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**LETTER FROM
THE PRESIDENT**

Joyfully meet Him face-to-face



Dear friend of Reach Beyond,

Have you ever wondered what it will be like when we finally get to meet Jesus face-to-face?

For us as believers, I think the moment we see Jesus will be far more amazing than we can ever imagine. We know it will be wonderful to be with Jesus in Heaven where we will be surrounded by the glory of God's presence forever.

At the same time, it should be heartbreaking to realize that there are more than three billion people in the world who have never heard the Gospel. They will never get to experience the eternal hope and joy that we have unless someone reaches out and tells them about our Savior.

In this issue, we are excited to share two stories about people who have come to know Jesus.

Hana was on a journey searching for answers but had been unable to find them. She kept hearing God say to her, "Seek, and you will find." Hana discovered the truth about Jesus from our Ephraim Project team, which uses social media to engage and reach people in the Middle East.

In Southeast Asia, Chai and Kanda heard about Jesus by listening to a local radio station. Harvest FM belongs to a network of radio stations that were started as part of a nationwide indigenous church-planting strategy. Reach Beyond has been partnering with these believers for many years to launch dozens of new stations. We've helped provide and install the equipment. We've taught local pastors and church volunteers to operate their radio stations and to be the voice and hands of Jesus in their communities. Our trainers continue to help these believers learn to create programs that will better engage with their listeners so that more people can hear the Gospel. Praise God that as a result of this ongoing partnership, people are coming to Jesus and new churches are being started.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in ministry so that everyone may hear about Jesus, experience His hope, and look forward to meeting Him face-to-face!

Daniel Enns | President

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*“Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face always.
Remember the wonders he has done...”*

1 CHRONICLES 16:11-12a

“Remember
the wonders He
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OUR VISION

To see unreached people
transformed in Christ

OUR MISSION

Serving as the voice and hands
of Jesus, we declare and demonstrate
Jesus Christ through media, healthcare,
and community development.

GLOBAL SNAPSHOTS

GOD AT WORK AROUND THE WORLD

EUROPE/EURASIA

New Work on a Solid Foundation

This summer, a diverse group of Christians, including three Reach Beyond doctors, conducted a weeklong series of mobile medical clinics in a region of Central Asia. The team visited four different villages and provided consultations to around 500 patients. They also ran sports camps for the village children. This marks the 15th year the team has done a caravan in this region.

With the help of local partners, team members worked with village leaders to strengthen old relationships and develop new ones. Reach Beyond doctors launched a new initiative, providing home visits to housebound patients. These patients were very grateful to be remembered by the team. The home visits helped establish relationships for Drs. Adam and Melissa*. They recently moved to the region and hope to establish a palliative care ministry, something unknown locally yet much needed. ■



REACH BEYOND MEDIA MINISTRIES

Building Up One Another

In April, Christians from around the world attended a conference in Southeast Asia for an opportunity to connect with and learn from brothers and sisters working in international media ministries. Attendees heard from others about how to use radio, television, social media, and other media tools to proclaim the Gospel among the nations.

Reach Beyond sent missionaries from Africa, Asia, and Europe to the event, many of whom had never met each other. The convention allowed them to grow personally and professionally, and the face-to-face meetings with other Reach Beyond ministries were a great encouragement. Two attendees visiting from a restricted country experienced their first opportunity to worship freely with hundreds of other believers, an almost unbelievable blessing. ■

“...experienced their first opportunity to worship freely...”

LEFT: Dr. Melissa conducts a wellness exam during a medical caravan. This year, Reach Beyond doctors in Central Asia began offering home visits, creating new opportunities for physical and spiritual care.*

**Names changed for security*





LEFT: Reach Beyond missionaries trained 19 students from multiple West African partner organizations how to expand their ministry impact through sustainable community development projects.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Equipped, Encouraged, and Sent

Five media partners from across West Africa sent a total of 19 staff members to Ghana for a Reach Beyond-sponsored training conference. Reach Beyond missionaries Wim and Alfred hosted the conference late this spring, teaching partners how to do effective, sustainable community development projects.

