

30 Days

OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD 2008



A PRAYER GUIDE FOR CHRISTIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SEPTEMBER 1ST - 30TH 2008

INTRODUCTION

*W*elcome to a great adventure in prayer! Over the next 30 days, we will travel through many nations and learn many new things about the people of the Muslim world. We will visit fascinating countries and cities and look at areas where there is much need. We will pray for Muslim children, refugees, and leaders. We will also pray for local Christians and missionaries.

DID YOU KNOW?

Worldwide, there are more than 500 million Muslim children under the age of 15.

WHAT IS ISLAM?

Islam means submission to God. A Muslim is someone who follows the teaching of Islam. They worship one God, whom they call Allah, and believe that Mohammed is their prophet. (Mohammed was a man who lived from AD 570 - 632.) Muslims believe that God will judge each person by how many good things and how many bad things they have done. There are five things that they must do to be good Muslims, but even doing these does not mean they automatically go to heaven.

1. Recite the creed: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."
2. Pray five times a day at certain times.
3. Give to the poor.
4. Fast during the holy month of Ramadan.
5. Make the pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

WHAT IS RAMADAN?

Ramadan is a special month of prayer and fasting for Muslims. They are forbidden to eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. We chose Ramadan for the 30 Days Prayer Focus because during Ramadan many Muslim people, including those who are normally not very devout, will become much more serious about their faith.

As we pray together with other Christians, young and old, around the world during these 30 days, we hope that God will give all of us a heart full of faith and love for Muslims. Let's pray that God will indeed meet Muslims during these days.

—The Editors



WHY PRAY FOR MUSLIMS ?

MOST MUSLIMS DO NOT KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT JESUS

- * Muslims do not realize that Jesus has suffered on the cross to bring us back to God and that he was raised from the dead.*
- * They do not really realize that Jesus is the true King of all creation and that he is to be obeyed.*

ALL MUSLIMS TALK ABOUT AN ARAB MAN NAMED MOHAMMED

- * Mohammed lived 1,400 years ago.*
- * Mohammed believed he was a prophet.*
- * Mohammed said that all people should obey the creator God.*
- * Mohammed thought Jesus was only a prophet.*

MOHAMMED TAUGHT PEOPLE TO BE MUSLIMS

- * Muslims generally believe that they can earn God's approval through religious activities (prayers, fasting, giving money).*

MUSLIMS DO NOT KNOW:

- ... that Jesus has the ability to forgive sins.*
- ... that Jesus has conquered death through his resurrection.*
- ... that Jesus has power over evil spirits.*

*Muslims do not think they can know God.
(They only think that they can know about Him).*



WE ARE PRAYING SO THAT MUSLIMS CAN DISCOVER GOD'S LOVE THROUGH JESUS

*We want them to discover God's forgiveness for sins.
We want them to discover God's kingdom of light, peace, joy and goodness.*

WHEN TO USE THIS BOOKLET?

This prayer booklet was originally designed to be used during the Islamic month of Ramadan. Muslims use a lunar calendar to establish the time of Ramadan. It is for that reason that we have placed the pictures of the moon throughout this booklet. As you follow the booklet you will see all the various phases of the moon.



Muslims praying in India

The dates of Ramadan in 2008 are from September 1st through 30th. Therefore in 2008 you can just follow the normal calendar to keep in step with the days. This booklet can also be used at any time during the year.

TWO STORIES OF MUSLIMS WHO HAVE TURNED TO JESUS IN AFRICA

After rejecting the Gospel for years as an Islamic extremist, 'Malik' is now excited about the Lord Jesus. He has become someone who peacefully proclaims Jesus. Recently he obtained the "Jesus" Film which he showed in a village where Islam became established some 400 years ago. Illiteracy in this farming village of 5,000 is very high so the film was appreciated. Many heard the Gospel joyfully. Later it became clear that almost 100 people in the village had found new life in the Messiah. Having placed their confidence in Jesus who delivers from evil spirits, the new believers burned their talismans. They have also faced opposition from some people.

At the end of 2004 a young man was baptised in Guinea in Africa. The next day video of his baptism was shown on national television and Rachid (pseudonym) had to flee for his life. In the days that followed, Rachid saw that his father was determined to bring him back to Islam by force. However, Rachid and his brother had freely decided to follow Christ after reading the New Testament and experiencing healing (based on Matthew 15:21-28). Rachid and his brother understood the Good News about Jesus' death and resurrection. He did not want to abandon his King. Eventually Rachid was imprisoned by the will of his father, but a judge later released him. Afterwards some men burned the home where Rachid was seeking refuge but he miraculously survived. The next morning, when he was able to climb out of the ruins of the house, his persecutors thought he was a ghost and fled. Eventually Rachid was able to meet Christians in another country who have given him shelter. He continues to serve the Lord despite the difficulties.



MARRIAGE IN TAJIKISTAN



Day
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When Sharif comes to visit Nazira and her parents, Nazira knows that he does not really want to talk about a new car, like he said on the phone. He really came to see her. Nazira is 24 years old and needs to get married soon according to the traditions of the Tajik. But because there are so few men, Nazira's parents were not able to find a husband for her. Sharif is already married two times. Nazira will be his third wife. But he has a very nice house and a good car, and so her parents are very happy that he is willing to marry Nazira. Only Nazira is sad. She always dreamt she would marry a man who had only one wife - her!

did you know?

