

September 9, 2020

**Zenu of Colombia - (SEE-new)** - Please pray for the Zenú of Colombia. Unless the authorities change regulations, they will begin to gather together this month for the first time since March. May God draw many Zenú to Himself as this pandemic has caused people to ponder their own mortality. Praise God for those who have chosen to believe during this time and now want to be baptized.

**Uighurs of Post-Soviet Central Asia - (WEE-ghurs)** - While many Uighur people speak multiple languages, each has one language that stands out over the rest. Usually that language is Uighur. The Bible speaks of God talking to each person in their heart language and all tongues worshiping Him before the throne. Currently, there are very few praise and worship songs in the Uighur language. Believers have only other languages in which to sing. They understand them, but it doesn't resonate with their heart. This would be like a native English speaker singing in Spanish, for example. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire musicians to write songs using the Uighur language and culture so that the believers will be able to worship with their whole heart.

**Theological Education in Zimbabwe** - "Join our Theological Education Team in thanking God for continuing to provide for Umambo Farm! That's what we've named the chicken project that allows students at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zimbabwe to work for their school fees. We had the houses filled up with chickens at the end of August. These chickens should cover most of the seminary expenses through the end of 2022. We're excited to have a budget that will allow us to use the production from one of the two houses to be used for community outreach, which will assist in relieving hunger around the seminary as well as training the students in community development. Please pray for these efforts, and ask for the chickens to remain healthy in producing eggs. Lift up the students and the local farmer who will be working hard to ensure the success of the project. God has used this effort to allow the seminary to remain open so He can continue to train laborers for the harvest. We have several students, some from unreached people groups, who, upon hearing that there was a way to pay for their school fees, have come to be trained. Pray with us that God's hand will guide the work that has been strategic in training pastors and leaders to reach Zimbabwe and beyond. 'If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday' ([Isaiah 58:10 ESV](#))."

**Tajiks of Tajikistan - (TAH-jeeks)** - The only believer in her family, Nargiz\* is growing in her faith amid pressure and persecution from her family. Beyond the normal marrying age of 18 to 22, the pressure from her family continues to increase as suitors come, asking to marry her. She has turned down numerous offers, praying that God will provide a believing husband. However, after the last suitor, her parents threatened to kick her out of the family if she would not obey and marry. Pray for the many Tajik women like Nargiz who find themselves in similar situations. Ask that God's plan and leading will be clear. Pray for the strength of their faith and for the communities of believers to come around and support one another. (\*name changed)

**South Asian Unengaged Peoples** - Pray for opportunities for Christian tourists and Christian business people to share the truth of the gospel with Maldivian Muslims. Pray that Maldivians will seek to know the Lord. Pray for Scriptures to get to the people and to bring forth a harvest! "Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person" ([Colossians 4:5-6 HCSB](#)).

**Students and Young Professionals in Seoul** - South Korea has emerged from extreme devastation and poverty after the Korean War to creating the twelfth strongest economy in the world. Korean fashion, K-pop, and K-dramas are idolized by people across the globe. In stark contrast to their past difficulties, people today are dealing with materialism and unprecedented cultural change. There has been amazing church growth since the Korean War with some 29 percent of the population identifying as Christian. But church growth has slowed or become almost non-existent among certain population segments, particularly in the younger generation. Pastors in the capitol city, Seoul, are seeing an alarming drop-off of Christ-followers among the university students and young professionals there. They are finding that young people are distracted by pressure to excel academically, fierce competition in the job market, emphasis on social status, as well as leisure activities and appearance. There is no interest in Christianity, nor does it seem relevant to them. Impactful ministries are needed among university students, young adults, and young professionals -- ministries that will share the gospel, lead the lost to faith, disciple young believers, mentor leaders, and create churches. There is an urgency not to lose precious time, but to engage these young people with the gospel before a generation is lost. Pray for their salvation.

**People of Eastern and Southern Germany** - Baptist representatives in Leipzig are continuing to lead discovery Bible studies and trainings online through relationships with local churches. Pray that they will make the Word accessible to the participants and that God will embolden believers to share what they are experiencing with their friends and families.

**Israeli Jews of Israel** - Many fear that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the High Holy Days will look different in Israel this year. But that won't stop Jewish Israelis from celebrating and honoring their ancient feasts of the Lord! The first one starts at sundown on September 18 and goes through sundown on September 20. It's called Rosh Hashanah, the Feasts of Trumpets. This very biblical holiday signifies the beginning of the biblical New Year and includes the heralding of something new and big by the blowing of the shofar. It begins the 10 days known as the Days of Awe. The next one, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, starts at sundown on September 27 and goes through sundown on September 28. The innovative Israelis are already thinking and planning how to have a memorable celebration and fast to honor what God required of them in the Older Covenant. Through videoconferencing, social distancing, and flyers, announcements are circulating so that all can participate despite the COVID-19 environment. Jesus followers around the country are praying that they will be able to join in and have the answers ready when they are asked why they, too, celebrate, as they always do. Pray that the Jewish people who celebrate and honor the Holy Days will come to realize the true meaning and foreshadowing of their salvation.

**Gene & Marilyn Ahrens – JAAR**  
**David & Rhonda Knox – Nepal**

**North American Mission Board – Church Planter – Bridge City Church – Mars, PA – Will and Eryn Cole** – Pray that God would increase our influence, make new disciples, call existing disciples to join us and multiply our people all over the North Hills.