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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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Learning to ASK

A PROPHETIC PROMISE BACKED BY PRAYER

Throughout the ages, God's hand on His people is evident in the way He speaks to them through prophets who proclaim His Word directly into their lives and circumstances. As intercessors we need to take notice of the things God is speaking to our generation, but we also need to realize that we are part of the answer to the prayers of previous generations.

Samuel, after 20 years, reappears on the scene as a prophet, judge and spiritual leader of the people. (1 Samuel 7:3) Now a grown man, he was last mentioned (1 Samuel 4:1) when his word came to all Israel. Now he speaks with authority and all Israel listens to the warning he delivers. But there is also blessing and deliverance IF the people will return to the Lord with all their hearts, put away their strange gods and prepare their hearts to serve Him only. It is interesting to note that although Samuel had received the Word from the Lord that there would be great victory, 1 Sam 7:5-10 describe him following through (with the people) in prayer, confession and fasting.

In our ASK groups we need to be spiritually alert to the things God is speaking to our generation re: our cities, states, the Church, nation and nations. What have former generations heard from the Lord that we need to keep asking for? Has the Lord spoken prophetically to your group? Do you expect Him to? (Warning — make sure it is the Lord!) There are many ways to hear prophetically from the Lord — through the spoken word, visions, dreams, worship or meditating on the Word of God. We must also be alert to do what he tells us. (John 2:5)

Paul heard the "Macedonian Call" through a vision. He was immediately obedient. However, the vision was backed by prayer. He must have shared this vision as he joined Lydia and the others who prayed. After being arrested he went back to Lydia's house where they would have supported him in prayer as he left to continue his missionary journeys. (Acts 16:9-15) There is a constant need for this kind of support in ASK Network as members go to other countries to establish the work.

French Huguenots came to St. Augustine, FL (the city where I live) to escape the tyranny of the state church. They wanted to be free to study the Bible and to be led by the Spirit. Upon landing they gave thanks to God, asking for His help and praying that all might turn to His glory, dedicating all to the Lord.¹ These prayers over the coast of Florida were the first prophetic prayers prayed in our nation. As

¹ *America's First Martyrs*, by Sara Ballenger

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intercessors we need to continue to pray in agreement with these and other such prayers.

Many prophecies declaring God's judgment on America and the nations in recent years should be prompting us to pray for world revival. There are also many prophetic words about the great world harvest that is coming before the return of Jesus. Years ago the Lord spoke to my husband and me about being "reapers of the great harvest before My coming." This is a continuing prayer for us as ASKERS.

Nine years ago Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke proclaimed, "All Africa shall be saved." Since that time, 55 million on that continent have made a decision to renounce their strange gods and to follow Jesus Christ.²

Let us take heed and use our gifts of discernment to pray through such prophecies, that God would indeed bring an awakening. Many have prophesied that God would bring world revival. I believe God has been sending these prophetic declarations to encourage the Body of Christ to fast, pray, confess our sins and seek His Face for revival.

Matthew Henry wrote concerning 1 Samuel 7:1-4, "This was one of the most effectual revivals of religion which ever took place in Israel." Let us be diligent in obedience as the Holy Spirit prompts us prophetically to seek His face in prayer for our nation and the nations.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for spiritual discernment in our ASK groups that we would understand the importance of prophetic prayers. 1 Samuel 7:3, Acts 16:9-10, 13-14.
- Use the following verses to pray for worldwide revival:
 - Meditate on 1 Samuel 7:3-15. These prophetic promises were first given to Israel, pray in agreement regarding the points of blessing prophesied for the Nation of Israel.
 - See Paul's hearts cry for Israel. Romans 10:1.



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² Charisma Magazine

ASK Network News



Kathleen Dillard

ASK Network has been invited to make history in the Himalayas! We are joining ranks with **Kathleen Dillard** as she mobilizes prayer worldwide for the High Places Prayer Patrol. Focused on the principalities that reside in the mountains connecting Tibet, the Northern side of India's Hindu Kush region, Pakistan and Afghanistan — this area hosts a full range of practiced religions, including Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and tribal spirit worship.

Kathleen and her husband, Wayne, helped to pioneer Last Days Ministries with Keith and Melody Green and were mentored in prayer by Leonard Ravenhill. Wayne went on to develop www.prayercentral.net and then unexpectedly went home to Heaven three years ago. Their two grown daughters, Julia and Jessica, serve the Lord, and Kathleen continues to labor in SE Asia, working with church planters in strategic intercession for Gospel breakthroughs.

Visit <http://highplaces.prayerpatrol.net> to participate in Daily Prayers, Worship Stations and get to know the pioneers, some of Jesus' history-makers who sowed their very lives into the high places. Those of us already signed up are being much blessed by participating. 🌐

ASKing for the Nations



Unreached People Groups:

KAZAKH OF KAZAKHSTAN

Population: 9,823,000

Primary Religion: Islam

Language: Kazakh

Background

The Kazakh are the second largest Muslim people group in Central Asia. Their ethnic identity became distinct in the early sixteenth century when several clans formed a federation for mutual protection. During the 1920's and 1930's, the Russian Civil War wiped out about half of the Kazakh population. Traditionally, the Kazakh were nomadic shepherds. Under Soviet rule, their land was seized and used for collective farming. Since the collapse of communism, the Kazakh have been searching again for their ethnic identity. There is a small movement toward Christ among the Kazakh people, with over 40 known Kazakh-speaking churches in existence, mostly in major cities.