- ☐ In Tajikistan are many more women and children than men
- ☐ Many men died in a war, others work in Russia
- ☐ A man can marry several women.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the Tajik men working in Russia will get to know Christians and hear about Jesus from them.
- ☐ There are Christian families in Tajikistan. Pray that they are a good example for the Tajiks of how God wants marriages to be.
- ☐ Pray for girls like Nazira who suffer because of traditions.

Let's go!

This is for the girls: Do you like to dress up like a beautiful bride? Ask your mother if she will help you dress up. You can be Nazira and have the rest of the family pray for you and all the other girls like her.



did you know?

- ☐ *If you pray for the names written on this page, you and your family are among the first ones to do that.*
- ☐ *The Shahrani tribal people became Muslims while Mohammed was still alive.*

Do you know the name of your great-great-grandfather? And do you know where he lived? Maybe you think that's a stupid question! But for many Saudi Arabians, this is very important. They can tell you even further back who their ancestors are and which city they came from. Such a family is called a clan and many clans make a tribe. Saudis are proud of their tribe and know exactly who is part of their tribe. One of the biggest is the Shahrani Tribe with 250,000 members. Basically all of the people in this tribe are Muslims!

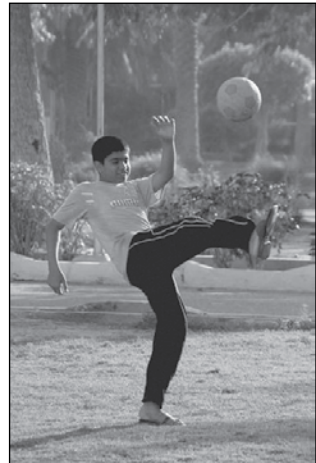
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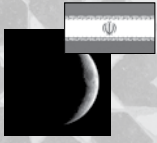
Do you like difficult names? Here are a few you can practice speaking out loud. Who in your family is best at it? The one who is best can start praying using the names, because they are all names of Shahrani clans.

Al-Rshaid, Al-alGhmer, Banou Bejaad, Banou Majoor, Al'Hejaj, Banou Oouhafah, Al-alsafq, Ahel AlHaqou, Ahel AlSha'a

Prayer Points:

- ☐ *Pray for Shahrani people to hear about Jesus when they travel to other countries, when they listen to the radio, or surf the internet.*
- ☐ *Most people in this tribe cannot hear the gospel. It is illegal to talk about Jesus in Saudi Arabia, and very few Christians have ever travelled to the places they live. Pray that this will change.*





THE BAKHTIARI PEOPLE

Day **03**



Do you know the story of Abraham or Jacob? Just like they used to move around with their herds, the Bakhtiari people move every spring from their winter quarters to the summer pastures. They go there with all their animals to find enough grass for them to eat. They have to cross very difficult mountains to get to the Chahar Mahal region, where the pastures are.

did you know?

- ☐ About 750,000 to 1,000,000 Bakhtiaris live in Iran
- ☐ They love colors, and the women wear skirts and blouses in many colors
- ☐ The Zagros Mountains are high and snow capped, and leopards live there

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the Bakhtiaris will be ready to listen to people telling about Jesus.
- ☐ The Bakhtiaris have their own language. Pray that material in their language can be written and that the Jesus Film can be translated into the Bakhtiari language.
- ☐ Pray for the few Bakhtiaris who know Jesus, that they can share Jesus with the other Bakhtiaris and that they will know how to do it well.

Let's go!

There are also forests in the Zagros Mountains with many trees that grow nuts and fruits. Can you find what kind of nuts?
Words to find: walnut, almond, pistachio

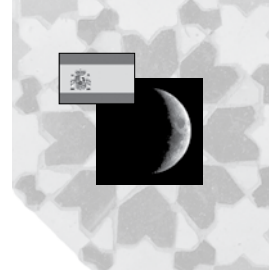
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(answer on page 33)



Day 04

SPAIN



did you know?

- ❑ For 700 years a large part of Spain was under Muslim rule and was called Al-Andalus
- ❑ In different places in Spain we can still see big beautiful buildings that were built by the Muslims during this time
- ❑ The Muslims in Spain were called Moors

Many of the Muslims who live in Spain today have come from Morocco. The Muslims in Spain have been building a very big mosque, one of the largest in Europe. The Christians in Spain are not interested in the Muslims, and only a few of them are telling the Muslims about Jesus. In some port cities the Christians give books and DVDs to the Muslims who are traveling so that they can see and read what the gospel is all about.

Let's go!

Find some Legos or other building blocks and build a little church with them where Muslim believers could meet. Are you as good a builder as the Muslims in Spain have been?



Prayer Points:

- ❑ Pray for Spanish Christians to be more interested to tell Muslims about Jesus and to have the wisdom to know how to do it.
- ❑ Pray for all those people who give away books and DVDs, and pray that the people who receive them will use them and learn about Jesus.
- ❑ Some young people from Northern Africa are now in Bible Schools in Spain. Since they converted from Islam it is very hard for them as new believers. They often lose their friends and are rejected by their family. Pray for them!



THE BUGIS OF INDONESIA



Day 05

The Bugis are all Muslims, and they often are very zealous and sometimes even persecute Christians. They not only believe in Islam, but they also believe in many spirits. They wear amulets because they believe that they will get power from them. It is very difficult to tell a Bugis that Jesus loves them and wants them to become believers in Him. Only a few Christians have been reaching out to the Bugis to share the Good News with them.

This is something the Christians will need if they reach out to the Bugis.

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(Translation on page 33)

Let's go!

