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We are asking you to ASK the Father!

Would you ASK Father God to provide for every need for the growth and development of ASK in the nations? Below is a Special Report on the vision for ASK Network Africa. The work on this continent is already in many nations, growing quickly on very limited resources. We also have invitations into Pakistan, Iran and Japan, to mention just a few. What a privilege to be able to carry a message that the nations are wanting. What a dynamic calling! We carry this beautiful DNA of Worship, Listening to Father through His Word and Spirit, and ASKing according to what He has opened our eyes and ears to.

Please ASK with us: first, for His provision of every need, and then, if you are able, please GIVE.

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You are adding to the inheritance of Jesus — *Psalm 2:8!*

SPECIAL REPORT:

ASKING for Africa

In the years of ASKing and praying for the continent of Africa, we have been hearing this Word, "Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the foundations of many generations and you will be called repairer of broken walls, restorer of streets (*paths to dwell in, inhabitable streets*) with dwellings." Isaiah 58.12

There are ancient ruins in Africa which need to be rebuilt, old foundations to be raised. There are many broken walls that need to be rebuilt and dwellings that are inhabitable that need life to be restored back.

Africa is a key continent which has been a home to humanity for many generations. It is the second largest continent occupying 22% of earth's land surface and covering 6% of the earth. Over 1500 languages are spoken here and more than 25% of all bird species live on this continent. Africa has 54 independent states/countries and is the second most populous continent with over 1.5 billion people—16% of world's population. It is the world's poorest and most undeveloped continent. Most Africans live on \$ 0.70 dollars a day, 50% are under the age of 25 and more than 40% of her people are illiterate. In Africa, 25 million people have HIV, a disease that has taken the lives of 17 million. It is estimated that about 38% of Christians worldwide live in Africa. This church in Africa is vibrant and growing with many young people being part.

In the Bible we see the great role Africa has played and therefore we are confident that God loves Africa and has a great and good plan for the future of this continent. Some of the things which have happened historically point to the call on Africa, as detailed below:

THE CALLING OF AFRICA:

“God loves Africa and has a great and good plan for the future of this continent.”

- **Preservation of Lives/Place of Refuge** — In the Bible we see the lives of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, and even the life of our Lord Jesus, as a child, were preserved here. In Genesis 46, Joseph employed several efficient business principles and preserved not only the lives of the Egyptians but the entire family of Israel. We believe God has called the continent of Africa to preserve lives.
- **House of Food, Provision, Hospitality** — Genesis 12:10— Abraham lived in Africa to escape famine; Genesis 46—the nation of Israel was hosted in Goshen; Matthew 2:13-21—Africa hosted child Jesus in Egypt. Therefore we believe God has called Africa to be place of provision, of abundance of food and hospitality.
- **Birthing Israel as a Nation** — It is important to note that when Jacob came to Egypt he came as a family but left after 400 years as a nation of over 2 million people. Therefore we can say Israel was birthed in Africa. Africa has a call to birth great and divine agendas of God.
- **Sacrificial Service to Jesus** — Matthew 27:32—The man who offered his back to carry Jesus’ cross when no one else was available was an African from Cyrene. African people have been created with great body strength to be able to carry out heavy tasks, hence we believe that Africa people have been called for sacrificial service.
- **First to Receive the Gospel after Pentecost** — The first recipients of the gospel besides the Jews were the Africans — the Ethiopian Eunuch. The first theological and Christian centres were in North Africa: Alexandria and Cairo. God desired that Africa get the gospel first for the purpose of evangelism. We believe Africa has a great call to evangelism.
- **Place God has Demonstrated His Mighty Power** — Exodus 7:3—God said “I will harden Pharaoh’s heart that I may multiply My signs and wonders.” It is the place where ten powerful evils took place which, to date, have not been repeated anywhere else. God showed His great power of deliverance. In Genesis 41:42-46, God performed the impossible by raising a man from prison to palace. Joseph was exalted from prisoner to prime minister. Therefore, we believe that God is calling Africa for demonstration of His great powers, greater than the power of magicians and all humans.
- **Wealth of Minerals** — Africa is the home of major minerals and natural resources including gold, copper, diamonds, gemstones, forest, etc. The presence of all these great minerals represent a great love of God and His call upon Africa for wealth and blessing.
- **Great Weather** — Most African countries have great weather without climate extremes. This allows prolonged periods of productivity. This is a call to work and productivity.
- **Language and Culture** — African countries were colonised by Arab and European nations. These nations brought their languages and today French, English, Arabic, Portugese, German, to name a few, are spoken. There are more people speaking in French here than those in France. Most Africans people speak two or more languages. This ability to communicate is a calling to evangelism. Africa is also blessed with a rich culture of friendship, sharing, community living , forgiveness, patience and tolerance. This is a biblical culture which allows the fast spread of the Gospel. Africans can bear with almost any condition of life and with any kind of mistreatment, exploitation, suffering and sorrow.

