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Why does ASK Network network?

We are grateful for every opportunity God gives for us to network. Partnering with others in the Body of Christ worldwide is an enriching privilege. Our first motivation is to please the Lord and fulfill His will. So many times in scripture He addresses the issue of our relationships with one another; principles that can be applied both to individuals and interacting groups, churches or ministries. (John 13:34, Romans 12:10, 15:4, 7, 16:6, Galatians 5:13, 6:2, Ephesians 4:32, 5:19, Colossians 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11, Hebrews 10:24, James 5:16)

Above all, our motivation to work together is to please the Lord who desires His children live and work in harmony. Psalm 131:1,3 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity ... For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." Jesus, on the night before He died on the Cross prayed, "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:22-23

Is it possible that in a world where so many compete with each other, that cooperation and humility can break those territorial spirits? As we defer to one another and support each other's visions, may networking become a spiritual power. Matthew 11:12 talks about the forceful taking of the kingdom. Surely preferring one another (Romans 12:10, 1 Timothy 5:10) is a force to be reckoned with.

It is in this spirit we are featuring an important prayer venture in the High Places over the next two months. Please join the network!

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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Networking in the High Places

Did you ever dream of climbing Mt. Everest and planting your flag on top of the world's highest mountain? Eighty-year-old Japanese climber Yuichiro Miura recently did just that, earning himself the distinction of being the oldest human being to conquer the world's highest mountain. You might say to yourself, "Well, that guy did something great, but I could never do anything like that." What if I told you that YOU can make history in the Himalayas? What if I explained to you how YOU can leave a much more lasting footprint on those mountains than any climber who ever lived?

At the beginning of 2012, the Lord gave a handful of Christian leaders a vision for an unprecedented moving of His Spirit throughout the Himalayas, igniting a prayer focus

called “The High Places Prayer Patrol.” These ‘High Places’ are the mountains which connect Tibet to India’s Hindu Kush region, as well as to parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Although a wild and storm-ridden land, some missions specialists have come to believe that many of the spiritual principalities and powers that rule this earth reside in this very region. Scattered amongst these mountains are 426 unreached people groups practicing Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam or tribal spirit worship. The Joshua Project reports there are still 7,163 unreached people groups around the world, so that makes the unreached peoples of the Hindu Kush 16.8% of the unfinished task.

Although this wild and snowcapped region has awed mankind for centuries, the stunning beauty of this land completely masks the spiritual darkness that imprisons its residents. Scarred and bombarded by acts of terrorism, border disputes and endless war, the people who inhabit these High Places have become weary of life. They desperately need the hope of Christ.

Recently, a team travelled by highway across Tibet into a remote region where three of the world’s religions (Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism) converge. As the team began to worship Jesus, the air was filled with the sound of people offering prayers to their various gods and goddesses. One of the Christians explained to the group that the Lord had shown him a blind woman who would approach the team, and when she arrived, they were to pray for her healing. Very soon a blind woman groped her way through the crowds, and the minute they prayed for her, she received her sight.

As Leonard Ravenhill used to say, “No one has to advertise a fire.” The minute she was healed, the multitudes began to converge upon the Christians, asking: “In the name of what god did this lady receive her sight?” With gladness the team told them about Jesus, and on that day, all who came to inquire about the blind woman received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

What Happens When You Pray?

This is what happens when you and I pray. Prayer goes up...and power comes down! After years of working in a region filled with unreached people, I’ve noticed an amazing pattern. When home-based intercessors get behind church planters with their prayers, significant breakthroughs occur. Samuel Zwemer wrote, “The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.” Let me describe the pattern to you:

When the church planters forge their way into resistant regions, they go in as an arrowhead, and this arrowhead will break the ground for the Gospel. Those who are praying from abroad also go in spiritually by holding firm the shaft of that arrow.

Their passionate push in prayer dramatically affects the impact of the church planters. The more focused the prayer, the more significant the results. The victory is assured when the tip of the arrow (church planters on the field) and the shaft of the arrow (intercessors at home) are connected through prayer.

Prayer Targets for the Gospel to be planted in any Unreached People Group:

1. Clear Presentation of the Gospel (no assumptions on what the hearer knows, thinks, feels or wants)
2. Clear Apprehension of the Gospel (binding the enemy, breaking the strongholds spiritually, mentally and emotionally)
3. Transformation (progressing past the initial heartfelt needs to change)
4. True Repentance (A clean break with sin through true repentance and restitution)
5. Love Above All (Love will endure, sacrifice, embrace the cross and reproduce itself in others)

ASK the Lord to give you scriptures to go with each of these prayer points. “My word that goes out from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11

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ASK Network Partnership

Please SIGN UP today at www.highplacesprayer.com to join this strategic effort in the Himalayas. You will get 31 prayers, distributed twice a week to your inbox for 15 weeks. Each prayer is different and covers lots of felt need topics, with Scriptures woven throughout them.