Take paper and scissors and cut out some islands. Write words like love, peace, and faith on them, and any other things that you want for the Bugis. Then pray for that – keep an island in your pocket during the day and continue to pray for the Bugis.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that more people will go and share the Good News among the Bugis.
- ☐ Pray that the people who are willing to go will have courage and a lot of faith, and pray that they will have enough money to go.



did you know?

- ☐ There are 17,508 islands in Indonesia
- ☐ Indonesia has the largest Muslim population of any country in the world
- ☐ There are about 3.5 million Bugis people in Indonesia



Day 06

TURKMENISTAN



did you know?

- ☐ Most of Turkmenistan is sand or gravel desert
- ☐ People live along the riverbanks and in oases
- ☐ Many Turkmen people are poor.



How would you feel if, where ever you went, to schools, the library, or a restaurant, you saw a picture of yourself hanging there? School children in Turkmenistan did not see a picture of themselves but of their former president, who wanted to be worshiped. He even had big gold statue of himself on many buildings and wrote a book that the school children had to memorize. He died two years ago, but things have not changed since. Christians are not allowed to meet even in their houses. There are only about 1000 Christians and most of them speak Russian.

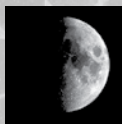


Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the Turkmen can learn the truth about God.
- ☐ Pray for people to go and share about the Good News with the Turkmen.
- ☐ Pray for a Turkmen translation of the whole Bible.

Let's go!

Turkmen are not allowed to meet for church or prayer. Each one of the family should go to a separate room and hide there. Pray for the Turkmen, then carefully sneak into the living room for a last prayer together.



TURNING TO CHRIST

Day 07



DID YOU KNOW?

- ☐ *It is difficult for a Muslim to become a follower of Jesus*
- ☐ *Many times they are very lonely because the family rejects them and the Christians to not accept them*



Farid came from a Muslim family, but because his family loved the Catholic school in the neighborhood they sent him there. In every room Farid saw a cross. He became interested in this God he heard about even when he was a child. He thought if he would do the right thing he could change his heart. But only when two families shared the Good News with him clearly did he understand what Jesus did for him when He forgave Farid's sins and died on the cross. Farid discovered that many people had prayed for him.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ *Pray that Christians have wisdom and understanding for Muslims who want to follow Jesus.*
- ☐ *Pray for churches where Muslims can go and know that they are loved and accepted.*

Let's go!

Cut crosses out of paper, decorate them and hang them on the walls of your house to remind you to pray for the new believers among Muslims. While you do that, talk about how you would feel if you had to go alone to a completely new place.



Malik was a Muslim, but he became a Christian and is really excited about Jesus. He was able to buy the Jesus Film and show it in a village of 5000 people. Many of the people there cannot read or write, so they really loved watching the movie. They understood that Jesus can set them free from evil spirits, and they believed in Him and threw away their talismans. About 100 people started to follow Jesus.

did you know?

- ☐ Last year Ghana celebrated its 50th anniversary as a country
- ☐ Lake Volta is the biggest man-made water reservoir in Africa
- ☐ The North of the country is much poorer then the South.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray for more people like Malik who want to share the Good News with Muslims.
- ☐ Pray that the new believers have courage and are not afraid of other Muslims.
- ☐ Pray that the new believers come together to encourage each other and to worship God together.

Let's go!

As a sign for the believers coming together, stand close together as a family and hold hands while you pray all a round the circle.



What does the Good News bring to the Ghanaian people?

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(See the key on page 33)



did you know?

- ☐ *Hong Kong is one of the best deepwater ports in the world.*
- ☐ *7 million people live in Hong Kong, that's as many people as in Switzerland*
- ☐ *It's called the "Pearl of the Orient"*

Imagine your mother or your sister going to work in a place far away from you. Many of the Muslims in Hong Kong are women who came from Indonesia to Hong Kong to earn money to help their families. On their day off, they sit around Victoria Park and talk with each other. Already Christians in Hong Kong have started to help those women and there are churches for them, but still not enough people share about Jesus with them.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ *Pray that those women who work in the houses of Christians are treated well and that they can hear about Jesus from them.*
- ☐ *Pray for more people to be willing to meet the Indonesian women and learn their language.*



These words look as if they were written in a different language. Can you find out what they really mean?

_____ TROSP

(answer on page 33)

_____ TERINO

_____ ATOCVIRI _____ RKAP

Let's go!

Today the girls in the family will pray for the women in Hong Kong. Hold hands as a family and agree with each other in your prayers.



The Hui people who came to China many years ago married Han women who already lived there. They learned to speak Chinese and just added a few of their own words from Arabic. The Hui live all over the big city of Beijing, but many of them love to live near their big mosque, the Niujiie Mosque. The mosque is very beautiful because it is built like a combination of an ancient Chinese palace and an Arabic mosque. Outside the city are villages, where many Hui also live (see Wikipedia (Niujiie Mosque)).

did you know?

- ☐ The city of Beijing is 3000 years old
- ☐ The biggest and oldest mosque in Beijing, the famous Niujiie Mosque, is over 1000 years old
- ☐ The Hui came to China many years ago.

Let's go!

Can you draw a beautiful mosque like the Niujiie Mosque? Who makes the nicest one? If you hang your picture somewhere you can see it well, it will remind you to continue to pray for the Hui people.

