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Fellowship in ASKing: The Birth of a Blog!

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.*

*That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Psalm 1:1-3*

“How did I learn to meditate on and pray the Word?” Pause and ask yourself that question. Many of us might have had the blessing of being taught these marvelous truths that David and others enjoyed and walked in (Psalm 1). For others of us it was by doing it—meditating and praying alongside those who have walked these paths far longer. Hopefully we have all had both experiences at some point, teaching and partnering in ASKing. If you have been part of any ASK Gathering you should have had that breathtaking experience of seeing how the Lord opens up His Word to each of us uniquely, every one getting a piece of that puzzle of revelation, revealing what is on the heart of God. Sometimes it is the one who gets what might seem the simplest of understanding that unlocks the treasure trove for us all!

Those of us who have been on this journey of hearing the voice of God through meditating on the Word for a long while desire to hand onto others what we have learned along the way. We also want to incorporate into that sharing the fresh understanding so many are getting as you are out there “on the job” ASKing for communities, cities, nations and the Church. We want to hear about and learn from your experiences hearing from the Lord, both in the ASKing and in the Doing “whatever He tells you” (John 2:5).

To that end, we are announcing that ASK Network International will shortly be launching a global blog. The goal of this blog will be to provide an avenue for the discipleship and mentoring of those, all over the world, who are gathering to ASK. Historically, many of us met more regularly face-to-face allowing those new to the vision to be mentored both through teaching and example. In an increasingly

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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technological age, gathering now happens in a greater variety of ways and such opportunities for mentoring are not as consistent as they once were.

As ASK Network continues to expand in days to come, we desire to be good stewards of our unique call in the body of Christ. We believe this blog will provide a regular, more personal means of communication and fellowship. Besides strengthening the cords of relationship throughout the Network, we believe these communications will also help us all to faithfully steward the:

- Clarity of the vision that protects us against dissipation and /or admixture
- Consistency in how we ASK, through meditation and praying the Word, across the nations
- Ongoing growth and maturity for all those who gather to ASK

We hope that you will join us as we develop this new avenue of fellowship and mentoring. Not only will we have an opportunity to know each other better, we will also dig into the rich and deep history of this prayer movement that stretches back almost four decades. We want to remember and honor the wonderful and faithful ways the Lord has led us. These are treasures of our heritage, not to be neglected or forgotten.

*I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds. Your ways, God, are holy.
What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples. Psalm 77:11-14*

Please keep watch for more specifics soon on the launch of the blog. We are so grateful to be on this path together with you!

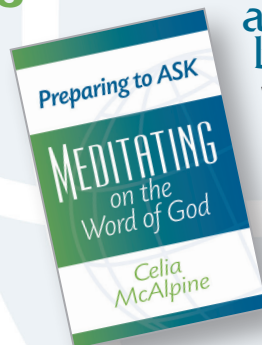
ASK Network News

Please be praying for these upcoming events:

**ASK USA Gathering
Racine, Wisconsin
September 12-14**

**Launch of ASK Tanzania
with leaders from
other nations attending
Dar Es Salaam
September 26-28**

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Please be aware that you may donate to the growing work of ASK in the nations on the international website www.asknetwork.net by clicking the "Donate" button. The site is secure for giving by credit card.



Praise report on the Philippines: Beverley Coad, ASK International Ambassador, has returned from a trip to the Philippines introducing ASK across the islands. It had challenges but grace prevailed! She had many good meetings and has already been invited to return in January. The young man in this picture is Jhonbert, the new youth ASK contact for the Philippines.