Attendees have already begun implementing their training in nearby communities, allowing them to build on their current media ministries. Since the conference, our partners in Togo have launched their own Water Access, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) training and will send two people to a neighboring country to gain more field experience with another Reach Beyond partner. The training also catalyzed the restart of well projects in yet another country among an unreached people group. ■

REACH BEYOND NETHERLANDS

One in Heart and Mind

In August, Reach Beyond Netherlands took a team of 12 individuals to assist and build stronger connections with Reach Beyond partners serving in Greece. The Dutch team, led by Reach Beyond missionaries Wim (Netherlands) and Martin (UK), consisted of nurses, teachers, and individuals with valuable technical skills.

The team provided medical services and practical assistance in support of our partners and engaged refugees from across North Africa and the Middle East through organized events and street ministry. Three nurses on the team participated in clinic days, made home visits to patients, and helped organize and catalog large amounts of donated medical supplies. Other team members worked on much-needed construction and electrical projects.

As the trip ended, two individuals expressed their interest in serving with Reach Beyond in the future. One is a nursing student who communicated a desire to return to Greece next year to support one of our partners in Athens. ■



ABOVE: Team members repaired a Romanian partner's forklift, allowing them to move heavy loads and complete jobs that could not be done previously.



LEFT: Nurses from a Reach Beyond Netherlands team helped organize large numbers of donated medical supplies for a Greek ministry partner that runs a medical clinic.

HIGHLAND HARVEST

HOW RADIO PLANTED A CHURCH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

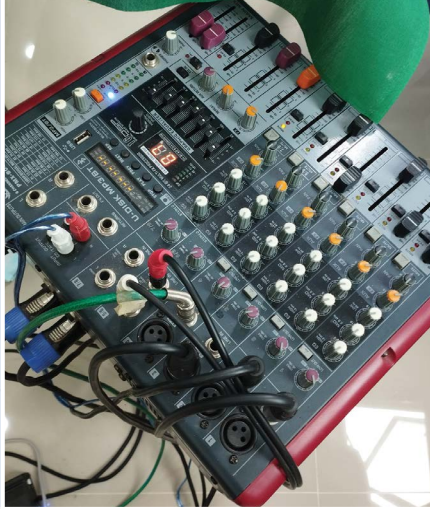
Chai* wove in and out of the chaotic traffic on the hot, humid streets of Kulap* in Southeast Asia. He dodged a motley assortment of motorbikes, livestock, and pedestrians that, like him, were attempting to navigate the large mud puddles in the street. He hoped to return to his farm soon, but his village was still some distance away.

To help pass the time, Chai turned on his car radio. He had heard of a Christian radio station in town and was curious to listen to it for himself. He scanned through the few available channels until he found the station he wanted. As he turned the volume up, he heard a man speaking. The man's message was captivating, and Chai continued to listen.

As he drove through the mountains near his village, the station's signal grew faint, then disappeared. He had heard that the station could be heard in the village, so he hoped to find and listen to the station again. When he arrived at his farm, he told his wife, Kanda*, about what he had heard, and they tried to find the station. They succeeded and began listening to the broadcasts every morning together as they did their daily chores.

FAITHFUL SOWERS

While new to Chai and Kanda, Harvest Radio* had been broadcasting in Kulap for years. A small team of Christians launched Harvest Radio as a community radio station in the hill country of their homeland. Their audience consisted mostly of older farmers and migrant workers tending rice patties and vegetable fields. Most young adults and young families had left town to provide their children with better educational opportunities in the cities. Many in the community felt lonely and aimless, and they turned to alcohol, drugs, or the local temple to ease their despair.



The station's audience greatly appreciated the programming. Listeners would call in during certain programs and interact with the presenters live on the air. Whenever the station would face any kind of broadcast interruption, concerned listeners would call in and ask when Harvest would be back on the air. Soon the team began looking for someone who could help them keep the station running smoothly.

In 2015, Reach Beyond and SEA Gospel Media Network* began partnering with Harvest Radio. Through training and equipment upgrades, Reach Beyond helped them proclaim the Gospel more clearly and expand the reach of their station. Our media trainers also helped station staff learn to expand their audience and to better engage with their listeners by using elements such as traditional music and humor in their programming.

CONQUERING THE MOUNTAIN

Chai and Kanda's success in finding Harvest Radio was a work of God. Not long before Chai first heard about the station, no one in his village could find a single radio station. The village sits in a valley with steep green mountains standing between it and the nearest radio tower. Since a radio set must directly "see" a radio tower to receive and broadcast its signal (line of sight), Chai's village was completely cut off from all radio broadcasts. But God had a plan.