Prayer Points:

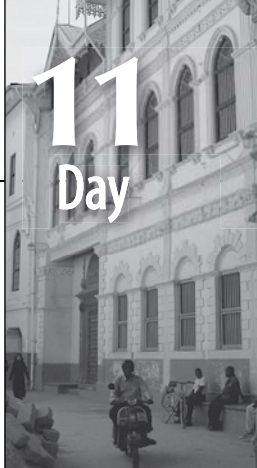
- ☐ Pray that the Christians in Beijing will tell the Hui about Jesus.
- ☐ Pray that the Hui will be open to listen and to get to know Jesus for themselves.





THE ISMAILIS

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Day



did you know?

- ☐ Prince Karim Aga Khan is the leader of the Ismailis
- ☐ Ismailis live in 25 countries but come originally from India
- ☐ The Ismailis speak mainly English



Even though they live in many different countries, the Ismailis feel like one big family. Prince Aga Khan knows that he is a great- great -... grandson of Mohammed himself. Aga Khan is a bit like a father for all the Ismailis, and he helps them to live a good life. Most Ismailis have a picture of Prince Aga Khan and his family in their photo album.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the Ismailis will want to know about Jesus and who He really is.
- ☐ Pray that many Christians in the 25 countries the Ismailis live in will share the Good News with them in way they can understand.
- ☐ Pray for the few Ismailis who have become Christians already. It is very hard for them.

Let's go!

You can make a crown out of paper or get a hat. One of you is Prince Aga Khan and wears the crown/hat to pray. Then decide who will pray next by passing the hat.



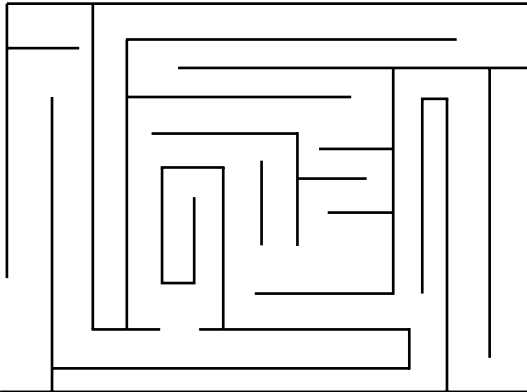
did you know?

- ☐ *Kairouan is the oldest Islamic city in Northwest Africa*
- ☐ *There are Islamic schools who train leaders for all the mosques in Tunisia*
- ☐ *There is a big mosque where people come to pray for healing*

Many young people have no jobs and would like to move to a different country. Rachid is one of them. He is married and has two sons. All of them live in one room in his father's house. Because Rachid has no job he cannot help to pay the rent, and they have very little food. Today he wants to hitchhike to Kairouan to find friends who are willing to give him some money to pay the bills and buy food for his children.

Rachid is really desperate. Can you help him find a car into the city?

Let's go!



Prayer Points:

There are people who believe in Jesus in Kairouan. They have decided to worship God over Kairouan like the Israelites did when they sang and marched around Jericho. Today you can sing worship songs together as a family. While you sing, remember the people in Kairouan who know Jesus and need courage to share about Him and those who have not met Him yet.



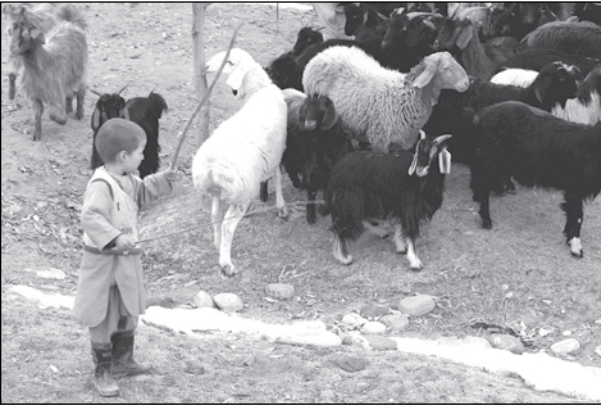
THE AIMAQ PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN

Day **13**

The Aimaq are a tribe that lives in Afghanistan and Iran. In the summer they live in the mountains with their sheep and goats, and in the winter they live in their villages and make beautiful carpets. An Aimaq man is considered to be rich if he has many sheep and goats. Nobody knows if there are any Christians among the Aimaq or if they receive the radio broadcasting done in Dari, the language they speak.

did you know?

- ✧ 27 million people live in Afghanistan
- ✧ Many have never heard the Good News of Jesus
- ✧ Only four language groups in Afghanistan have at least some part of the Bible in their language



Let's go!

Get a little carpet you can sit on, or a bath towel will also do. Like Aimaq when they are traveling, sit together on the carpet on the floor while you pray.

Prayer Points:

- ✧ *Pray that Christians will go to live with the Aimaq to tell them about Jesus.*
- ✧ *Pray that they can receive the Christian radio broadcasting and that more can be done.*
- ✧ *Pray that the Aimaq will be ready to listen to missionaries.*





did you know?

- ☐ There are over 160 mosques in Bangkok
- ☐ Many Muslims live along canals, which were once the major transport system

Many of the Muslims living in Bangkok come from Southern Thailand, but they also come from many other countries like India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Cambodia and even China. They love to live together in communities and send their children to the same religious schools. Because Bangkok has been growing so much, more and more the Muslims live in neighborhoods where other people are also living. Many Muslim students study in schools a distance from Bangkok.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the Muslims in Bangkok understand that God really loves them and that this is more important than living a religious life.
- ☐ Pray for the Christians in Bangkok, that they become friends with the Muslims and share the Good News of Jesus with them.



Let's go!

Together with your family think about Muslims you know, maybe you go to school with them, your father works with a Muslim, or you have neighbors who are Muslims. What can you do to become friends with them and tell them about Jesus?!

