslim. Being a small people group, they are open to help from outsiders.

May the Mahwa people have a powerful spiritual thirst that will be satisfied by God’s living water. Pray for God to send messengers of his good news who will show them the ways of Christ that lead to abundant life.—CMW

LISI PEOPLES

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The Apostle Peter described Christians of his day as “a lamp shining in a dark place” (2 Pet 1:19, NLT). One of the many spiritually darkened places are Lisi villages in northern Chad that need the light of the gospel.



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The Kuka, Bilala, and Medogo peoples in Chad's Yao State are collectively called the Lisi. They are over 99 percent Muslim and speak Arabic as a trade language. The Lisi are mostly farmers, but some also raise livestock. While the women generally tend to small farms, the men are engaged in hunting and trading at local markets. While the Lisi practice polygamy, the men are restricted to four wives by Islamic law. They live in clusters of huts run by a chief and village elders. Lisi children are able to marry once they reach puberty. Life expectancy is only about 52 years.

The Lisi people lack educational and medical facilities, and their literacy rate is low. The believing remnant need Christian materials in their own language. Most of their friends and families have never heard the gospel. There is a great need for Christian workers, broadcasts, and evangelistic literature.

Pray that God would raise up intercessors to boldly break through the spiritual bondage of the Lisi people. Pray that Christian workers would be raised up, equipped by the Holy Spirit, and sent to Lisi villages. Ask him to raise up a disciple-making movement among the Lisi peoples.—JY

JN 8:12, NLT

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

Pray that all of the Lisi peoples will seek and find Jesus, the light of the world.

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UBI PEOPLE

PS 90:2, TPT

Long before you gave birth to the earth and before the mountains were born, you have been from everlasting to everlasting, the one and only true God.

Pray for the soil of Ubi hearts to be softened so this mountain people of Chad can receive the true revelation of God in Christ.

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The Ubi people, also called “Hadjeray,” are considered mountain peoples because they descended from groups in the

surrounding plains that fled to the mountains to escape invading neighbors. Estimates state that the Ubi number from 1100 to 3000. They live in six villages in central Chad.

The area where Ubi people live receives more rain than other parts of the province, resulting in a more fertile agricultural climate. Therefore, the Ubi produce millet and sorghum in quantities that allow them to sell the excess. In addition, Ubi men take lots of time to weave colorful mats from palm fronds which they sell at local markets.

The Ubi are 100 percent Muslim. Indeed, they take pride in the new mosques built of concrete and metal in two of their villages. These materials are considered a luxury in Chad whose villages typically consist only of mud and thatched huts. There are no Ubi Christ-followers. No Bible translations, JESUS Film, gospel recordings, or radio broadcasts exist in the Ubi heart language.

Ask God to stir prayer for the Ubi and other mountain peoples of Chad. Ask for gospel materials in the Ubi language and prepared workers to bring Jesus to the Ubi people and their neighbors. Pray for a disciple-making movement.—CR



MAHAMID PEOPLE

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(This story illustrates truths about this people group.)

“Mr. Onami, we are so happy to have the wonderful water! If you had not given UNICEF your land, they could not have dug the well, and we would continue to be sick. My children are feeling so much better, and they are now able to be in school. May Allah bless you and your family.”



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Kya, a Mahamid Chadian widower with five children, was very grateful. Mr. Onami responded, “I’m so thankful that you and others in the village are all doing better. I knew if I did not give the land to UNICEF, we may never have another chance for this good water. I hope this will stop the fighting over water. Too many have died.”

There are over 26,000 Mahamid people who live in the Batha region of eastern Chad. Most of them are nomadic herders. The women grow vegetables and sell them in the markets. Inadequate access to safe water has led to poverty, sickness, and violence. The recent well diggings by UNICEF has greatly improved their lives.

The Mahamid people are Muslim and are not open to the gospel. But the JESUS Film, parts of the New Testament, and gospel recordings are available to them.

Pray that God’s word will be clearly accepted and understood by the Mahamid people and that they will respond by coming together to worship the Lord.—PD

HEB 10:21-22, NLT

And since we have a great high priest who rules over God’s house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Pray that the Mahamid peoples will crave and receive the pure and living water that only Jesus Christ can offer.



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15

HEMAT BAGGARA PEOPLE

HEB 13:14-15, NLT

For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.

Pray that the suffering Hemat Baggara people will embrace the savior and find a spiritual home where they can offer praises to him all the days of their lives. Pray that through a relationship with Christ, the Baggara communities will be blessed and transformed.