Your partnership has been essential in increasing the incense in the bowls of heaven for the Unreached People Groups who live on the roof top of the world. Thank you, ASK family, for putting your shoulder to the plow in prayer. Heaven will reveal your reward and many will see and hear of Jesus on this side of the curtain of eternity.

In closing, I am getting on my knees and begging you to get on your knees and send us prayers that are more precious than gold. Begin today to steady the shaft of our weapons with your intercession as we send spiritual arrows into these Himalayan High Places. I'm calling every intercessor from Maine to California ... from the hills to the valleys, from the mountains to the sea ... Please come with the hammers of intercession so that "... *the Lamb that was slain may receive the reward of His suffering.*"

By: A Member of the High Places Prayer Patrol

*If you are able to give to the ongoing work of ASK gathering nations to pray for nations, especially in Africa and Asia, please contribute with a one-off gift or monthly on the website www.asknetwork.net Click on "Donate" in the lower left corner of the Home Page.
The Lord bless you!*

ASK Network News

In September 2017, ASK Europe gathered in Nice, France under the leadership of the European Directors Charlie and Anita Cleverly. Pastors from Spain attended and then extended an invitation to ASK Network to teach at the annual missions gathering of a fraternity of pastors called Buenos Noticias, 'Good News'. Stuart and Celia McAlpine have just had the privilege of attending and speaking at that gathering in Madrid, June 15-16. It was a precious time with these wonderful brothers and sisters who represent a still small but strong evangelical church in Spain. We thank them for their warm welcome to ASK Network and their receptivity to the vision and literature. ASK Europe is planning to return to Madrid in September 2019 for a continental conference so please pray that this developing friendship may be blessed. The network of Buenos Noticias has significant relationships with many nations around the Mediterranean. May the Lord bless them in their missions initiatives.



Pastors praying at the gathering in Madrid

GATHERING by phone to ASK!

Here are two opportunities:

EVERY FRIDAY!

ASKing the Lord of the Harvest, praying for the final frontier of Unreached People Groups:

Dial-in Number: 001+(641) 715-3580

Access Code: 551830

International Dial-in Numbers:

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/nga1048/#international>
7-9 am (PST), 10 am-12noon (EST)

Those who have been on this call have been greatly blessed.

We encourage you to join any week. Please email nga231@yahoo.com for further information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH!

JULY 11 (due to Fourth of July in US) and AUGUST 1.

ASKing with compassion for the LGBTQIA Community.

We are ASKing God to send a tsunami of His love and transforming power to the LGBTQIA community. We are gathering by phone for one hour, once a month, on the first Wednesdays at 7-8 am (PST), 10-11 am (EST).

Conference Dial-in Number: (641)715-0863

Access Code: 822701

You may also opt in for a once a week Scripture turned into prayer for this community God loves and gave Himself for.

Just email fawn.parish@gmail.com and put in the subject line God's Heart and you will be added to the list.



The Republic of Mozambique is a country in southeast Africa whose capital and largest city is Maputo. Predominantly rural, only 38% of its people live in cities. The Bantu-speaking peoples migrated to present-day Mozambique in the first and fifth centuries AD, followed by the Arab, Persian and Somali merchants in the 11th century who contributed to the development of a distinct Swahili culture and language. After four centuries of Portuguese rule, Mozambique gained independence in 1975 but only two years later the country descended into an intense and protracted civil war lasting from 1977 to 1992. In 1994, Mozambique held its first multiparty elections, and until recently, the country enjoyed relative peace. But since October 2017 there has been a group of militant extremists responsible for scores of attacks against government institutions and civilians in the north. They are targeting anyone who opposes their brand of terror. In the last few weeks these attacks have intensified in frequency and brutality. Each attack has involved killing and burning houses. People were beheaded in at least six villages. Villagers are fleeing for their lives, carrying nothing with them, and have become refugees in the bush or on offshore islands. (Iris Global Ministries)

Mozambique has rich and extensive natural resources. The economy is based largely on agriculture, but industry is growing. Since 2001, Mozambique's annual average GDP growth has been among the world's highest. However, the country is still one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in the world, ranking low in human development, measures of inequality and an average life expectancy of only 48 years.