Here are a few more countries where the Muslims in Bangkok come from, but you have to unscramble them first:

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(answers on page 33)

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_____ ghAnfstania



THE KANURI

Day 15



Most Kanuris are farmers. They raise sheep and goats and even some horses. They plant their fields with millet, sorghum and peanuts. A Kanuri farm has several round huts made of mud with thatched roofs. Around them is a wall to protect the houses and the people living there. Houses built like that are very cool, even in the hot summers. A Kanuri man can marry up to 4 wives and also divorce them easily. Not many Kanuris have become Christians.

did you know?

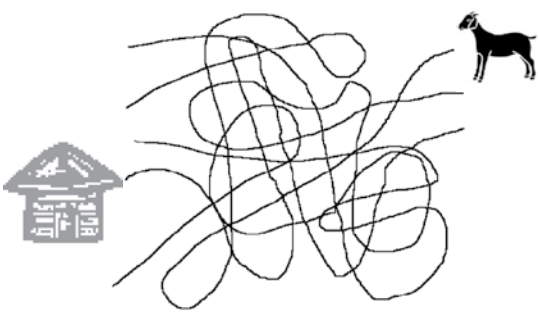
- ❑ The Kanuri tribes live in Nigeria, Niger and Chad
- ❑ The Kanuri have been Muslims for 1000 years already
- ❑ There are about 5 million Kanuris

Prayer Points:

- ❑ Ask God to send more people to the Kanuris to tell them that God loves them.
- ❑ Pray for the Kanuris who are believers, that they can come together in churches and share that they believe with the other Kanuris.
- ❑ Pray for Bibles to be translated into the languages of the Kanuris.



One of the goats ran away. Can you find the right path to get her back?



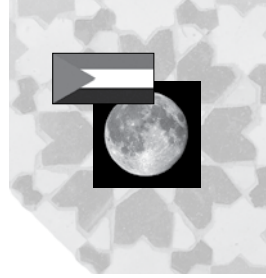
Let's go!

It is not easy to be a woman among the Kanuris because they never know if they will get divorced. Today the girls in the family will pray for the Kanuris.



Day 16

THE MASSALITS IN SUDAN



did you know?

- ☐ *The Massalits live in Darfur in Sudan*
- ☐ *The used to plant peanuts*
- ☐ *They do not live on their farms anymore*



For many years the Massalits have been farmers and lived in round huts made from straw and grass. They were very proud of their cows and sheep.

A few years ago a war broke out and many of the Massalits became refugees and went to camps or to live with their relatives in the country of Chad. But even there they cannot live in peace. The rebels from Sudan still came to steal from them and hurt them.

The Massalits are Muslims, but because other Muslims have treated them so badly they don't want to believe in Islam anymore.

Let's go!

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." The Massalits need that light. Go get a candle and light it together with your parents and pray that the Massalits can see the light of God.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ *Pray that the war in Darfur stops and that the Massalits can go home again.*
- ☐ *Many of the Massalits lost hope and are very sad. Pray that they understand that Jesus loves them, cares for them, and wants to heal them.*
- ☐ *There is no Bible in their language; pray that it can be translated soon.*



IRAN, THE MAZANDARANI PEOPLE



Some of the Mazandarani have become Christians and meet in small cell churches all over the region. They would love to have more material to read and listen to in their language so they can learn more about Jesus and the God of the Bible. The four gospels have been translated but are not yet ready to be given to the people to read. It is very difficult in Iran to teach people about the Bible.

Prayer Points:

- ❑ *Pray that the Mazandarani have open hearts to receive the Good News*
- ❑ *Pray for the believers that they can learn more about God, that they can grow and give testimony to others*
- ❑ *Pray for protection for the believers among the Mazandarani. They are not allowed to become Christians by the law of the country.*
- ❑ *Pray for a whole Bible in the language of the Mazandarani*

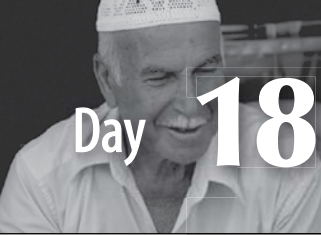


Let's go!

You are one of those Mazandarani cell churches. You have to meet secretly and hide away somewhere, maybe under the table. Pray in whispers!

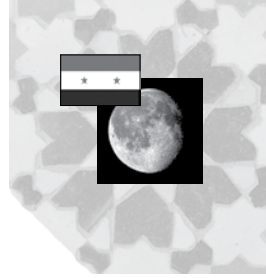
did you know?

- ❑ *The highest mountain in Iran is the Damavand at 21,000ft. It is located in Mazandaran Province*
- ❑ *In Iran it is forbidden to change religion from Islam to Christianity*
- ❑ *Many Mazandarani are farmers*



Day 18

ALEPPO IN SYRIA



did you know?

- *Aleppo, Halab in Arabic, means "milk" because they say that Abraham once camped there and gave them milk*
- *Aleppo is one of the longest-inhabited cities in the world*

Many of the Muslims in Aleppo are very serious about their faith and are seeking God. But many of the young people who go to school and university don't like Islam anymore and are looking for something different. Because nobody is telling them about Jesus, many of them give up believing anything at all and just want to have a good life. Only a few Christians in Aleppo have started to tell the Muslims the Good News of Jesus.



Let's go!

Jesus says that we are like sheep in his flock if we are Christians. Because Abraham brought his flocks to Aleppo, you can draw some sheep today. Pray that the Muslims of Aleppo will become sheep in Jesus' flock. You can carry the sheep in your pocket through the day and continue to pray for Aleppo.