** EDITOR'S NOTE:*

All names and locations changed for security reasons.

Around 2016, Kris*, a retired soldier and one of Chai's neighbors, drove through Kulap and turned on his radio. He found Harvest Radio and enjoyed what he heard. Kris traveled often for his new job as a contractor installing repeater towers for government radio networks. Whenever his travels allowed, he would tune in to the station, and with time, he grew convinced of the truth he was hearing. In time, the truth softened the former soldier, and he chose to surrender his life to Christ and serve Him fully.

Kris wanted his neighbors to hear and receive the Good News just as he had. His village's location made radio reception physically impossible, a fact that greatly troubled him. He heard God's command to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and he accepted a new mission. Kris would bring Harvest Radio to his home in the valley.

He began leveraging his connections and expertise to set up a radio translator, similar to the repeater towers he installed for the government. He began looking for the proper location, equipment, and permissions to set up the system.

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chose to surrender his
life to Christ..."***





“God had planted a church of His own in the hills of Southeast Asia...”

He soon found a small 10-watt transmitter and a suitable location for it. Before long, Kris had installed the new unit, and the entire village could receive Harvest Radio’s signal. With support from SEA Gospel Media Network and Reach Beyond, he eventually replaced the small transmitter with a larger 30-watt unit, increasing the translator’s signal strength. He had accomplished the mission God had given him, and now, he was committed to using his gifts to keep the new signal transmitting into the valley.

RIPE FOR HARVEST

Kris’s faithfulness proved to be a positive influence on his community. Word began to spread, and more people began to listen to Harvest Radio. Some, like Chai and Kanda, listened while they worked on their farms. The messages broadcast every day began to change hearts and minds.

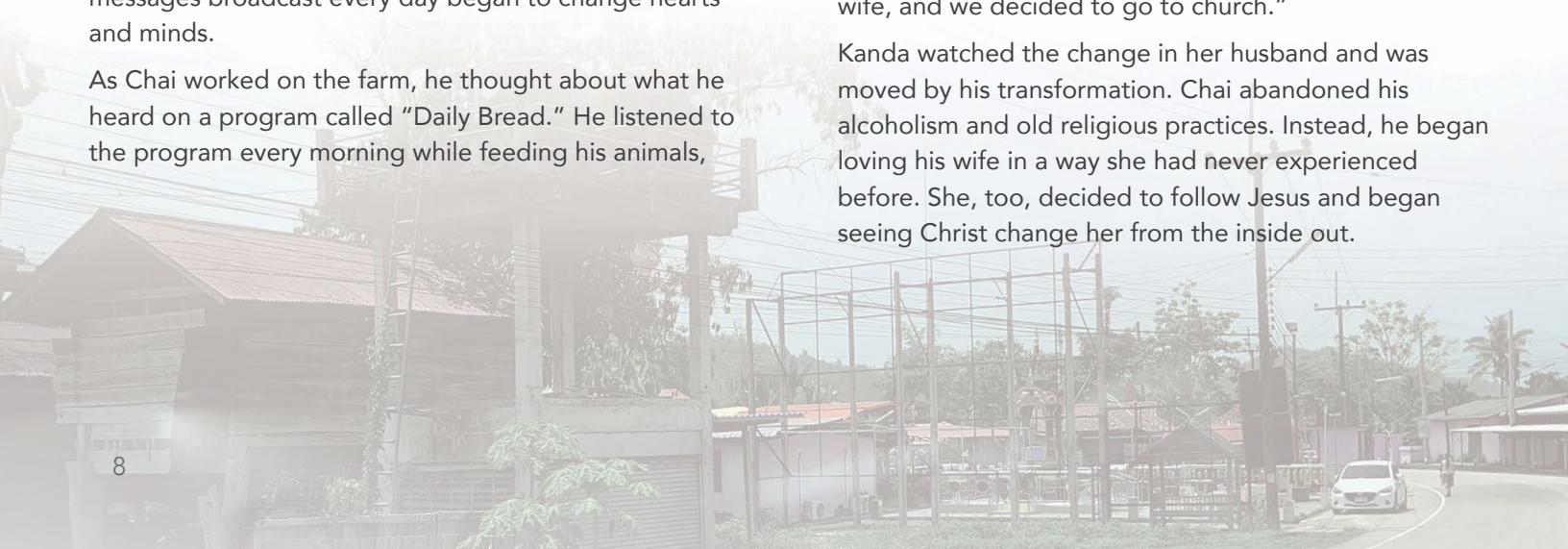
As Chai worked on the farm, he thought about what he heard on a program called “Daily Bread.” He listened to the program every morning while feeding his animals,

and he felt encouraged at the end of the program. He also began seeing things about his life that needed to change, and each time, the announcer seemed to have a practical way to change.