- **Geographical Position of the Continent** — Located between Asia and America, with Europe to north, puts Africa at the centre. Every time one looks at the world map one cannot avoid seeing Africa. It is also close to Israel and Jerusalem. Egypt has over years maintained a very close relationship with Israel. This geographical positioning represents God's desire to connect to His people Israel.

WHAT IS HINDERING AFRICA IN FULFILLING HER PROPHETIC CALL?

Africa houses the greatest number of Christians in the world. However, this continent is faced with very difficult situations:

- **A dark day of apostasy** — many countries are losing their first love for God with so many false prophets and cultic practices penetrating the church
- **Shallowness in the Word** — neglect in studying the word of God, repentance and prayer. Most Christians have no bibles, and those who have do not have much training on the word
- **Idolatry** — many Christians are turning back to witchcraft
- **Ethnicity** — ethnic and civil fights and strife
- **Bad political leadership** founded on ethnicity, corruption and injustice, which brings instability
- **Past colonisation** created a culture of rebellion and uprisings
- **Big brother issue** — many great nations have vested interests in African resources and finance instability in Africa for their own gain
- **Poverty, poverty mentality** — this is real in Africa and has led to much violence and death in Africa. It also reason why many are drawn to a materialistic gospel.
- **Demonic traditions** — making the word of God of no effect
- **Ignorance**
- **Diseases** (malaria, TB, HIV, etc.) have contributed to short life expectancy and early child mortality
- **Islamic invasion** — powerful Islamic nations are pouring funds and resources into Africa in an effort to convert young people to Islam. There is a great and hidden agenda to make all Africa Islamic by the year 2030. Several nations are now practicing sharia law and this is being pushed through other nations at a high speed.

WHAT IS ASK NETWORK DOING IN AFRICA?

According to Ezekiel 22:30, ASKers are seeking to stand in the gap and ASK God for Africa. Only GOD can fix these problems. *“O Thou that hearest prayer (our ASKings). Unto Thee shall all flesh come.” Psalm 65.2*

ASK Network in Africa has been divided in five regions — East, Central, South, North and West Africa. Over the last ten years, ASK Network has been launched in the nations of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Botswana, Liberia, Togo, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Dec Congo. Good work is also underway in Malawi, Burundi, Cameroon and Sudan.

Local churches play a key role in Africa because Christians identify themselves with their local churches. We are therefore working with pastors to mobilise and train them to ask for their churches, communities and the nations. Churches are becoming ASK centers. This is effective because ASK prayer ministry does not take Christians out of their churches, but trains them to ASK from within.

Pray with us that God will raise up a movement of ASKers in all 54 nations:

1. **Regional Leadership** in every region (East Africa, West Africa, South Africa, Central Africa and North Africa) and **National Leadership** in each African state.

