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Some time ago in my early days as a Christian, I joined a small prayer group that met weekly in a little white-washed church outside Cairo, Egypt. I'll never forget my first time gathering with three other women, and the moment one of us opened her mouth to lead us in a song. As we proceeded to sing several more, the notes bounced off the empty walls and reverberated all around us, sending us into a small bit of heaven. What was this? I had attended many churches, and church services, where we sang a hymn or two and then sat down. This was different. This was my introduction into a prayer fellowship we now know as ASK Network.

Why does every ASK gathering begin with worship? I am reminded of a question from a not-yet-believer, who once asked, "Why does your God need to be worshiped so much? Why does He need all that attention?" It pierced my heart to hear God being misunderstood in such a way, and I answered with almost a whisper, "God does not need our worship, but He realizes that we do." We need to be drawn out of ourselves, that is. To experience the One bigger than us or our circumstances. To experience the goodness and kindness of a loving God. To connect with Him and with others connecting to Him, as we seek Him together.

Worship resets our focus, acknowledges God's lordship over all things, recounts the marvels He has worked in our lives, proclaims truth to our souls (as well as to heavenly beings), softens our hearts to hear His word, inspires us to apply His will in prayer, and perhaps moves us to address our own pride or mis-steps. Worship is a tenderizer. It heightens our senses to feel His presence, to hear Him, and to understand more fully His leading and direction. It puts God first, and in so doing, lifts our own eyes to the higher place.

There is even brain science behind all this. God knew. He said through the psalmist David, "Come into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4) In fact, whenever we see the word "remember" in scripture, it is an invitation to recall God's goodness and be thankful. Setting our eyes on the God who made us and discovering ways to be thankful—these intentional acts reset our brain circuitry to better connect with Him and with others.

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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From this place of worship, then, we ASKers can proceed seamlessly to the engagement of meditation and prayer. There are depths of perspective we can achieve here, because we have first begun in worship. We are now poised to hear clearly from God's heart, and we are emboldened to apply His purposes with a faith that would even draw down strongholds. Has that ever happened to you? Where the words are tumbling out of your mouth like a cannon ball? Or perhaps like a flow of water? Worship tends to provide a foundation for applying the word just as it is needed.

As we embark on the holiday season before us, and there are so many opportunities to pray for those in need, indeed to speak of the hope of our salvation, especially in our families, may we remember to set aside times of worship, both individual and corporate, so that our hearts may be in tune with God's heart, and overflowing with just the right word in season. Jeremiah 23:29 says this: "Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" And we have this word in Deuteronomy 33:2-3, where Moses says, "Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the Lord."

Worship prepares, equips, energizes, and establishes us to be mightily used of God, to proclaim Him, to bring His goodness and healing into our hurting world, both near and far. May the trumpet sound for us to come and adore Him in this season. May we bow down together and worship Him, so that our prayers and our testimony usher in a kingdom that knows no end. And may God bless you and your dear ones this holiday!

Let's ASK:

- That we would be constant in the practice of gratefulness—remembering, acknowledging and testifying to our faithful, true God. ... *For He has not hidden his face from us, but has listened to our cry for help.... The poor will eat and be satisfied. Psalm 22:25-28*
- For true worship to become the expression of the global church as we walk in the midst of family, society and nations. ... *All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him. Psalm 22:27-29; 30-31, John 4:23-24;*



Anne Doggett – A faithful worship leader for ASK Network both internationally and in ASK USA

The Names of God listed below can be used as a proclamation of His character before prayer. You can also search the New Testament (or the Internet!) for all the incredible names given to Jesus. Declaration of the character of the Lord is a powerful presentation of truth about Him.

