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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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NEW BEGINNINGS: Gathering New ASKers

New beginnings can be exciting but also intimidating. So many times in the Bible the Lord says to people about to embark on a new adventure with Him, "Fear not!" He understands that is our natural response. But then He gives instructions to each one about what He wants done and how He wants it done. Sometimes He sends us someone to do it with us for support and wisdom. If the call of ASK is to gather then the Lord will ask us to invite new people to join with us or even to start new groups or gather people from larger contexts than our immediate relationships, maybe in our church, our city, our nation as you will see below.

Here are some questions for us. Can we answer them for ourselves? Can we pray them for others?

If the joy of asking with the Word is real to me should I be inviting others to ask with me? *I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise. Ps 106:5 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. Luke 1:50*

Do I need courage and boldness to take the first step? *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

How long do I wait on the Lord before I take that first step? Nearly 900 times in scripture the Lord tells people to wait on Him! It is important! *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. Isaiah 64:4*

How do I know who to ask or how to go about asking anyone? *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:5*

We can take great encouragement from the story of Gideon who was young, afraid, hiding from the enemy and God spoke to him words he would not have used to describe himself: *Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." Judges 6:11-12*

That wheat he was threshing became an image of "a loaf of bread" rolling into the enemy's camp. The enemy was defeated! A nation was saved. God sees you as a mighty warrior all you have to do is take the next step.

How do I ask for God to bless me? ASK!

Below is the testimony of someone who has begun ASK in a nation:

Building ASK Network from the Ground UP!

Becoming the Director for Ask Network Canada in 2015 has been both challenging and rewarding.

My focus from the beginning was to WAIT on the Lord for Him to begin to unfold His plan for ASK in Canada. Since 2015 we have added four new ASK leaders in Canada. I established a framework for anyone wanting to become a leader for ASK in Canada. Part of that framework is that they are required to do the 8 introductory lessons posted on the ASK Network International website page. (www.asknetwork.net — under Teaching Resources) It is through these introductory lessons that one then grasps the concept of meditating on the Word and through that how the Word begins to speak. This is of key importance as the leader has to not only be able to model the concept of meditating on the Word but also has to have experienced the power that comes from the Word as you meditate. I have found doing these sessions myself as well as with leaders to be very rewarding. The leaders themselves have expressed how much these lessons have impacted their thinking around prayer and the Word of God. I have also used these introductory lessons to format power point presentations, which I in turn have shared with the leaders to tweak in order to suit their teaching style.

Sue Huston
Director ASK Network Canada

Have you considered giving to ASK International on a monthly basis?

This is the testimony of one of our supporters in America who already gives \$25 a month: *I told the Lord I could not give any more. He said, "Yes you can, give another dollar a day." I have done that and He was right!*

Let us all seed into the work in the nations from our "widow's mite".

ASK Network News

Report from the ASK Gathering in Ottawa, June 6-9

It was a great privilege to host an ASK gathering here in Ottawa the National House of Prayer. As 35 of us gathered in the name of Jesus, it was evident throughout our time together that God is truly calling Canada and the United States of America to link arms in this season. It was a week of release and breakthrough for many and we give God all the glory as we look forward to our next gathering in St. Augustine in January.