2. **ASK directors** for each nation who will raise coordinators in every county, province and district to ASK for their nation.
3. **Communications Tools** for each nation, creating social platforms for effective communication.
4. **ASKing and Outreach** — sending teams to raise ASKing in different churches and communities. ASK for finances and more labourers to be part of these outreach teams.
5. **Annual Conferences** — Continental, regional and national conferences have been used for training the ASK vision, strategy and mobilisation. They are powerful and God has moved in these settings to bring many people into the work. This year there is a key ASK conference in Tanzania (September) for East Africa, and another planned for South Africa in December.
6. **Collaboration** with other prayer networks, churches and parachurch organisations. Ask with us for relationships to bring unity to the body of Christ. We have seen great fruit as we work with and through other networks and prayer networks.
7. **Training ASK leaders** to operate and drive the vision of Ask successfully. This is an area we need a lot of asking because we have seen it is very effective when leaders understand the call of ASK Network
8. **Next Generation involvement** — 60 % of Africa population is youth. We are setting up ASKing centers in colleges and training students to ASK for their nations and all Africa. Ask with us for more ASK activities in universities and colleges.
9. **ASKing centres** in offices, homes, churches, fellowships and colleges. These centres are place where ASKers can invite others to ask with them.

HAVING UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S AGENDA, WE ARE CALLING ASKERS EVERYWHERE TO ASK GOD WITH US FOR AFRICA TO ARISE INTO HER CALLING:

- **Salvation of the African people** Matthew 9:37-38
- **The Church** in Africa to be strong and well equipped to take her position. Colossians 2:7, Ephesians 4:11-16
- **Unity** of African people. Psalms 133:1-3
- **Good Leadership** in African nations. Proverbs 29:2, I Timothy 2:1-4 , Proverbs 21:1
- **African Resources** to be used to bless the African people. Deuteronomy 28:12
- **ASKers** raised up across Africa. Ezekiel 22:30, Psalms 106:23.
- **Frustration of the Islamic Agenda.** Pray against the gate of Islam. Matthew 16:18
- **Next Generation** — the raising of a righteous, biblical generation. Acts 2:39
- **Destruction of demonic altars** which have hindered the spread of the Gospel. Ephesians 1:20-21, 6:12, Daniel 10:12-13

Charles and Miriam Kaloki, ASK Directors, Africa



Charles and Miriam Kaloki

Please pray
with us for these
upcoming events:

Let the favor of the Lord our
God be upon us, and establish
the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of
our hands!

Psalm 90:17

GATHERING TOGETHER

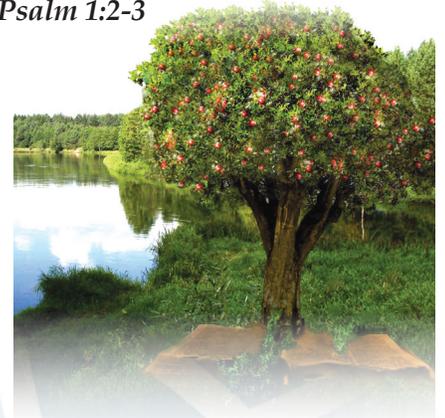
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His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. — Psalm 1:2-3

Plans are unfolding for the ASK USA National Gathering in September. We look forward to our gathering together as the ASK Family. We are ASKing the Lord to renew, refresh, and restore us individually ... and recommission us to build afresh on the foundation of fasting, worship, Biblical meditation and prayer.

Visit dekovencenter.org to see our gathering place.

Registration begins May 1st. Visit:
www.asknetworkusa.net/events for more information



Launching of ASK Tanzania Dar es Salaam, September 26-29

Pastor Israel & Nabwike Popapo have been used by the Lord to gather faithful intercessors all across Tanzania. After several years of establishing the work of ASK Network in the nation Bishop Charles and Miriam Kaloki are joining in the official launch acknowledging the great work God has already done in Tanzania.

GATHERING by phone to ASK!

