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## ASKing Point

is a bi-monthly communication on behalf of ASK Network International. It is an invitation to join the network of prayer throughout the nations, ASKing and agreeing regarding key issues on God's heart. It is a tool for prayer, a place for testimony to God's faithfulness in answering, and a gift of worship to the Living God.

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# Where did all the girls go? Let's ASK God.

200 million girls have gone missing. This number is beyond comprehension. More girls are now missing than the entire population of the nation of Brazil. Where are they? Surely God is ASKing us about it! God values every person with dignity simply because he or she is created in His image (Genesis 1:27). And Jesus came that all could have abundant life (John 10:10). However, says Rick Wood, in *Missions Frontier*:

“the murder of girls is deeply rooted in the cultural devaluation of women that has existed in many cultures of the world for millennia. It is tragic that women themselves have felt so trapped by financial, cultural and governmental pressures that they have become at least unwilling participants in their own devaluation and murder.”

That means that for some cultures, “it’s a girl” becomes a deadly statement. And while **gendercide** (elimination of a baby based on gender) has been happening for millennia, the advancements of modern medical development (such as ultrasound) allow a couple to know the gender of their baby before birth and quietly abort their female baby. In Delhi, India, for example, a study found that out of “8,000 cases, 7,999 aborted fetuses were female, and in Bombay, out of 1,000 cases, 97% were female” (Elizabeth Reno, [giveherlife.org](http://giveherlife.org)). This has led to a disproportion. Boys now outnumber girls in some countries, and it is only relatively recently that awareness of this is becoming public.

How can we in ASK Network respond? The past gives us success stories of what happens when God’s light shines on this type of darkness—where social norms and expectations place the value of one gender above another. For example, in Exodus the Hebrew midwives were willing to go against the political mandate to kill baby boys because they feared God (Exodus 1:17, 21). Also, Jesus Himself elevated the position of women above his culture’s social norms by allowing them to be His followers. They were even amongst the disciples who traveled with Him. Mary Magdalene was the first at His tomb. Again, in the Roman Empire, girl infants were more likely to die of exposure, being abandoned to the elements because of her lesser value than boys. She would not be able to earn money to help support her family. But Christians were more likely to take care of these baby girls. This was counter cultural because the Christians themselves would often suffer under persecution. But regardless, they obeyed God by caring for the poor and needy.

ASK Network has often been given a vision by God to spearhead His will on earth in specific areas. When God called ASK into being, He specifically mandated this network to “gather **all generations** to pray for **all nations** asking God to do what only He can do and doing whatever He ASKs of us” (emphasis added).

Finally, during the dark days of World War II, a group of pray-ers in Wales, under the leadership of Rees Howells, committed to fast and pray for Europe. They saw God transform world events through prevailing prayer; what Howells called ‘praying through’.

In the face of this modern-day holocaust, let the intercession begin!

Let's ASK God to stop this horror:

- To protect women and children from Satan's attempt to annihilate them. *I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head and you will bruise His heel. Genesis 3:15; Come and redeem me; free me from my enemies. You know of my shame, scorn, and disgrace. You see all that my enemies are doing. Psalm 69:18-19*
- To remind His people that He has not forgotten these girls, they should also not forget. *But even if mothers forget her infant, I will never forget you. Look, I've written your names on the backs of My hands. Isaiah 49:15; The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9*
- To open doors to adoption; some reasons for closure include international standards, political disputes, and domestic unrest. *For you have not received the spirit of bondage to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry 'Abba, Father'. Romans 8:15*

## ASK Network News

### European Continental Gathering:

Thank you for your prayers for the European Gathering in Nice, France. It was a rich time with representatives from over ten European nations giving reports and leading prayer. In addition there was significant prayer for Europe in general and France in particular, including a visit to Le Promenade des Anglais, Nice.



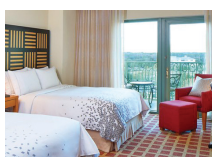
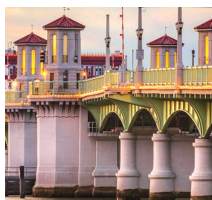
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*But you are a chosen generation,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own  
special people, that you may proclaim the  
praises of Him who called you out of darkness  
into His marvelous light. Who once were not  
a people but are now the people of God,  
who had not obtained mercy but now have  
obtained mercy." ~1 Peter 2:9-10*



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# ASKing for the Nations



## Unreached People Group:

### DOGHOSIE OF BURKINA FASO

Population: 42,000

Primary Religion: Ethnic Religions

Language: Dorhosye

#### Background

The Doghosie are a small tribe formerly from Ghana. In the eighteenth century they began migrating east across the Black Volta River in search of better farmland and to escape frequent raids by invaders. Today they live in fortress-like clay compounds in south central Burkina Faso. They continue to farm and raise livestock, though some Doghosie are being attracted to city life and the possibility of wage-earning jobs. The Doghosie practice traditional animistic beliefs, worshiping the spirits of their ancestors as well as elements of the natural world. They have very little access to the Good News of Jesus in their own language.