Prayer Points:

- *Pray for the young people who have given up on Islam, that they get to know Jesus.*
- *Pray for the Christians in Syria, that they start to share with the Muslims.*
- *Pray that one whole family in Aleppo will start to follow Jesus and share with their Muslim neighbors.*



Lina is a young Minangkabau woman. She is part of a big family. Lina believes that everywhere she goes there are evil spirits. Because of that she is full of fears, and even a loud noise makes her jump. She sleeps with the lights on at night and prays not only for her meal but for every bit she eats because of this fear. Christians have told Lina that she does not need to be afraid because Jesus is stronger than all evil spirits, but she has a hard time believing that.

Find out what Lina needs:

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l_v_c_sts__t_f_r. (1 John 4:18)

(Solution on page 33)

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that Lina and the other Minangkabaus understand that Jesus can give them a life without fear.
- ☐ Pray that they will stop going to the dukuns and ask Jesus to heal them.
- ☐ Pray that whole Minangkabau families will get to know Jesus.

Let's go!

As a good Muslim woman, Lina is wearing a headscarf. Today the girls in the family can wear headscarves to pray. You can also learn the above Bible verse by heart and continue to pray it for the Minangkabaus.



did you know?

- ☐ The Minangkabau live in West Sumatra
- ☐ They are one of the largest people groups in Indonesia and number over 8 million
- ☐ They don't go to a doctor when they are sick but to a dukun, a spiritual healer



For many years the Muslim rulers over the Bengal region in India lived in Murshidabad. They built beautiful mosques and palaces. But today this area has become poor and bad things are happening there. Many children have to work very hard and cannot go to school. Others are even sold for money and have to live far away from their parents. But there are a few families who have become Christians.

did you know?

- ▣ More Muslims live in the district of Murshidabad than people in the nations of Albania or Lebanon
- ▣ Many people in Murshidabad are very skilled workers and make beautiful things like silver and gold embroidery or ivory carvings.



Prayer Points:

- ▣ Pray that young and old Bengali Muslims will get to know God.
- ▣ Pray for believers who have been Muslims to go and reach out to their own people and each them about Jesus.

Let's go!

Because people, especially children, work hard in Murshidabad, you can pray today while you work. Help your mother in the kitchen or clean up your room or find some other work you can do together, and pray while you work.



MUSLIMS IN THE USA

did you know?

- ☐ In Dearborn, USA some store signs and billboards are written in Arabic
- ☐ 1/3 of the population of Dearborn are Arab Muslims
- ☐ Many of them work in the Ford Motor company

The biggest mosque in the USA is in Dearborn, Michigan. There are even calls to come for prayer over the loudspeakers so that everybody can hear them. The local Muslims love to go there and find a place of rest, where they can come together, pray and learn more about Islam. Because there are so many Muslims and they have a good, strong fellowship among themselves, it is difficult to tell them about Jesus.

Let's go!

Who has the loudest voice in the family? This person can call the others for prayer and read out the prayer points. Then you can all pray together.



Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the Muslims in Dearborn will respond when they hear the Good News and start to believe in Jesus.
- ☐ Pray for the people who have become believers and live in the area.
- ☐ Pray that they can start churches among their Muslim neighbors.



Did you know?

- ☐ Nagpur means "City of Snakes"
- ☐ The city is at the geographic center of India (check it out on a map)
- ☐ Most people who live in Nagpur are Hindus

The Hindus who live in Nagpur don't want people to become Christians. They often believe that the Christians give money to poor Muslims and Hindus so they will become Christians. If somebody still decides to follow Jesus he will have a hard time and sometimes is even beaten up. But Muslims still decide to follow Jesus in Nagpur. There are now even Bibles available in Urdu, which is the language the Muslims in India speak.



What do the people in Nagpur need?

(answers on page 33)

☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺
A B C	D E F	G H J			
I K L	M N O	P Q R			
S T U	V W X	Y Z			

Let's go!

Bring your Bibles and make a stack with them. How many do you have in your household? Pray now for those who cannot get a Bible and are in need of one.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that Muslims who are interested can get one of those new Bibles.
- ☐ Pray for the Christians in Nagpur, that they share the good News with their Muslim neighbors.
- ☐ Pray that many can see the "Jesus Film."
- ☐ Pray for the Christians who face difficulties from the Hindus and are having a hard time because of that.



SOMALIA, (CHALLENGES FOR FAMILIES)

Day 23

There has been a very long war, 20 years, in Somalia. Many men died or became refugees. Many children have no father anymore. Many of the men who are still in Somalia are sad and hopeless. They have started to take a drug called Khat, a leaf that grows on shrubs in the highland of Ethiopia. Khat makes the men sick, and they spend most of their time with their friends instead of their families. The children don't see their fathers anymore and because all the money is spent on Khat they have to go hungry.

did you know?

- ❑ *Most Somalis used to be nomads and traveled with their camels and other animals*
- ❑ *The greatest thing for Somali men was to be a warrior*
- ❑ *While walking along with their animals they used to tell each other stories*

Prayer Points:

- ❑ *Because so many men chew Khat it is very hard to break the habit. Pray for courage and wisdom for the men to stop doing it!*
- ❑ *Pray for the women and children who are often alone because of it.*
- ❑ *Pray that the Somali families will experience Gods' healing and become real families again.*

Let's go!