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(This story illustrates truths about this people group.)

Knowing that her ill son Abdo must be able to help the other Baggara men to herd their cattle, Yusra offered him a special drink. “Abdo, I took some blood from our biggest cow and mixed it with the milk. You must drink this so you will have the strength to work.”

The estimated 26,000 nomadic Baggara peoples are spread from the Lake Chad region eastward to the Nile River in the countries of Sudan, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria, and the Central African Republic. Each year, their herds are moved south to the river lands during the dry season, and north to the grasslands during the rainy season. Before changing locations, the Baggaras usually plant sorghum, sesame, millet, and beans in their fields, and they harvest the crops upon their return to the area. The women are responsible for milking the cows which is a staple of the Baggara diet. They also build dome-shaped tents which are their homes, tend to the children, go for water, prepare the daily meals, and trade their milk products. In addition, some Baggara men have a reputation for violent activity, especially in Sudan.

Hemat Baggaras mix spirit worship into their Islamic faith, and parts of the Bible and the JESUS Film are in their language.

Pray that God will provide his servants with the Holy Spirit empowerment to reach the Hemat Baggara so that they can know his saving grace.—PD



BON GOULA PEOPLE

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(This story illustrates truths about this people group.)



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Thrilled by the unspoiled natural reserve of Zakouma, Jamie was enjoying her first visit to Chad. She had joined other visitors as they prepared to enjoy their evening meal under the spectacular starry night. After tasting the rich mutton-vegetable stew flavored with cinnamon and turmeric, she asked Moswen, the camp director, “who had made this tasty dish”? He answered, “Her name is Neema, and she is the first Bon Gula person to work for us. Her village is located deep in the forest, and these people usually are very isolated. The Bon Gula are the only tribe allowed to live on the Zakouma Reserve because of their attachment to the spirits in certain mountains on the reserve.”

The 3,000 Bon Goula are spread out into five small, remote villages in the southeastern end of the Zakouma Reserve. Their primary livelihood is though farming and raising chickens and goats. Although they identify as Muslim, they are strongly adherent to their traditional animistic Marghai religion which includes ritual offering to sacred snake gods. Only recently have a few of them left their villages to seek employment. There are no followers of Christ among them.

Pray that God will send his servants to share the joy of salvation through Christ with the Bon Gula people. Pray that they will soon study his word and apply it to their lives so their communities can be blessed.—PD

HEB 4:13, NLT

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Pray that the Bon Gula people will accept this verse and recognize that they are only accountable to the God of creation.



DAY

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KENDEJE PEOPLE

HEB 12:28-29, NLT

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.

Pray that this seemingly forgotten people will be remembered by God who desires every tribe, tongue, and people to enter Christ's unshakable Kingdom.

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If you want to see something sad, go to the Joshua Project website and enter the word “Kendeje”

into the search. What you will find is a small people group of about 4,200 that lives in Chad. There is nothing sad about that. What is discouraging, however, is the fact that there is no photo of this people group. Scroll down the profile and you will soon learn that there is no Bible available for the Kendeje, and not even any scripture portions. Nor are there even any audio recordings by Global Recordings Network! It's almost as if the Kendeje have somehow disappeared – or don't even exist!

But we know that they do exist. Somehow, they have simply been overlooked by mission organizations and Bible translation groups. Thankfully, God hasn't forgotten about them. He created them for a special purpose, loves them, and has put them on the hearts of at least two arms of Frontier Ventures (Joshua Project and the *Global Prayer Digest* that you are currently reading).

Ask the Lord to put them on the hearts of Bible translation organizations. Pray for advances in technology to help make print and digital versions of God's word available to the Kendejes as quickly as possible. Pray for them to have the opportunity to hear the gospel, and that they will respond enthusiastically, and many will put their faith in Jesus.—CL

MAJERA PEOPLE

DAY

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There are only about 1,200 members of the Majera people group. Most of them live in Chad, with a few residing across



the border in Cameroon. The Majera are not only small, but rapidly disappearing. Their language is dying out, and they are being absorbed by other tribes.

This leads to a number of questions. First, since their language is dying, is there any reason to bother translating the Bible for them? Currently, they have no scripture portions or recordings. Secondly, can they be reached in another language and/or through another culture? Thirdly, what plans does God have for them?