**ASK...** God to raise up workers and resources to provide strategic Christian resources in the Doghosie language, that they may encounter Jesus as a Rock and Refuge, a Strong Tower and Savior. (Proverbs 18:10-11; Psalm 18:2)


Listed as one of the world's poorest countries, **Burkina Faso's** population of more than 17 million is primarily rural and relies heavily on agriculture for livelihood. Even so, they lack 20% of their needed food supply because of recurring droughts and antiquated farming practices. Being Africa's fourth largest gold producer gives this nation great potential for economic advancement, but they continue to struggle.

Freedom of religion does exist and foreign missionary groups operate without restriction. Even with a population of 50% Muslim, 20% Christian, and 15% animist, every form of religion is permeated with animism. Nevertheless, Christianity has continued to rise, increasing from 10,000 to nearly 3.4 million since 1960.

Corruption throughout the nation is rampant even though the name Burkina Faso means "Country of Honorable People". It is estimated that nearly a billion dollars was lost to corruption and mismanagement in the mining sector alone in the last decade.

Slavery is an entrenched institution dating back more than a thousands years. Today, Burkina Faso's children are trafficked within the country from rural areas to urban centers—or other African nations—for domestic servitude, sexual exploitation and forced labor in gold mines, stone quarries and the agriculture sector. Attacks from Islamist terrorist groups originating in Mali and Niger continue to plague not only Burkina Faso, but also this whole Sahel area of West Africa bringing much instability.

#### ASK Points:

- For God to shine His light on the people and cause many to understand their need for a Savior, repent and choose to follow Jesus in purity without mixture. *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.* Isaiah 9:2
- For hearts to change and the people to become truly honorable. *Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.* 2 Timothy 2:22
- For freedom from terror and violence in Burkina Faso and in the Sahel area of West Africa. *The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; let them be caught in the plots that they have devised. For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; he blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD. The wicked does not seek God.* Psalm 10:2-4
- For God to pour out His blessings on Burkina Faso bringing them from poverty into the riches He provides. *The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.* Proverbs 10:22.
- For God's blessing and favor to be on His Church in these days. *May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.* Psalm 90:16-17 

# ASKing for the Nations



## PUERTO RICO

### Unreached People Group:

**Puerto Rico** (Spanish for “Rich Port”) is an unincorporated territory of the United States located in the northeast Caribbean Sea. An archipelago among the Greater Antilles, Puerto Rico includes the main island of Puerto Rico and a number of smaller ones. The capital and most populous city is San Juan. Its official languages are Spanish and English, though Spanish predominates.


Puerto Rico’s indigenous people are the Taino. Originally claimed for the Spanish Crown by Christopher Columbus in 1493, it became part of the United States following the Spanish American War in 1898. And although Puerto Ricans are by law natural-born citizens of the United States and have free movement between the island and the mainland, it is not a state and therefore does not vote in congress nor elects the president or vice president.

In June the population voted with 97% of them supporting statehood. The early 2017 government debt crisis poses a serious problem for the government with a 45% poverty rate.

**Maria**, a category 5 hurricane, the tenth-most intense Atlantic hurricane on record, took a direct hit on Puerto Rico in September, preceded two weeks earlier by Hurricane Irma. This is regarded as the worst natural disaster in history causing catastrophic damage resulting in a major humanitarian crisis.

After more than a month, the power is still out for roughly 80% of the Puerto Ricans and more than a third of households are without even the basics of reliable drinking water.

#### ASK Points:

- The Lord to restore hope to this nation and the other nations of the Caribbean that are suffering intensely from these disasters. *The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart... Psalm 34:17-18 We have run to God for safety. Now his promises should greatly encourage us to take hold of the hope that is right in front of us. This hope is like a firm and steady anchor for our souls.* Hebrews 6:18-19
- For disaster relief efforts to reach every part of this area quickly. Thank God that Samaritan’s Purse was already positioned in Puerto Rico when Hurricane Maria hit. Pray for God to supply exactly what is needed to bring restoration. *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:19
- For just governmental leaders to disperse the aid coming into the nation, who — *Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy... free them from the hand of the wicked.* Psalm 82:3-4
- For the church to be strengthened, equipped and resourced to meet the needs of their nation at this time. *And who knows but that you have come to your position for such a time as this? Esther 4:14. I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.* Psalm 50:9-10 

#### JEWES OF PUERTO RICO

Population: 1,500

Primary Religion: Judaism

Language: Spanish

#### Background

“Secret Jews” arrived in Puerto Rico in the 15th century, hiding their identity for many years to avoid persecution by the Spanish Inquisition. An open Jewish community emerged in the late 19th century after Spain ceded the island to the United States. A large influx of Jews came to Puerto Rico from Europe during the Holocaust. A second wave settled there from Cuba, following Fidel Castro’s rise to power. Today, Puerto Rico has the largest Jewish community in the Caribbean. When Hurricane Maria made landfall on the island during Rosh Hashanah this year, Puerto Rico’s Jews vowed to “start living again.” There are no known followers of Jesus among Puerto Rico’s Jews.

ASK...that the Jews of Puerto Rico would indeed start living again through encounters with Jesus as their Messiah and Savior. (John 1:14-18)