Make some "Khat leaves" out of paper. After you have prayed, throw them into the rubbish bin together as a sign that the people in Somalia will start to throw their Khat away.



If you want to pray more for Somalia go to: www.prayforsomalia.org

SOMALIA, YOU HAVE TO BE A MUSLIM



did you know?

- ☐ Many Somalis have moved to the US and other Western countries.
- ☐ There are about 10 million Somalis worldwide, 6 million in Somalia, the others in different countries

The Somalis have a saying that if you are Somali, you are a Muslim and if somebody says something different, he must have been paid to do it! For this reason it is difficult for a Somali not to be a Muslim. But because of the war and because many have experienced some discrimination from other Muslims, they have started to ask questions. Why do we have all these wars and fighting? Maybe some will be more open to listen to the Good News.

لأنه هكذا أحب الله العالم حتى بذل ابنه الوحيد، لكي لا يهلك كل
من يؤمن به، بل تكون له الحياة الأبدية



Let's go!

Read John 3:16 for the Somalis and pray that they understand that God loves them so much. (Above: John 3:16 in Arabic)

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the Somalis understand that God loves them and wants to forgive them.
- ☐ Pray that Somalis become Christians and that they are not kicked out of their families because of that.



TANZANIA, THE RANGI PEOPLE

Day **25**

Most of the Rangi people live in villages. Not many people who were not Rangi wanted to live with them. They did not trust the Rangi and did not love them because people were afraid of them. But that has changed now, and many people moved to the Rangi area to build schools and hospitals. The Bible is being translated into the Rangi language, and poor families are receiving help.



Some people travel to Kondoa because they want to see something. Find out what it is:

18 15 3 11

16 1 9 14 20 9 14 7 19

If you want to see it too: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1183/gallery>

(see the key on page 33)

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that the few Rangi Christians will have courage to share about Jesus with the others.
- ☐ Pray for the Bible translation to be finished and ready for people to read.
- ☐ Pray that the Christians who work among the Rangi have unity.

Let's go!

One of you is a Rangi, and you have to stay away from your family. You pray for the Rangis to become Christians. The others pray for the prayer points. Then take the new Rangi believer into your family!

did you know?

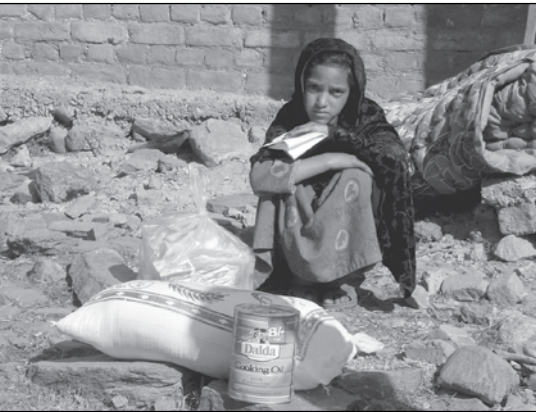
- ☐ 90 % of the Rangi people are Muslims
- ☐ They live in the city of Kondoa in Tanzania
- ☐ The Rangi in Haubi valley are catholic and they have build a big cathedral



*H*indko speakers live as farmers or merchants in the foothills of the Himalayas. They plant corn and wheat and make flour out of them. The flour is used to make the flat bread, that they eat with every meal. Only about 25% of Hindko speakers can read, but they want that their children to go to school and learn. Many of these people have lost their houses and family members in the earthquake in 2003. They want to know about the God of the Bible, but there is no Bible in Hindko yet.

did you know?

- ▣ About 5 million Pakistanis speak Hindko, that's more people than live in Norway.
- ▣ We read in the Newspapers about Pakistan when terrible things like earthquakes or terrorist bombings happen.



Let's go!

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? Write that verse down on a paper. Put them together from all the family members. Imagine, that you are writing a Bible for the Hindkos. Pray for them!

Prayer Points:

- ▣ There are only a few Hindko believers, and it is very difficult for them. Pray for their safety!
- ▣ Pray for Christians to go and help the Hindko people practically.
- ▣ Pray for Hinkos to have dreams and visions from God.
- ▣ Pray for a Bible in the Hindko language.





DID YOU KNOW?

- ☐ *As-Sanabel means "ears of wheat" and is a children's program on TV.*
- ☐ *Many of my friends believed in the Lord Jesus because of watching As-Sanabel." - (A boy from Egypt)*

Do you like watching TV? How would you like to have a TV station that brings only Christian programs for kids? The SAT 7 channel has started a kids program in Arabic. Many children watch it and learn about God, the Bible and Jesus and how they can live a good life as Christians. They can watch cartoons, dramas, stories, game shows and many other programs that children like. Many children write to the channel to tell them how much they love the programs.



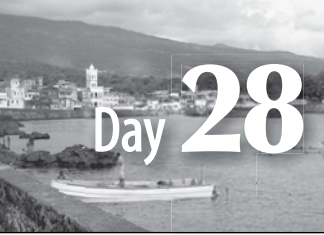
Let's go!

Today the children will lead the prayer time. You can decide who is praying and how! You can also go to this website and read more about SAT 7 www.sat7.org, or see their advert in the back of this booklet.



Prayer Points:

- ☐ *Pray that many children find SAT 7 on their TV, watch it and are blessed by it.*
- ☐ *Pray for the people who make the SAT 7 programs, that they have lots of good ideas to make programs for children.*
- ☐ *Pray for enough money for all the programs.*



COMOROS ISLANDS



DID YOU KNOW?