While the first two are best left to mission strategists, the answer to the final question can be found in God's word: He desires for the Majera to seek him, reach out to him, and find him.

Pray for God's purpose for these people to be revealed to them. Pray for the Lord to give mission organizations and missionaries wisdom and insight into reaching this unique people group at this unique time in history. Pray for them to be open and ready to receive an invitation to salvation in Jesus Christ. Ask God to reveal himself in powerful ways that supersede culture and language, reaching the hearts of the Majeras with his love.—CL

2 TIM 2:21, NLT

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the master to use you for every good work.

Pray that soon there will be many from the Majera people who are purified for the Lord's holy use.

KUJARGE PEOPLE

HEB 2:14, NLT

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

Pray that the day will come soon when the Kujarge people will understand that Jesus Christ is the only possible sacrifice for sin.

Riccardo Lennart Niels



The Kujarge people live where the borders of Chad, Sudan, and the Central African Republic come together.

Their main occupations are hunting and food gathering. Their language is labeled by experts as endangered.

Their neighbors accuse them of performing witchcraft. Their religion is an eclectic mixture. On the one hand, they adhere to a form of Islam. On the other hand, they worship spirits that they claim can cause them to prosper or do them harm. There are no known followers of Jesus among them, and no missionary or church is reaching them.

The Kujarges desperately need to hear the good news of the gospel, but no Christian media is available in their language. There is a chance that some may understand one of the many dialects of Arabic spoken in Chad. There are plenty of Christian resources available in Arabic, including audio material for oral communicators. These people probably do not have access to the internet. Someone will have to visit their villages, introduce them to the material, and persuade them to listen to it.

Pray for spiritual hunger among the Kujarge people. Pray for them to find adequate water for their daily needs, and above all, come to Jesus, who is the water of life. Pray for them to look to Jesus for their spiritual and physical needs.—AHS



MANDAGE KOTOKO MASLAM

DAY

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The Mandage Kotoko Maslam people are not really a people and not really Muslim! Their Maslam tongue is being replaced by Arabic, so soon they might not even be unique in any way.



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The Masalam Kotoko people need our prayers primarily because there is not one known follower of Christ among them. They are officially 100 percent Muslim, but they blend their Islam with animism. They give lip service to Allah, but they are much more concerned about spirits that have the power to bless or curse.

They are mistrusted as thieves and accused of being bad Muslims. Because of these stigmas, they are slowly adjusting to an Arab identity, and their children are learning to speak Arabic.

There are no Christian media resources available in the Maslam language. However, several organizations offer materials in their newly adopted language, Arabic. Print and audio Bible portions are available. In addition, Bible stories and teaching is available on-line from Global Recordings Network (GRN), the JESUS Film, and others.

Pray that, as the Maslam seek a new identity, they will find it in the living Christ. Pray that God's people will be burdened to go to the Maslam as Christ's ambassadors. Pray for them to begin an unstoppable church planting movement.—AHS

HEB 1:2, NLT

And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his son. God promised everything to the son as an inheritance, and through the son he created the universe.

Pray that soon leaders of this people group will embrace this truth and share it with others.



SURBAKOL PEOPLE

HEB 1:3, NLT

The son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

Pray that the Surbakol people will look up and see the glory of the risen son of God!

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(This story illustrates things that can happen with this people group).

A herd of cattle grazed on the grassy field in Chad. A young man stood watch

over the herd. He gazed to the east and was relieved not to see a cloud of dust. That meant there were no cattle rustlers headed in his direction. Then he gazed up at the clear blue sky and frowned. The lack of clouds meant there wouldn't be any rain soon. His cattle were running out of grass, and they needed rain for more grass to grow.

The Surbakol people live in eastern Chad near the border with Sudan. A dozen years ago there was heavy fighting in Sudan and cattle rustlers often crossed the border to steal the cows that belonged to the Surbakols. Drought is the other problem faced by this people group. Water wells are few and far between in this part of Chad.

The Surbakol are Muslims. They worship Allah along with nature spirits. There are few, if any, followers of Jesus Christ among them.

Ask God to raise up faithful workers to reach out to the Surbakol people group in Chad. There is an open door for hydrological engineers and people who know how to design water wells. May such acts of love open the door for sharing the blessings of the savior. Pray for this people group to soon experience and share Jesus with others.—WK



DAY

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BOKOROGUE PEOPLE

(This story illustrates things that can happen with this people group).

