

PRAYER PARTNER GUIDE



# INTRODUCTION

Do you have a passion to see Jesus known and worshipped among the nations? Do you have a burden for those in bondage to false religions and the thousands of unreached people groups with no access to the Gospel? You can make an impact right now in the darkest places of the earth. Through prayer you can support missionaries who are actively doing ministry in these places and come boldly before the Father to intercede for the lost, broken, and trapped in spiritual darkness. Our prayer is that this booklet would become a resource that sparks conversations and prayer for the unreached.

Let the following prayer points guide you. All of the verses included with each of these prayer points can be used to pray for missionaries in general or personalized for a specific missionary. As you pray into these areas, be encouraged that the Father hears you and has given you the incredible privilege of partnering with Him through intercession to see the nations transformed.



***And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

**Matthew 28:18-20**

## DEFINITIONS OF UNREACHED

More than 3 billion people worldwide do not have access to local churches, pastors, and Bibles in their native languages. They represent more than 7,000 people groups ("nations"), with their own languages, cultures, and traditions.

Few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians. Little, if any, history of Christianity.

**What is an unreached people group?** This is less than 2% evangelical Christians among a people group. It takes 2-5%+ evangelical Christians for a people group to sustain, grow, and flourish in the gospel as a church.



# MEET THE JOURNEY CHURCH PARTNERS

## Our Philippines Partners

People Groups: 200 / Unreached: 30

In strategic partnership with the International Mission Board (IMB), TJC is committed to evangelizing and helping reach the unchurched island of Socorro. We desire to see disciple-makers and churches growing across the island through partnering church planters, Nehemiah Teams, and TJC short-term teams.



### OUR PARTNERS: JAMES AND ROY

James and Roy are the true heartbeat of our partnership with the Island of Socorro. Living as key church planters on the Island, they consistently and strategically share the gospel, baptize, and teach the people of the Island what it means to obey the commands of Christ. [Click here to help support James and Roy!](#)\*



### OUR PARTNERS: JESS AND WENDY

Jess & Wendy Jennings are IMB Missionaries that oversee Nehemiah Teams and Nehemiah Teens. They are the primary partner that has helped create and provide the opportunity for TJC to strategically take part in seeing the island of Socorro sing God's glory. [Click here to help support Jess and Wendy!](#)\*

*\*Memo to Jennings, James, or Roy.*

## **PRAYING FOR THEIR LABORS ON THE ISLAND OF SOCORRO**

Seven faithful Socorro locals were baptized in summer 2021.

1. Pray for the Lord to continue to sustain the Socorro Church Planters, James and Roy as they strategically labor to share the gospel, continue starting bible studies, and see people baptized.
2. Pray that those who have been baptized will have the courage to continue following the Lord despite pressures among family or friends.
3. Pray for the Island of Socorro to be fully reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **PRAYING FOR THE UNREACHED:**

### **The Mamanwa People / 9,400 people / 0.30% Evangelical Christian**

Believed to be the oldest existing nomadic/indigenous people group in the Philippines, whose largest population is located in the same region (Caraga) as Socorro. Make sharing the gospel harder due to their constant travel, belief in spirits, and false god Magbabaya. Currently the New Testament has been translated into their language, Minamanwa.

1. Pray for the Philippine Christians to proclaim the gospel message.
2. Pray that this will lead them to commit their lives to Christ.
3. Pray that their elders among them will come to Christ and others will follow suit.





*“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

2 Chronicles 7:14

## Our Rome Partners

People Groups: 105 / Unreached: 23



### OUR PARTNERS: JASON DAVIS

#### The Church of Breccia di Roma San Paolo

Since 2020, TJC has partnered with the The Church of Breccia di Roma San Paolo with the primary goal of strategically supporting, encouraging, and helping them make disciple-makers and plant new churches across Italy. Jason felt God calling him to the field through serving in

the local church. “I was involved for many years as a faithful member of my local church and through that experience I began to sense the Lord calling me to full time ministry. I had always had a desire to live overseas but realized that the Lord put that desire in my heart to be involved in church planting. “ [Click here to help support Jason Davis!](#)

## PRAYING FOR THE UNREACHED

### Praying for Their Labors in Rome

1. Pray for the new church plant in Italy that the partners are launching and that the Lord would sustain them as they navigate the difficulties of COVID.
2. Pray the body of TJC would “hold the rope” well as we love, care and support our Italian friends.
3. Pray for Jason who has been in Italy for 8 years now. Pray for other key partners Reid and his family and Leo and his family.



**Italians / Population: 32,192,000 /  
1.32% Evangelical Christian**

Despite the entire Bible being available in the Italian language with claims by over 90% of Italians professing to be Catholic. Less than 1% attend church more than 3 times a year. Secularism, Islam, and the occult are on the rise throughout the country. “Because the country on paper is 98% Christian, missionaries often do not go, but there are closed countries that have more evangelical Christians than Italy.”

1. Pray that God would send his children to the Italian people and hearts are softened to receive the gospel, while protecting, guiding, and safeguarding those already laboring in Italy from attacks of the enemy.
2. Pray that God would be glorified and that the power of the gospel would overcome secularism, Islam, and the occultic practices.

***“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”***

***John 8:12***



# Our East Asia Partners

People Groups: 545 / Unreached: 442



## OUR PARTNERS: BILL AND JENNY

Originally from Lebanon, TN, Bill sensed a call to Asia when he was a senior in college. After hearing a visiting missionary speak to a student group, Bill was moved and prayed in his heart, “Lord, get me there!” He ended up boarding a plane to Asia two weeks after graduation. Bill and Jenny met after Bill had been in Asia for 6

years. They mostly used Chinese to communicate in the early stages.