- ☐ The Comoros are three volcanic islands off the coast of Africa
- ☐ The word Comoros comes from "Qamar" which means moon in Arabic
- ☐ It is one of the poorest countries in the world
- ☐ The Comoros are the third smallest country in Africa

The Comoros are a nearly forgotten island. They declared independence from France about 30 years ago. The people in the Comoros are very friendly and like to have guests. They are proud to be Muslims and have been for about 500 years. There are 1400 mosques all over the islands. Many of the people cannot read and write. It is forbidden to talk about Jesus publicly or to invite people to follow him.

Let's go!

The Comorans need missionaries to go and share the Good News with them. Take a blanket or a big towel and put it on the floor; this is your boat to go to the Comoros Islands to share with the islanders. Pray while you are all sitting in the "boat."

Prayer Points:

- ☐ Pray that many people can hear the Good News through music and Bible stories on the radio
- ☐ Pray that all families in the Comoros can hear the Good News.
- ☐ Pray that the Comorans realize that Jesus is stronger than all the evil spirit.



Find the hidden words. They all have something to do with the Comoros Islands.

Find: Vanilla, Cloves, France, Comoros, Volcano

(answers on page 33)

X	R	O	N	A	C	L	O	V	W
S	C	G	M	O	N	K	I	A	T
Y	L	A	N	G	Y	L	A	N	G
C	O	M	O	R	O	S	A	I	U
E	V	N	W	X	D	E	T	L	P
T	E	C	N	A	R	F	S	L	T
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SURINAME

Day 29



Suriname is a country with many different people and languages. There are 11 different languages spoken in Suriname. Because people come from so many different nations and places, there are also many religions and all of them have their own places to worship. Sometimes there is a temple, a church, a mosque and a synagogue all next to each other. Many of the Muslims living in Suriname come from Java and so, according to their tradition, a drum calls them for their daily prayers.

did you know?

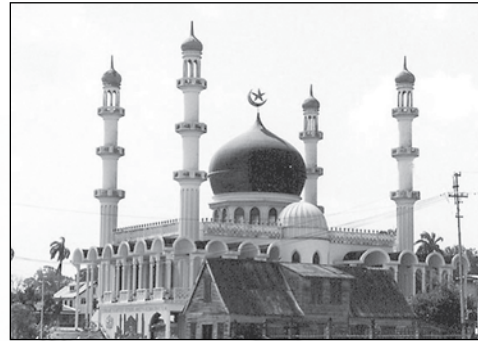
- ☐ Suriname is a small country on the northeast coast of South America
- ☐ 80% of the country is tropical rain forest
- ☐ There are monkeys in the trees and boa constrictors crossing roads

Let's go!

Do you speak any other language? Or do you know a song in a different language?

“Want alzo lief heeft God de wereld gehad, dat Hij Zijn eniggeboren Zoon gegeven heeft, opdat een iegelijk die in Hem gelooft, niet verderve, maar het eeuwige leven hebbe.”

This is John 3:16 in Dutch, the official language of Suriname. Can you read it and pray it for the Muslims of Suriname?



Prayer Points:

- ☐ There are Christians in Suriname who reach out to Muslims. Pray that they will have the courage to continue.
- ☐ Pray that many Muslims can see the “Jesus Film.”
- ☐ Many people from Suriname have moved to the Netherlands. Pray that the Muslims who now live there can hear about Jesus.



Ahmedabad is divided into two parts by the Sabarmati River. The Muslims all live on the east side in a very old walled city with narrow streets. Many of the Muslims are poor, have no jobs and live in slums. Some of them are returning to their villages to try and survive there. Some zealous Hindus in the State of Gujarat don't like the Muslims and treat them badly. Muslims in Gujarat suffer a lot!

did you know?

- ☐ Ahmedabad is India's 7th largest city
- ☐ Over 5 million people live there, more than the whole country of Ireland or New Zealand
- ☐ Ahmedabad is the capital of the state of Gujarat in the west of India

Let's go!

One of you can pretend to be a Muslim in Ahmedabad. The others are the Christians. Go and hide somewhere in the house, while the others come and find you to share the Good News with you. When you are found, stand in the middle and the "Christians" can stand around you and pray for the Muslims. You then pray for the Christians.

Prayer Points:

- ☐ There are only a few Christians who reach out to Muslims, many are afraid. Pray for courage and boldness for the Christians.
- ☐ Pray for many more Christians to reach out to the Muslims and share the Good News with them.
- ☐ Pray that the Muslims in Gujarat understand that only Jesus can help them and bring real freedom.



SOLUTIONS FOR THE RIDDLES:

Day 3

Words to find:

walnut, almond, pistachio

F	B	Z	N	S	W	K	A	C	R
Q	I	N	W	D	A	Y	V	O	L
D	J	C	S	B	L	L	R	M	T
C	A	L	M	O	N	D	G	U	H
E	B	N	S	G	U	I	O	L	X
O	I	H	C	A	T	S	I	P	W

Day 5

Matthew 5:44 But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you.

Day 8

Peace and New Life

Day 9

PORTS

ORIENT

VICTORIA PARK

Day 14

Cambodia, Bangladesh, Afghanistan

Day 19

John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Day 22

Bibles

Day 28

Words to find:

Ylang-Ylang - an essential oil for aromatherapy is one of Comoros main exports

Vanilla, Cloves, France, Comoros, Volcano

X	R	O	N	A	C	L	O	V	W
S	C	G	M	Q	N	K	I	A	T
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E	V	N	W	X	D	E	T	L	P
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Day 25 Use this chart. - Rock Paintings

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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