Many young Bokorogue boys sat in the classroom in Chad chanting verses from the Qur'an in classical Arabic. The boys did not understand the meaning of their words, but they knew these words were important. A male teacher stood in front of the classroom, pleased with what he was hearing. His students were learning their lessons well, and he knew they would be blessed by Allah for their efforts.



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HEB 8:10, NLT

But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Pray that as Muslim children memorize verses from the Qur'an, that they will yearn for a deep, loving relationship with the God who gave them life.

The Bokorogue people live in the hot grasslands of Chad. This is a region where one year without adequate rain could result in drought and famine. This people group speaks a language that has never been written down. There is not one verse of the Bible available to this people group in their tongue. Almost all Bokorogue are Muslims. They believe that this religion offers the final spiritual truth for all mankind.

Pray that many from this people group will have open hearts to receive the words of Jesus. Pray that a mission agency will be led by God to begin translating the Bible into the Bokorogue language and disciple them in his ways. Pray for the Lord to send the Bokorogue people abundant rainfall as proof that he is the true blesser and provider.—WK



FONGORO PEOPLE

HEB 9:12, NLT

With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the most holy place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

Pray for the Fongoro people to understand that the blood of their livestock will never result in payment for sin; only the blood of a worthy savior can do that.

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Tsetse fly

(This story illustrates things that can happen with this people group).

The cattle herders slapped at the flies that tried to bite them. The cows of the nearby herd also fought off the flies, swinging their tails to get at them. These people are members of the Fongoro people group, and they live on the grassy plains of Chad, a land where disease is rampant, and hospitals are few.

The biggest problem faced by the Fongoro people group is the tsetse fly, a pest that causes this people group much sorrow. Diseases that spread by the tsetse fly are common, and doctors are few. The Fongoro live in a region which outsiders find difficult to reach.

Fongoro people are Muslims. The few followers of Jesus Christ among them often face persecution.

Ask God to protect the few Fongoro followers of Jesus Christ. May their faith be strengthened so that they can share the message of salvation with their own people. Pray also that medical missionaries would be led by God to reach out to this people group with acts of love and the message of salvation. Pray that soon Fongoro people will sing his praises as they tend their herds.—WK



FUR PEOPLES IN CHAD

DAY

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Darfur is a name that was much in the news about 10 years ago. Darfur means “Land of the Fur,” and the Fur tribes are the main tribes of this region. The Darfur in Sudan lies next to the border with Chad. Most Fur live in the Darfur region, but there are also Fur living in Chad. This tribe is considered Sunni Muslim, but its people probably embrace more animistic beliefs and practices than Muslim tradition.



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HEB 12:1-2B, NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Pray that the Fur peoples will turn their hearts to Jesus Christ, and never look back again. May they keep their eyes on Jesus and follow him alone.

War has plagued the Darfur for centuries, but a new conflict arose in 2003 when the local Arab militia called Janjaweed attacked villages in a campaign of terror supported by the Sudanese military. Finally, a peace agreement was reached in 2011, but it is still a very dangerous place to live.

Today it is hard to believe, but these ancient people were once Christians until they were forcibly converted to Islam when Arab Muslims from North Africa invaded their land. Could there be a spark of remembrance of their Christian past that could be fanned into a flame? Through the Holy Spirit, anything is possible!

Pray for divine appointments, dreams and visions of Jesus that will open the hearts of the Fur people when they hear the gospel message. Pray that the day will soon come when Fur people will disciple others throughout the Fur region.—JS



DAY

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DAJU SILA PEOPLE

HEB 12:24, NLT

You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

Pray for many from the Daju Sila people to soon seek and find a new covenant with Jesus, and not allow anger or vengeance to get in the way of their spiritual lives.

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The Darfur region of Sudan that we read about yesterday is home to multiple ethnic

groups, not just the Fur peoples. The Daju, or the Daju Sila which they call themselves in Chad, are mainly comprised of five groups living in the Nuba Mountains in the Darfur area. Their society is a patriarchal one, and they enthusiastically celebrate the birth of sons. They are an agricultural and herding people and have very distinct customs. They have been a Muslim people since the 15th century, and the Qur'an is so important to them that they give their babies water to drink used to wash a board inscribed with verses from the Qur'an!

It is going to take the power of the Holy Spirit to break through the traditions of the Daju Sila people to open their hearts to even listen to the truth about Jesus. There are very few believers living in that area, and the Daju reputation for fierceness can be a deterrent to many groups even considering trying to reach out to them. The answer is prayer, and that is why this booklet, the *Global Prayer Digest*, is so important. When thousands of people all over the world read about and pray for unreached people, God acts!