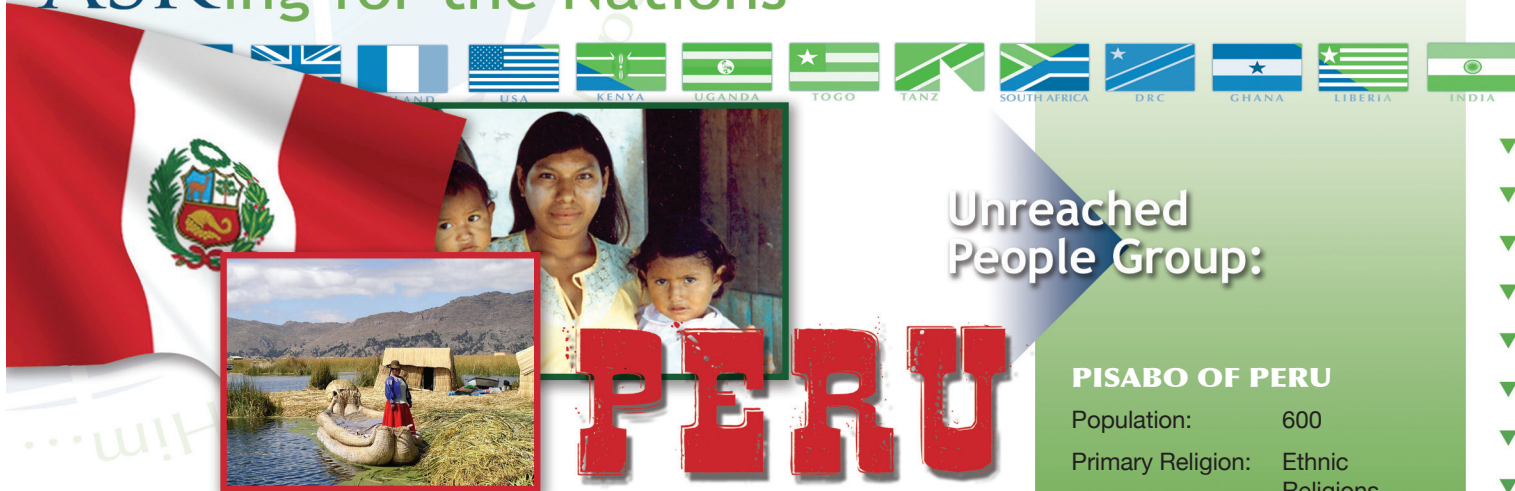
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Please pray for the launching of ASK Network, in Lagos, Nigeria July 13-15

Please pray for these upcoming ASK Network events around the world:

- September 26-29, 2017 EUROPE — ASK Continental Gathering, Nice, France
<https://guestlist.co/events/449607>
- January 25-27, 2018 NORTH AMERICA — ASK Continental Gathering, St. Augustine, Florida, USA

ASKing for the Nations



Unreached People Group:

PISABO OF PERU

Population: 600
 Primary Religion: Ethnic Religions
 Language: Pisabo

Background

The Pisabo, also known as the Pisahua, are a small ethnic group living in the Amazon rainforest of Peru. They live extremely isolated lives, intent on avoiding contact with outsiders and thus preserving their way of life. Like most indigenous Amazon people groups, the Pisabo practice forms of animism and shamanism. There are no known Christians among the Pisabo, no known Christians reaching out to the Pisabo with the Gospel and no Bible translation project in the works in the Pisabo language.

ASK...that God would show Christians the way to access the Pisabo and other "hidden tribes" of the Amazon with the Good News of God's Kingdom. Thank God that He sees, knows and loves this small people group hidden in the jungles of Peru. Ask God to lead the Pisabo to life and salvation through Jesus.

"For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright..."
 Proverbs 2:6-7 NIV

"All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols worship Him, all you gods!"
 Psalm 97:7 NIV


"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do." Isaiah 42:16 NIV

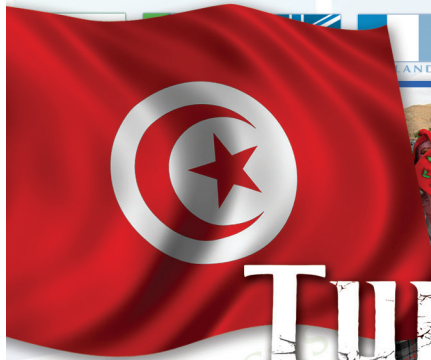
PERU is a predominately Spanish-speaking nation situated on the NW Coast of South America. Urbanites make up 72% of the almost 30 million population. The western coastal plain is the location for most of the cities and industry. Other areas include the Andean plateau where most agricultural crops are grown and the Amazon jungle to the east. Peru has at least 42 aboriginal groups and enjoys a democratic government.

In March, extreme weather hit this Andean country with torrential rains and massive flooding leading to mudslides and power-outages around the country and causing severe damage to the infrastructure. Almost half of the country's 25 regions were affected with a total lost of \$3.1 billion in productivity. More than 700 miles of road were destroyed, approximately 280,000 acres of farmland damaged, 200+ bridges collapsed, and more than 250 schools were destroyed. The death toll has been estimated at 94 with 700,000 persons left homeless. Much needs to be cleaned and restored everywhere in the country.