Yehovah Tzevaot

God of Hosts *1 Samuel 17:45*

Yehovah Elyon

Most High God *Psalm 7:17*

Yehovah Ro'I

God is Shepherd *Psalm 23:1*

Yehovah Yireh

God is Provider *Genesis 22:14*

Yehovah Nissi

God is a Banner *Exodus 17:15*

Yehovah Shalom

God is Peace *Judges 6:24*

Yehovah Shamah

Jehovah is There *Ezekiel 48:35*

Yehovah Tzidkenu

God is Righteousness *Jeremiah 23:6*

Yehovah Mekadesh-chem

God is Sanctifier *Leviticus 20:8*

Yehovah Ropha-cha

God is Healer *Exodus 15:26*

Elohim

God *Genesis 1:1*

El Elohei Yisrael

God, the God of Israel *Genesis 33:20*

Adonai

LORD *Genesis 15:2*

El Shaddai

Almighty God *Genesis 17:1*

El Olam

Everlasting God *Genesis 21:33*

El Gibbor

Mighty Champion God *Isaiah 9:6-7*

El Elyon

Most High God *Genesis 14:18*



A CALL to ASK with us for Kenya

Daniel Mwariri, Recently appointed ASK Director of ASK Kenya

The scripture that is guiding us as we ask is Zechariah 10:1: *Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.*

We are convinced that we are in times of a great move of God which is totally dependent on our asking. Our asking will cause changes in our spiritual season and bring great changes in our cities. Asking is the bridge that connects God's purpose to human life and transformation.

Please ASK with us that:

- God will cause an awakening in his church which has been lukewarm
- That God will restore his glory as he desires.
- That God will restore his people back to their true position in Christ

Amos 9:11-14 — In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

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
- 7-9am (PST), 10-12 (EST), 5-7 (GMT)

Email Nga Dang with for inquiries or more info: nga231@yahoo.com

■ FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:

Asking with compassion for the LGBT+ Community

- Dial In #: 001 +(605) 313-5143 Access Code: 822701
- 7-8am (PST), 10-11(EST), 5-6 (GMT)

Email Fawn Parish for inquiries or more info: fawn.parish@gmail.com

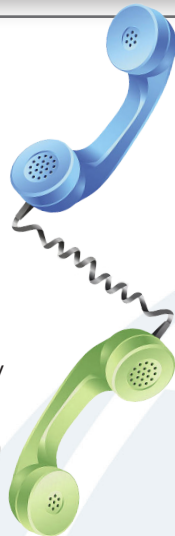
■ FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

ASKing for the UK & Europe

- Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/2795509928> (If you are able to join using your computer we will be able to share information over the internet)
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Bahamas

The Bahamas is a coral-based archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean. Its 700-plus islands and cays range from uninhabited to those packed with resorts. The northernmost, Grand Bahama, and Paradise Island are home to many large-scale hotels. Tourism has replaced farming as the largest industry. The per capita income is among the top 30 in the world but there is a big gap between the urban middle class and the poor farmers. The population as of 2019 is 413,214 with Nassau the capital having the largest portion with 255,000. Formerly a British colony, The Bahamas became an independent country in 1973 as part of the Commonwealth.

Hurricane Dorian, the strongest hurricane in almost a century to hit the Bahamas, slammed Elbow Cay on the Abaco islands September 1st. It continued to rage there as well as in Grand Bahama Island with gusts up to 200 mph, sometimes moving at just 1 mph for more than 48 hours. The death count by mid- September was 53 people with more expected, and many still missing. On the Abaco Islands an estimated 90% of housing and infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed. There is an estimate of 76,000 people left homeless.

The church in the Bahamas makes up 70% of the population, but has been overwhelmed with the needs of their communities. Many have rallied to help, but much more is required, and it will take months to clean up the debris, recover bodies, and restore power, and other public services.

Let's ASK:

- For wisdom, vision, and strategy for leaders in the Church to find the way forward. *He will be your constant source of stability in changing times, and out of his abundant love he gives you the riches of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. Yes, the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure! Isaiah 33:5 (The Passion)*
- Many who were living in the area of Abaco were illegal immigrants and had to be evacuated to the capital. *The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. Psalm 146:9*
- All resources being supplied in-country will be distributed fairly. *You must never twist justice or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for bribes blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt the decisions of the godly. Deuteronomy 16:19*
- For economic recovery. *The Lord says, "I will give you back what you lost...Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the Lord your God, who does these miracles for you. Then you will know that I am among my people...that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other. Joel 2:25-27*
- Revival and renewal in the church and nation. *My earthly life clings to the dust; Revive and refresh me according to Your word. Turn my eyes away from vanity [all those worldly, meaningless things that distract—let Your priorities be mine], and restore me [with renewed energy] in Your ways. I long for Your precepts; renew me through Your righteousness. Psalm 119:25,37,40*