Pray for prayer teams to break up the soil through worship and intercession. Pray for God's favor to be on mission agencies ministering to the Daju Sila. Pray for peace among the Daju tribes.—JS



SINYAR (A TAMA SUBGROUP)

DAY

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The village compound looks familiar. It looks like the Fur villages that also occupy the Darfur region in Sudan and



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the abutting region in Chad. The Sinyar people have the same round huts and cone-shaped roofs made of thatched reeds as other tribes who occupy the region, but they are a distinct group in this troubled area comprised of many tribes. They too are Muslim, yet like their neighbors, they ignore some of the Muslim prohibitions and brew beer from the millet they raise. Most are farmers engaged in dry farming. Each village is ruled by its own chief, who, in turn, answers to a territorial chief, who in turn answers to a higher government official.

Most of the Sinyars cannot read or write, so they desperately need dedicated laborers to live among them and share the love of Jesus with them through non-print sources. Literacy efforts to teach them to read would open up the modern world to them. A small percentage of Sinyars who have had the opportunity for education have migrated to other communities where they have a broad range of occupational opportunities.

Pray that Christian teachers will have open doors into these tribes. Pray that God will call a small number of believers among the Sinyar to share the gospel and disciple their own people.—JS

HEB 7:19, NLT

For the law never made anything perfect. But now we have confidence in a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Pray that Muslim peoples in Chad like the Sinyars will find true hope, not in the law, but in a relationship with Jesus Christ.



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TOROM PEOPLE OF CHAD

HEB 3:13, NLT

You must warn each other every day, while it is still “today,” so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

Pray for someone to go to the Torom people and tell them about sin’s deceitfulness, and the forgiveness God offers through Jesus.

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With a population of 12,000, the Torom people are not that small, but we know almost nothing about them. They live in central Chad like most of the other people groups we are praying for this month. Their language is Toram, but it is being replaced by one

of the Arabic dialects spoken in Chad. They are farmers, semi-nomadic cattle herders, or sometimes common laborers.

Who will give up running, safe water, electricity, and endure intense heat to reach them? Will the love of Christ compel some from your nation to reach out to theirs? Who will bear Christ’s cross for the Torom people? Those who reach out to them will have to share the same lifestyle as this people group. They will have to start from the beginning if they want Christian materials in the Toram language, since they have no Bible, JESUS Film, or even a gospel recording, which is almost unheard of.

Pray for the Lord to thrust out His chosen workers to the Torom people and anoint them with Christ’s love and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Lord to provide spiritual hunger among Torom people that will drive them to the arms of Jesus, the one who blesses all nations.—KC



FULANI WORK BY KOJO ISSAKA

DAY

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(This is a testimony of an African missionary who went to the Fulani people in May, 2018).



Africa missionary, Kojo, receiving creamy milk from a Fulani family

I was invited to share the gospel. All refused to accept the message; they say they will not worship Anabi Issah but Allah only. But praise God Alhassan and his family received Jesus and presented me with cow milk, a sign of friendship and affection.

I took a picture with them and the host who sent me. I said he should take proper care of them and build strong relationships with them by giving them the story of Jesus.

*Pray that this Fulani family will be the beginning of a movement to Christ among this important and highly unreached people group. Pray that the Lord will bless the Fulani people in West Africa with abundant rain so there will be plenty of grass for their livestock, so that they will give him glory and praise. Pray that the Holy Spirit will keep Alhassan's family close to Jesus Christ through all circumstances, even when they are persecuted. Pray that the Lord will give spiritual and physical protection to Kojo and these new believers.—
Kojo, guest writer and KC*

HEB 4:1, NLT

God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it.

Pray that the message this Fulani family received will give them the willingness to enter God's spiritual rest, and that they will understand that their sins are forgiven because of the work of Jesus Christ.

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don't fit in the caste system and are often not even counted in census reports. They are often denied a place in schools, jobs, or treatment in a hospital.

In Isaiah, God looked at His lost people, just as he looks at these rejected people, and said, "Whom shall I send? Who will go?" Will you, as Isaiah, respond, "Here am I. Send me."

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—Through prayer, ears that were closed were opened to the gospel. Through prayer, idols were demolished and Christ was exalted. Through prayer, people realized their worth and how God loves them.

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