Chai realized that his insatiable thirst for alcohol was hurting his marriage and family. The pastor on the radio never said not to drink alcohol. Instead, he would say, “If you keep the money and don’t spend it on alcohol, you can have more money for your family.” Chai began to see his own selfishness and the value of changing his ways.

After listening to a pastor on another Harvest Radio program, he decided to abandon his old ways and follow Jesus instead. He says, “I didn’t even pray, but I totally trusted in God. The pastor said, ‘If you want to know God, you can go to church on Sunday.’ I talked with my wife, and we decided to go to church.”

Kanda watched the change in her husband and was moved by his transformation. Chai abandoned his alcoholism and old religious practices. Instead, he began loving his wife in a way she had never experienced before. She, too, decided to follow Jesus and began seeing Christ change her from the inside out.



"...a church that continues to grow and mature day by day."

GOD'S CHURCH PLANT

Chai and Kanda were excited to worship God, but they quickly ran into a problem. Chai says, "There was no church around here. The closest one was in a town 20 kilometers [approximately 12.5 miles] down the mountain, so we decided to go to that one."

For six years, a growing number of village Christians traveled down the mountain every Sunday to worship together. As the Christians grew in their faith and numbers, the need for a local church became stronger and more urgent. They began asking for a pastor to start a church in the village.

In 2022, God provided a pastor for the village's growing community of believers. A major denomination in the country heard of their need and sent a pastor to shepherd them. When the church opened, Chai, Kanda, and about 30 of their believing neighbors began worshipping together every Sunday in their home village.

When Reach Beyond missionaries visited the region in early 2023, a representative from SEA Gospel Media Network took them to visit the village church and to meet Chai and Kanda. Through the faithfulness of Kris, Harvest Radio, SEA Gospel Media Network, Reach Beyond, and others, God had planted a church of His own in the hills of Southeast Asia, a church that continues to grow and mature day by day. ■

If you would like to join in God's work in Southeast Asia:

\$45 provides headphones to a new radio station, **\$100** for a microphone, and **\$500** for a basic computer.

\$250 equips one pastor or believer with the essential skills needed to create radio programs that more effectively reach their listeners.

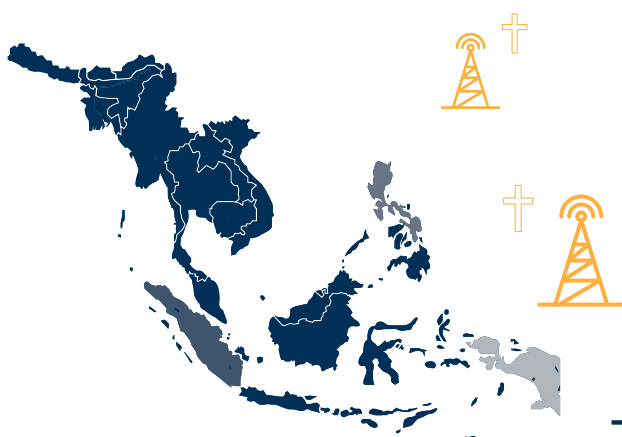
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QUICK FACTS

SOUTHEAST ASIA



11 Countries
684,920,000 People

1300+
LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS

87 CHRISTIAN
PARTNER RADIO STATIONS

ONLY 4.4% EVANGELICAL

SEEK, AND YOU WILL FIND

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." These words echoed in Hana's* mind as she walked home from the mosque with her family. While her parents discussed the mullah's teaching, she pondered the words of the prophet Jesus she had read in the Injil, one of Islam's holy books. These words captivated her, and her desire to seek the truth grew stronger.