ASK...that God would restore and redeem the identity of the Kazakh people. Ask that the Kazakh church would grow in depth of discipleship, and that the good news of Jesus would spread throughout this nation. (Jeremiah 29:10-12, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world, and largest land-locked nation. Inhabited for most of its history by nomadic tribes, the Kazakh people emerged as a distinct group in the 16th century. Russians began advancing in the 18th century and by the mid-19th century all of Kazakhstan was part of the Russian Empire. It was subjected to Russian, and then Soviet control until 1991 when it declared independence—the last of the former Soviet Republics to do so.

After decades of suppression by the Soviet Union, independence brought a surge in expression of ethnic identity, including religious expression. Hundreds of mosques, churches and synagogues were built in the span of a few years. Today 70 % of the population are Muslim (primarily Kazakh), and 26% Christian (primarily Russian and Ukrainian). Islam is growing with advertisement through TV and other mass media, and due to many missionaries from Iran and Iraq who live and work here.

There are many small local churches filled with faithful congregants passionate for Jesus. They face limitless opportunity to reach out with social programs to the poor and seriously ill, to families with many children, to orphans and by providing hospice and shelter for the elderly. They are looking for God's abundant provision for this and also a needed Bible School.

Economically, Kazakhstan is making dramatic advancements with an abundance of natural resources, particularly uranium and oil. Yet addiction to drugs and alcohol is flourishing, and the gap between the rich and the poor is growing. There is also a tendency toward superstition and occultism.

Surely this is a nation at the crossroads. What a strategic time to ASK God for:

- A Revelation of His love and intent for these unique ethnic peoples.
"Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup, you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, surely I have a delightful inheritance." Psalm 16:5-6 "...a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb ...wearing white robes." Rev. 7:9
- For Salvation and Restoration to permeate this land so long oppressed.
"This is what the Lord says: In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'" Isaiah 49:8
- Protection from every plan to destroy God's purposes for the nation and for His Church. *"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you." Psalm 5:11* 🌐

ASKing for the Nations



Nigeria



Unreached People Groups:

SOKOTO FULANI OF NIGERIA

Population: 340,000
Primary Religion: Islam
Language: Fulfulde

Background

The Sokoto Fulani are a sub-group of the much larger Fulani people group, a tribe that is spread across much of West Africa. The Sokoto Fulani are composed of a ruling class and semi-nomadic shepherds. Because Fulani were known as moral, pious people who enjoyed learning, the duties of Islam were passed to them, eventually making them leaders of the Muslim faith in their region. The ruling class of the Sokoto Fulani follow the strict moral code of devout Muslims. Those who are not religious usually subscribe to superstition, fortune-telling and charms.

ASK...that the good news of Jesus would come to the Sokoto Fulani in a cultural "language" that is relevant, inviting and compelling. Ask God to encourage and inspire missionaries reaching out to the Sokoto Fulani. Ask that the Sokoto Fulani would find redemption in Christ and lead the whole Fulani people group into God's kingdom. (Isaiah 55)

Located on the Atlantic Ocean's Gulf of Guinea, Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa, and the seventh most populous nation in the world. Earliest history dates back to 500 BC, with Islam introduced in the 13th century. The British colonized Nigeria in the 1800s, and in 1960 Nigeria gained its independence, but faced the overwhelming task of unifying a country with 250 ethnic and linguistic groups. Rioting and civil wars led to military takeovers and a series of coups. Today there remains great division between the Islamic population in the north and the primarily Christian south.

Sharia law governs more than one-third of Nigeria's 36 states and more than 10,000 people have died in religious clashes. Sectarian violence today continues unabated between the government and the fundamentalist Muslim sect, Boko Haram, which opposes Western education and wants to implement Sharia law throughout the nation. Boko Haram members have attacked Christians in their villages. In addition many churches and business belonging to Christians have been destroyed.

Nigeria is one of the world's largest oil producers but violence by rebel groups fighting for a more equal distribution of oil-generated wealth has disrupted production. This reduction, poor management and corruption results in few benefiting from the wealth with 75% living in extreme poverty.

ASK God for:

- Nigeria to be set free from centuries of idolatry to serve the one true God. "This is eternal life that they might know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." *John 17:3*
- Corrupt leaders to be replaced with men and women who are just and fair. "Whatever a man sows...he reaps...flesh reaps corruption...Spirit reaps everlasting life." *Galatians 7-8*
- The Spirit of Peace to be evidenced in the lives of believers to overcome the violent spirit working to destroy Christians. "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their trouble (afflictions)." *Psalms 34:17, Psalm 85:8-9*
- An equal distribution of wealth to benefit all Nigerians, especially those living in deep poverty. "For He will deliver the needy when he cries. The poor also and him who has no helper. He will spare the poor and needy and will save the souls of the needy. He will redeem their life from oppression and violence." *Psalms 72:11-14*
- Encouragement for the church and strength in the midst of severe persecution. "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." *Matthew 16:18, John 16:33* 