■ EVERY FRIDAY:

ASKing for Unreached People Groups

- Dial In #: 001+(641) 715-3580 Access Code: 551830
- International Dial-in: https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/nga1048/*international
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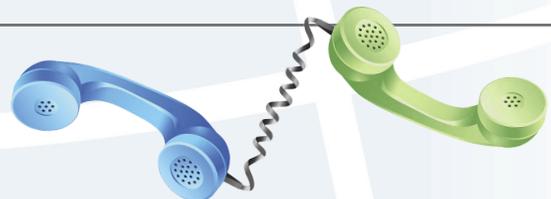
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■ FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

Asking with compassion for the LGBT+ Community

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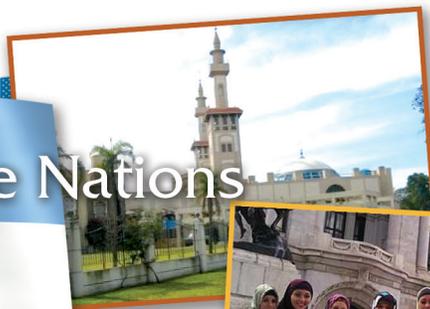
■ FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

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Argentina



Argentina is from the Latin word for silver (argentum). In 1580, the Spanish came to Argentina in search of silver, and though never found, they stayed and established a colony in Buenos Aires. Sadly, European diseases wiped out most of the small native population, and today 97% of the population is European—mostly Spanish and Italian. These are a people are highly educated and predominately urban. Modern history boasts personalities such as Evita Peron (wife of 1950's dictator, Juan Peron) and Che Guevara who joined Fidel Castro in establishing Communism in Cuba. It is also a nation with many climate variations and stunning scenery, including the Patagonian Andes Mountains and the central plains of the Pampas.

Argentina's history, since independence from Spain in 1816, is marked by internal political clashes, dictatorships and military uprisings, including the 1970s human rights crisis when 30,000 young 'disappeared ones' were kidnapped under a military coup. It was one of the world's ten wealthiest nations at the turn of the 20th century as a result of agriculture, but depression in the 1930's and subsequent political/social upheavals halted growth until 2003, when its economy began a slow recovery. Today, many live in poverty and the gap between rich and poor is widening.

Argentina has a population of 36 million (89% Catholic, 9% Protestant) and also hosts the largest Jewish community in South America. Social, economic and political difficulties have created a spiritual hunger drawing many to Christ, yet many are being deceived by cults, the occult and other religions. Two of the largest unreached peoples are, ironically, the urban professional and the urban poor.

Please ASK:

- For the church to reach out spiritually and economically and for creative ways for Christians to show loving, life-changing ministry to the large numbers of unreached peoples. *Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love.* Hebrews 10:24 TPT *There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha...She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. About this time she died. Her body was... laid in an upstairs room...filled with widows who were weeping and showing him (Peter) the coats and other clothes Tabitha had made for them... Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes...and got up. The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.* Acts 9:36-42 NLT
- For godly leaders who can direct those with social, economic and spiritual needs to the Lord's answers. *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.* James 3:17 NKJV

Unreached People Group:

TURK OF ARGENTINA

Population: **800**
 Primary Religion: **Islam**
 Language: **Turkish**

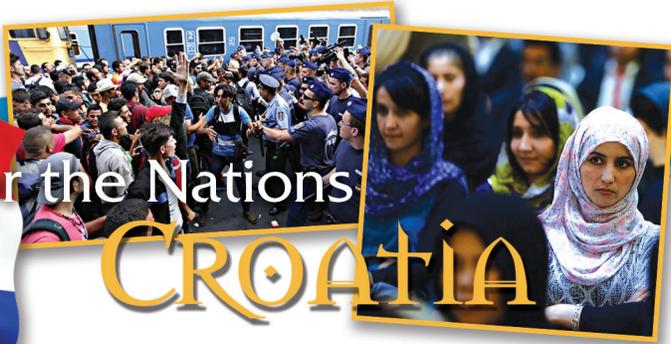
Background

In 1911, a wave of Arab Muslim immigrants arrived in Argentina, most originating from what is now Lebanon and Syria. Argentina classified them as Turks because, at the time, modern-day Lebanon and Syria were occupied by the Turkish Ottoman Empire. Enrique Corte's Guerrero, immigration official in charge when they arrived, said of the Turks, "[They] are regarded with distrust...it is impossible to talk anybody into accepting them. I regard any suggestion of encouraging the aforementioned immigrants as useless." His opinion reflected age-old prejudices Argentina's elite held against outsiders. Nonetheless, Argentina's Senate elected to admit the Turks and today they enjoy good relations with Argentines. There are no known followers of Jesus among the Turks of Argentina.

ASK ... that God would show Argentine Christians creative ways to engage

Turks with the Gospel, that Turks would be drawn to the light of life they see in their Christian neighbors (Matthew 5:13-16).





Unreached People Group:

BOSNIAK OF CROATIA

Population: **29,000**

Primary Religion: **Islam**

Language: **Bosnian**

Background

Bosniaks are one of the largest ethnic minority groups living in Croatia, making up just under 1% of the population. They practice Sunni Islam, though Sufism has played an important role in their history. Most arrived in Croatia in the 1990s, seeking refuge from severe anti-Muslim violence against them in Bosnia and Hercegovina. Like many refugees worldwide, Bosniaks in Croatia endure discrimination and marginalization by majority people groups and, as a result, are limited in their ability to integrate and participate in public life. There are very few known followers of Jesus among the Bosniaks of Croatia.

ASK ... that Christians would embody the compassion and empathy of Jesus in reaching out to Bosniaks with the Good News of God's Kingdom. Ask that Bosniaks would one day soon know their belovedness in the eyes of God (John 15:9-17, Songs of Songs 2:10-13).

Croatia is a crescent shaped country in central Mediterranean Europe. Because of its strategic location, many conquerors have left a stamp on its land, history and people. Evidence of the Roman empire is still visible in well-preserved settlements and ruins. While Croatia's present borders and status as an independent nation is about 30 years old, its first recognition as independent was in the 9th century. Since then, the country has been both independent, and threatened or conquered by almost every world power in the region, including the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian empires, and those involved in WWI and WWII. In 1945, Croatia became a part of communist Yugoslavia, a country which also absorbed neighboring states. Croatia became independent again following a brutal war of independence in the 1990s resulting in the fall of communism.

Croatia's unique geographical position and complex history make for a unique set of national issues. It borders the Roman Catholic world to the west, the Eastern Orthodox world to the east, with a strong Muslim influence coming from the south through Bosnia. Croatia is still recovering from communism which stamped atheism on the culture and people. The most recent war has left many bruises and ethnic tensions are still very much alive. The war also impacted economic growth, but corruption has been the major inhibitor of a thriving economy. The recent influx of refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers from the Middle East present new challenges for this economically struggling country. While its natural and historical beauty attract numerous tourists, the young Croatian population is leaving the country in droves and the government has officially announced that Croatia, as we know it, is dying.

Amid all this, there are glimmers of hope. Revival is happening amongst the younger generations in the Catholic church and Protestant and Catholics are working together to bring the Good News to all the people of Croatia.

Let's ASK:

- For continued revival in the Roman Catholic church and its positive influence on the society. *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.* John 13:35
- For strength and unity for Protestant and Catholic churches as they work together to preach the Gospel, influence the society and culture and minister to the most vulnerable ones. Pray Colossians 3:11-17
- For political leaders to be free of corruption and to work for the long-term benefit of the country and its people instead of their own short-term gain. *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.* Philippians 2:3-4
- For healing of the many physical, psychological, and spiritual wounds (from war, communism, atheism, ethnic hatred and tension, poverty, etc.). *Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.* Jeremiah 17:14