The largest religion in Mozambique is Christianity (47%, with Evangelicals making up 11%), with significant minorities following Islam and African traditional religions.

ASK For:

- Peace in Mozambique from attacks of the militant extremist. *We looked for peace and completeness, but no good came, and for a time of healing, but behold, dismay, trouble, and terror! Jeremiah 8:15; The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:20*
- The church to receive God's strength to prevail and that they can all shine more than ever in these dark and troubling times. *That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man. Ephesians 3:16; That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Philippians 2:15*
- The faith communities and government leaders will unite with a national action plan to quickly deal with the issues of poverty, violence, and lack of medical care. *Without consultation, plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they succeed. Proverbs 15:22*

Unreached People Group:

MWANI OF MOZAMBIQUE

Population: **151,000**
 Primary Religion: **Islam**
 Language: **Mwani**

Background

The Mwani, translated "beach," live primarily in the Cabo Delgado province along the northern coast and nearby islands of Mozambique. They were traditionally an animist people group and were vulnerable to human trafficking at the hands of Arab and European slave traders centuries ago. Today, the Mwani practice a folk version of Islam. They are fisher people who live simply and value community. In recent months, a radical Islamist group has attacked villages in Cabo Delgado—burning homes, cars, cattle, a local mosque and killing the local imam. Hundreds of people, likely many Mwani, are currently displaced. There is a small, but growing, body of believers among the Mwani.

ASK ... God to comfort and encourage the Mwani as they face the threat of terror. Ask that Mwani Christians would grow deep roots of faith and find a

voice to share their love of Jesus with family, friends and neighbors. Pray for peace in Mozambique. (Psalm 9:7-10, Hebrews 13:20-21)





The Netherlands

The Netherlands, often referred to as Holland, is a country located mostly in Western Europe with a population of seventeen million, of which, 46.5% are Christians (with Evangelicals making up 4% of the population), and 47% of the people who consider themselves non-religious. Only 50% of the nation is above sea level as much of its land has been reclaimed from the sea. It is the world's fourth most densely populated country, yet is the world's second largest exporter of food and agricultural products because of its fertile soil and mild climate as well as its highly developed intensive agriculture.

The Netherlands has a long history of social tolerance and is generally regarded as a liberal nation, having legalized abortion, prostitution and euthanasia, while maintaining a progressive drug policy. Regarding the LGBT community, it became the world's first country to legalize same-sex marriage in 2001. The Netherlands has a generous welfare state that provides universal healthcare, good public education and a wide range of social benefits.

There are signs of hope in the church amid the spiritual decline.

ASK For:

- **Growth** in the number and strength of many independent churches and that vitality, spiritual depth, increased discipleship and effective outreach among charismatic Pentecostal Christians would continue. ... *On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18; The word of God spread and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly ... Acts 6:7*
- **Immigrant churches** bring diversity, vitality, and a new sense of hope to the Netherlands. Pray for the effective integration of these 700,000 immigrant Christians into Dutch church life. *And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart. Ezekiel 11:19; Now all who believed were together and had all things in common ... continuing daily with one accord in the temple Acts 2:44,46*
- **Unity within evangelicalism** remains a challenge. Evangelicals come from a very wide spectrum and are often fragmented and isolated. Pray for spiritual unity that draws denominations, institutions, agencies and ethnic groups into a single vision for reaching the nation and the world by walking in the power of the Spirit. *I ... beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness, gentleness, longsuffering, bearing with one another in love endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1-3*

Unreached People Group:

MOROCCAN ARABS OF THE NETHERLANDS

Population: **46,000**
 Primary Religion: **Islam**
 Language: **Arabic**

Background

Moroccan Arabs are a primarily Muslim people group indigenous to Morocco in North Africa. In response to a labor shortage in the 1960s, the government of the Netherlands invited immigrant guest workers to live and work in their nation. Thus began a large scale migration of Moroccan Arabs to the Netherlands. Today, Moroccan Arabs are one of the two largest immigrant populations in the Netherlands, along with Turks. In recent years, a rise in nationalism has resulted in greater hostility toward immigrants and Moroccan Arabs in particular. There are a few known Christians among the Moroccan Arabs in the Netherlands.

ASK ... that Christians in the Netherlands would find opportunities to demonstrate the love of Jesus in word and deed to Moroccan Arabs. Ask that Moroccan Arabs would see and embrace Jesus through the kind witness of Christians. Ask that people of influence in the Netherlands would be

guided by God in making decisions that impact immigrants. (Matthew 5:13-16, Romans 12:9-21, I Timothy 2:1-6)