They got married in Jenny’s hometown in northern China. Emma, their first daughter (now 4) was born in China and Lily (now 2) was born in the U.S. while they were on home assignment. Bill and Jenny and their two daughters have lived in East Asia for over a decade. They coordinate, encourage, and train local pastors to reach the clusters of unreached people groups in their area. Their main focus is to encourage and equip workers for the ministry of the gospel. [Click here to help support Bill and Jenny!](#)

## PRAYING FOR THEIR LABORS IN EAST ASIA

1. Pray for the Lord to sustain Bill and Jenny’s family during challenging COVID times that prevents them from engaging locals.
2. Pray for the Lord to help them to be faithful everyday and bring new relationships.
3. Pray the Lord brings relationships and friends into their life that will encourage them in Christ.



***And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. — Ezekiel 11:19-20***

# Our Phoenix Partners

People Groups: 521 / Unreached: 97



## OUR PARTNERS: BRYSON ISOM

### Relentless Church

TJC has strategically partnered with NAMB (North American Mission Board) and Relentless Church of Phoenix, AZ. Lead Pastor, Bryson Isom. In college God called Bryson to a life of making disciples of all nations.

In his second semester of seminary he learned about this thing called 'church planting' and he knew immediately that was his lane. Three months later he married his wife, Marlee, moved to Phoenix, and joined a church plant in view of one day planting one of their own. For the last 10 years his family has been connected to church planting; serving and helping start 3 local churches in the valley.

Currently, the Isom's with their 3 kids Asher, Lively, and Ezra. Live in the heart of Phoenix, engaging all people across the margins, from young adults to internationals. They are making disciples, developing leaders among leaders, and sending their own to Unreached areas of the world. [Click here to help support Bryson Isom!](#)

## PRAYING FOR THEIR LABORS IN PHOENIX

1. Pray for the Lord to bring new partnerships that support Relentless via resources.
2. Pray for the Lord to continue bringing all ages and groups of people to Relentless to be encouraged with the gospel and make disciples who are sent.
3. Pray the labor of sharing the gospel seed by the TJC October short term team leads to fruitful relationships with our Relentless family.



***“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” — Hebrews 4:16***

## Afghan People

**POPULATION IN US: 100,000 / 0% EVANGELICAL**

Amid the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in August 2021, Nashville among many U.S. cities are expected to begin taking in large numbers of Afghan refugees. There is a great opportunity to minister the Afghan nation, and the hundreds of other nations that are coming to America.

1. Pray the Lord leads American believers to build friendships with Afghan people to welcome them into their homes and love them.
2. Pray that God creates a hunger for the Bible and spiritual truth in the heart of the Afghan people living in the USA.
3. Pray that God would reveal himself to Afghan refugees as they flee from their homeland and those who grieve for a homeland they fled in the past.



***“I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name.”***

***Isaiah 65:1***

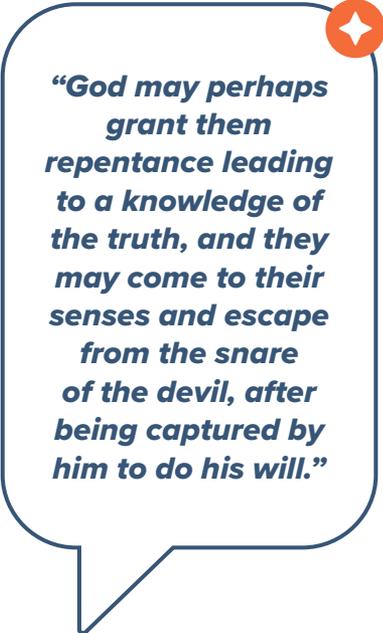


# United States: Nashville, TN

## KURDISH POPULATION

**US: 53,000 Nashville: 45,000 / 0% Evangelical**

“The Kurds are one of the largest ethno-linguistic people groups in the world without their own nation. After WWII Kurds began to migrate from the violence and turmoil of their native land to countries in the West.” Because of the individualistic nature of American society, many Kurds are moving away from placing an importance on clans and community and becoming more individualistic themselves. Women are pursuing careers and not getting married. Kurdish couples are getting married without familial approval. And many young Kurdish people are beginning to grow independent.



***“God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”***

**2 Timothy 2:25-26**

1. Pray that the Kurdish people in the US would understand that biblical Christianity is not just a Western religion.
2. Pray the Lord leads American and TJC believers to build friendships with Kurds and tell them about their Savior.
3. Pray that God creates a hunger for the Bible and spiritual truth in the heart of the Kurdish people living in the USA.
4. Ask God to raise up a Disciple Making Movement among American Kurds in this decade.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## 75% OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS NEVER GET INVITED INTO AN AMERICAN HOME.

Welcoming international students, refugees, and immigrants is one way we can be World Christians. The one who welcomes is willing to serve them and reach out to them in the hopes that Christ will be glorified through sharing their lives and the Gospel.

1. Pray that they would be open to the gospel here in America.
2. Pray that they would encounter believers who care about them and share the love of Christ.
3. Pray that those who accept Christ are emboldened to share with family members back home.
4. Pray that there would be people ready and willing to welcome and host international students in their homes.



***“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” — Romans 10:14***

## CONCLUSION



***And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.***

*Luke 10:2*

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*\*Prayer points, statistics, and facts from: The Joshua Project*



# THE JOURNEY CHURCH

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