Unreached People Group:

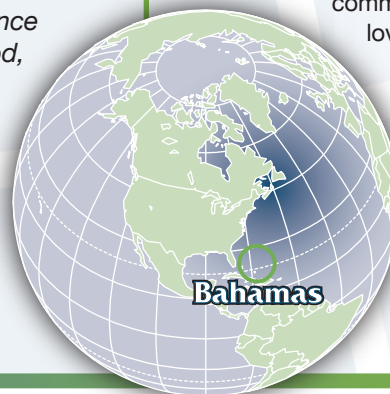
JEWS OF THE BAHAMAS

Population: **300**
Primary Religion: **Judaism**
Language: **English**

Background

The small Jewish community in the Bahamas dates back to the 17th century when the British first settled there. More Jewish families arrived in the Bahamas from Europe following World Wars I and II. Today, around 300 Jewish people live there. The first synagogue was constructed in Freeport in 1972. It has since been closed, but another one has been built in Nassau. Today, Jewish congregations gather to worship in Freeport and Nassau. Following Hurricane Dorian, the Jewish community banded together to support Jewish families facing great loss. There are no known Christians among the Jewish people of the Bahamas.

ASK ... that God would reveal Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah to the Jewish people of the Bahamas. Ask that Christians would find creative ways to engage with this close-knit community with the love of Jesus.
(John 4:4-30)





Hong Kong



Unreached People Group:

HUI OF HONG KONG

Population: **37,000**

Primary Religion: **Islam**

Language: **Mandarin**

Background

The Hui are among the least-reached people groups on earth. They number over 14 million worldwide and most live in China, where they are an official minority group. Most practice Sunni Islam and are descendants of Arab and Persian traders who traveled through China in search of fortune during the 17th century. They are well known for their keen skills in business. Most Hui in Hong Kong arrived there in the past century. There is a small group of known followers of Jesus among the Hui in China, but no known Hui believers in Hong Kong..

ASK ... that Hui Christians in China would be bold to share their faith with other Hui, including those who have migrated to Hong Kong. Ask that Hui would grow in hunger to know the mysteries of God through Christ. (Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 5:15-16, Psalm 42:1-2, Colossians 2:1-3)

Hong Kong is a mountainous peninsula with 230 islands and is 426 square miles with a population of 7.4 million; 12% are Christian and 60% of Chinese religions. It became a colony of the British Empire in 1842 after the end of the Opium Wars. Great Britain's 99- year lease ended in 1997 at which time it was transferred to Communist China under the principle of "one country, two systems". Hong Kong is one of the world's significant financial centers and commercial ports, and although it has high air pollution, it enjoys some of the longest life expectancies in the world.

Anti-government protests, influenced by many Christians, have rocked Hong Kong since June, and looks like it's not dying down. The protests began with hymns and prayers, against proposals to allow extradition to mainland China, currently under fierce government persecution against Christians and Quigers (Muslims). Critics of the proposal fear that the rights and judicial independence of the people will be undermined, especially endangering dissidents. While the extradition bill was withdrawn in September, the demonstrations continue, those participating demanding full democracy and an inquiry into the police actions during recent violent clashes.

Three weeks ago, 140 Christian leaders met to pray about and discuss the situation. They need a redemptive vision for the city. Hong Kong needs Christ, and so does China.

Let's ASK:

- To unify the church and offer such a vision, especially as the church has been politically divided; some support the youth and others the government. *...Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. John 17:11*
- God's purposes of blessing and liberation would be fulfilled during this crucial time. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life... This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. John 3: 16, 19*
- For the miraculous spread of His gospel during this time of chaos and disruption. *These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may be peace. In the world you will have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world. John 16:33*
- For an end to persecution in mainland China allowing for religious freedom. *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15:7*