The majority of the nation is Christian. The Evangelical segment is growing at the fastest rate. There are many evangelical denominations and the gospel is being shared freely across the country. Most of the indigenous people are animists with many of them living in remote areas of the jungle or the mountains. Missionaries working in some of these areas are using Community Health Evangelism to facilitate a holistic community development that compliments their preaching of the Gospel.

ASK:

- There would be no corruption in the local authorities as they manage the money in reconstructing the cities. Pray that aid reaches the most needy. *"Defend the poor and the fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and the needy; free them from the hand of the wicked."* Psalm 82:3-4 NKJV
- Thousands of families affected by the floods would find hope in the Lord and encouragement to continue rebuilding. *"The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."* Lamentations 3:25-26 NKJV
- For the continued passion of church and missionary pastors who have been working in the most inhospitable parts of the Peruvian Amazon to reach the ethnic groups, and for the violence in the streets, gangs, extortionists, and drug dealers that operate in the Peruvian jungle to respond to the Gospel. *"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."* Acts 20:24 NLT 
Thanks to Medical Ambassadors Intl. for their help with current prayer points.



Tunisia



Unreached People Group:

AMAZIGH, TATAOUINE OF TUNISIA

Population: 45,000
 Primary Religion: Islam
 Language: Nafusi

Background

The Amazigh of Tataouine are one of several Amazigh people groups indigenous to Tunisia. Also known as Berbers, their name means “free or noble men.” In the early centuries of Christianity, a church was established among the Amazigh. However, with the sweep of Islam into North Africa beginning in the 7th century, and ongoing governmental and societal pressure to conform, the Amazigh are now an entirely Muslim people group. Despite a rich heritage in Christianity, today there are no known followers of Jesus among the Amazigh of Tataouine and no known Christian mission agencies reaching out to them.

ASK...that God would reignite a love for Jesus among the Amazigh of Tataouine, following centuries of dormancy.

“Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to the Lord and He will have mercy on him and abundantly pardon.” Isaiah 55:6-7

ASK that Christians would accept the mandate to bring the Good News of Jesus to this unengaged unreached people group.

Matthew 24:14 “And the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

TUNISIA is an Arabic nation situated in the most northern part of the African continent bordered by Algeria, Libya, and the Mediterranean Sea. It is considered to be the only full democracy in the Arab World.

Christianity numerically follows the Muslim religion population by 98% to 2%. The constitution declares Islam the official state religion and requires the President to be a Muslim, but there is a degree of religious freedom protected by their constitution. A Code of Personal Status was adopted shortly after independence in 1956, which gave women full legal equality with men and outlawed the practice of polygamy and a husband’s right to unilaterally divorce his wife. This law is applied to all Tunisians and remains one of the most progressive civil codes in the Muslim world. Once known as a bastion of secularism, freedoms seem to be eroding with the Ramadan crackdown this year where at least five people were sentenced to prison terms for eating or smoking in public. The terror attacks in 2015 that left 59 people dead, and Tunisia sending more jihadists than any other country in the region to fight with ISIS seems to be a definite indication of growing conservatism.

Tunisia has a rich history of early Christian writers and martyrs who continue to influence believers even today. Tertullian, founder of Western theology, Cyprian, a Bishop of Carthage, and Augustine whose writings laid the foundation of the Reformation are among the most revered.

ASK:

- Pray the growing radical Muslim conservatism will be overturned and the grace of salvation will be revealed to them. “...*Know the truth and the truth shall make you free...whoever commits sin is a slave of sin... if the son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*” John 8:32, 34, 36. Tunisians would have the freedom to worship God in truth. “*But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.*” John 4:23-24 NLT
- Equality between men and women would continue to be upheld in society. “*Adam said: This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; ...a man shall...be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh.*” Genesis 2:23-24
- Pray for the believers to walk in righteousness and holiness so that Muslims will begin to desire a relationship with the one true God. “*Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts and be renewed in the spirit of your mind...put on the new man ...in true righteousness and holiness.*” Ephesians 4:22-24 “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify you Father in heaven.*” Matthew 5:16 