When the family arrived at home, Hana went to her room and closed the door. She had so many questions, but the answers she received from the religious leaders failed to satisfy her. As a journalist, Hana was used to going straight to the source to find answers. Now, she pleaded with Allah once again to answer her most important questions. Even as she did, she heard the prophet's words in her mind once again: "Seek, and you will find."

SEEKING ANSWERS

Like virtually all her Middle Eastern peers, Hana grew up knowing she was a Muslim. Her father was a teacher at the local Islamic school, guiding his pupils in their Arabic studies. Her mother adhered well to Islam's tenets and wished for all her children to do the same, teaching her girls how to become good Muslim women.

Hana had always been curious and full of questions. While growing up, she heard about the Injil, and she developed a fascination with its stories about the prophet Jesus and his teachings. She knew some religious leaders deemed the book untrustworthy, but their dogmatism only increased her interest.

Hana's curiosity grew in other ways as well. Her desire to seek knowledge and truth had led her to study journalism. By the time she turned 17, she had become a journalist and an aspiring lawyer. Her propensity for asking tough, important questions often led her to solid answers for her audience, but in her search for spiritual truth, she was often frustrated by a lack of straightforward and convincing answers.

"[Hana] had asked so many questions that Islam simply could not answer ..."



ENGLISH 101

As a journalist, Hana knew that learning English would improve her career prospects, and she determined to master the language. As a preteen, she had listened in while her two sisters practiced their English with native speakers on social media, and now, she began watching English-language TV shows to learn more. Her skills and vocabulary improved, but she knew she needed to find someone with whom she could practice. During the summer of 2022, she decided to join the same social media group as her sisters. She quickly seized the opportunity to improve her English skills. After joining the group (part of Reach Beyond's Ephraim Project), she met Angela*, one of the volunteers, and the two quickly struck up a friendship.

Hana's desire to know the truth quickly got the better of her. In their first private chat, she started asking Angela questions about Jesus and the Injil, and Angela, a project volunteer, answered her questions. After their conversation ended, Angela sent Hana a short allegorical video about a man who was set free from a dark, colorless prison cell into a world of living color.

Hana watched the video. Later, she messaged Angela and told her that she thought maybe Jesus had set the man free. Wondering, she then said to Angela, "Maybe I am in a jail."

SO MUCH MORE THAN ENGLISH CLASS

Over the next several months, Hana and Angela continued to converse, although spotty internet access made long, deep conversations difficult. They often chatted about family and daily life as well as current events and Middle Eastern culture, art, music, and poetry. Whenever an appropriate opportunity arose, Angela shared bits of the Bible with Hana. During one conversation about a Scripture passage, Hana told Angela, "I like the Bible."

One day in May 2023, Angela invited Hana to meet for another English lesson. When Hana responded, Angela

noticed that she did not seem like herself. She seemed sad. When they were able to chat, Angela asked her about it. Hana told her that she had just lost a close friend her own age. Her friend lived in a distant city and had been killed in a car accident. Hana wanted to attend her friend's funeral, and she needed to figure out how to travel safely across the country.

Angela realized that a unique opportunity to share the Gospel with Hana may be developing, yet God did not open the door in that moment. The conversation ended, and Angela began praying with The Ephraim Project team for God's wisdom and guidance regarding what she should say to Hana when the right moment did come. While she waited and prayed, she sent encouraging Scripture passages to her hurting friend.

A DIFFICULT CHOICE

A few days later, Hana sat at the back of the mosque during the funeral, shedding silent tears for her friend. This loss had shaken her. For years, she had asked so many questions that Islam simply could not answer, and now, she had even more. The Quran was filled with mysteries, and she wanted answers. She needed truth and certainty.

As she traveled home, she thought about what she had read in the Bible passages Angela had sent her. It was a book of clarity, filled with answers to her biggest questions. As she pondered these things, Hana weighed the significance of what it would mean to become a Christian. She knew that when a Muslim chose to become a Christian, they usually lost and suffered many things. Was she willing to give up everything she knew for the unknown?

One week after her last chat with Angela, Hana contacted her again. "Can I ask you something? In Islam, in order to become a Muslim, people only need to recite the shahada. In Christianity, how should a person become a Christian?"

Angela's prayer was answered! She answered Hana with a clear presentation of the Gospel. Hana then

responded, "I want to become a Christian, but my family should not find out." She asked, "Would Jesus be upset with me if I keep my new identity a secret?"

Angela told Hana that Jesus would understand and that, at least for a time, secrecy was wise. Then, Hana asked Angela what she needed to do to be saved right away; she did not want to wait any longer!

As the conversation had unfolded over chat, Angela felt compelled to type a salvation prayer for Hana to follow. Now, she sent her the prayer, and on the other side of the digital void, Hana prayed.

After a minute, Angela asked her where Jesus was at that moment. Hana replied, "In my heart."

GROWING IN FAITH

As she rejoiced in God's answer to her prayers, Angela told Hana that Jesus promises to transform us but that the process of sanctification takes time. "He will teach you His ways," she promised.

Angela told Hana she would send her chapters of the Bible to read. She promised to send the passages in English to give Hana more practice, but she would also send them in Hana's native language. Angela wanted to make sure Hana was fully understanding what she was reading.

Hana's next words surprised Angela. Hana declared that she wanted to be baptized. She said there was a church

"I want to become a Christian..."

in her town, but she could not leave home without her mother's permission. Angela cautioned Hana to wait a little while first and to read the Scripture passages Angela was sending her.

As their chat ended, Hana was very happy. She had finally found answers to her most important questions! Soon, new questions started flooding her mind, and each time she met with Angela, she would ask them. With each answered question, she grew in her faith.

Hana continues to grow in her faith and boldness as Angela sends her more Scripture and answers her questions. Being a Christian in the Middle East can be extremely challenging, but for Muslim background believers like Hana, the Christian life can be dangerous as well. Please ask the Father to encourage, strengthen, embolden, and protect our brothers and sisters in the Middle East as they pursue Him and shine His light into the darkness around them. Please also join us in thanking Him for volunteers like Angela who faithfully share the Gospel with those God places before them. ■

QUICK FACTS

NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST



21 Countries

582,293,000 People

OVER 3 hours

DAILY ON SOCIAL MEDIA
VS 2 HRS 7MIN. DAILY
(Average American)

ONLY 1.2% EVANGELICAL

236
LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS



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PROFESSIONALS**
CENTRAL ASIA



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PLEASE PRAY

FOR CHRIST TO TRANSFORM UNREACHED PEOPLE



The CHINESE BURYAT live in the remote grasslands of Hulunbuir. The Buryat migrated to China in 1917 from nearby Siberia. They speak two distinct dialects not spoken by Russian or Mongolian Buryats. During holidays, they perform a traditional dance that mimics horses and birds. Northern Buryat practice shamanism, but in China, Tibetan Buddhism is more prevalent. Some practice Burkanism or atheism. A few have come to Christ thanks to Chinese house church efforts.

PRAY for God to remove the Buryat's spiritual blindness. Pray they will hunger for truth and freedom. Pray for completion of a Buryat Bible and a bold, equipped church.

Country: China | Population: 168,000 | Language: Buryat | Main Religion: Buddhism | Evangelical: 0.90%



The HARARI come from the city of Harar. Known as the "City of Saints" with 99 mosques and shrines, Harar is considered the fourth most important city in Islam. For centuries, they have worked as traders and today host busy markets serving neighboring peoples. Despite heavy outside influences, they have maintained a strong cultural identity, only speaking Harari to each other and rarely marrying outsiders.

PRAY for workers to complete a Harari Bible translation. Ask God to move among family and community leaders and instill a strong hunger within them for the Truth. Pray that He will raise up faithful laborers who will share the Good News with the Harari.

Country: Ethiopia | Population: 56,000 | Language: Harari | Main Religion: Islam | Evangelical: 0.05%



The BAJALAN of Iraqi Kurdistan likely originated near the Caspian Sea in Iran and earned a reputation for military prowess. They fought for the Ottomans in the 1600s, then settled in modern-day Iraq among the Kurds near Mosul (ancient Nineveh). They now identify as Kurds. Some Bajalan practice simple, formal Sunni Islam, while others are Shi'ites, focusing on ecstatic worship and man's free will.

PRAY for the completion of a Bajalani Bible. Pray for open hearts among the Bajalan. Ask God to send witnesses to them, just as He sent Jonah to Nineveh many years ago. Pray that they would respond to the Gospel message and choose to follow Jesus.

Country: Iraq | Population: 78,000 | Language: Bajalani Gurani | Main Religion: Islam | Evangelical: 0.03%

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MATTHEW 12:21

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