Please keep praying the seeds sown in this nation will grow. Water them with your prayers and God will give the increase! (1 Corinthians 3:7). attach pic



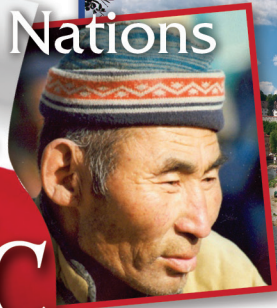
**Jhonbert, Philippines
ASK youth contact, and
Beverly Coad**

Announcing the arrival of a new ASK booklet:

Meditating on the Word of God — preparing to ASK by Celia McAlpine. It reinforces the crucial value of hearing the voice of the Lord before we ASK so we can be ASKing according to His Word and will. This will be available at the USA and Tanzania gatherings or can be ordered off the website www.asknetwork.net.

for the Nations

CZECH REPUBLIC



Unreached People Group:

MONGOL, KHALKA OF CZECH REPUBLIC

Population: **2,500**
 Primary Religion: **Buddhism**
 Language: **Mongolian, Halh**

Background

The Mongol, Khalka of the Czech Republic migrated from northern Mongolia. They have kept detailed records of their genealogy to prove that they are descendants of Ghengis Khan. The majority of the Khalka live in China and follow Tibetan Buddhism, also known as Lamaism. Their religious ideals have bonded them together making for a kind and hospitable society, but it has also robbed their manhood of energy and natural ambition. They form one of the country's smaller ethnic groups and comprise 3.6% of the foreign workforce (2008). The Czech government is working with the Mongolian government to control illegal migration because of the danger of abuse that foreign workers face. There are very few believers among the Mongol, Khalka in the Czech Republic or in China. The seed that was sown by missionaries in the early 20th century has not yet born much fruit.

ASK ... that God would send godly witnesses (Acts 26:17-18) so that they can "... turn to God from idols to serve the living and true God." 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 2 Corinthians 9:8



The most common comment from various **Czech** believers is that many nationals, including believers, rely too much on materialism blinding them to such an extent that they don't really think about the spiritual world. With material things readily provided such as decent education and health care, people just don't think of a life beyond this world. There is not an overt demonstration of evil as in other countries, yet many say they are atheists, agnostics or just areligious. Believers coming from neighboring Slovakia notice a great spiritual deadness as they cross the Czech border.

The largest people group in Czechia is the Slovaks followed by the Ukrainians and the Vietnamese. There are also many Roma who have difficulty interacting with the native Czechs even though they are not foreigners, having lived here for hundreds of years.

The many small churches in Prague do not cooperate with each other and are more likely to grow at the expense of others. In contrast, the churches do cooperate well in Brno, the second largest city.

In 1993, Czechoslovakia separated into Czechia and Slovakia. The Czech Republic has been called "the North Korea of Europe" because of atheism and alcoholism. Yet in the past Czechs have given the church a marvelous legacy. Christians such as John Hus were martyred, his death laying the foundation for the subsequent Protestant Reformation. The Moravian movement with its primary emphasis on prayer and missions expanded all over the world was also birthed here. Unfortunately, the counter reformation drove out the Gospel, which has lasted till this day.

Let's ASK:

- For God's spirit to combat the secularism and materialism in Czech society. *Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.* Zechariah 4:6
- That the Word of God would counteract the apathy and numbness of the people of Czechia. *I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Romans 12:1-2, Isaiah 55:11
- For ministries like the International House of Prayer in Prague and struggling small churches that have been wounded from the ravages of Communism, which ended in 1989, to become vibrant with the presence of God. *Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.* Isaiah 58:12



Unreached People Group:

GUJARATI UPG

Population: **631,000**
 Primary Religion: **Hinduism (64.95%)**
 Language: **Gujarati**

Background

The UK has over 200,000 Gujarati speakers, many of them situated in the London area, Birmingham, Manchester and in Leicester, Coventry, Bradford and the former mill towns within Lancashire. Some neighbourhoods may be 80% Gujarati. Many come from India, but a portion of these numbers consists of East African Gujaratis who were expelled from countries such as Uganda. Most, with British passports, settled in the UK. The majority are Hindu but some are Muslim.

Older Gujaratis are not comfortable with the possibility of their language not surviving them, but younger generations have learned English and adapted to the culture. Despite the abundance of Christians and churches in the UK, these groups remain virtually unreached with the Gospel. Only 0.05% are Christian.

ASK ... that the Lord will raise up evangelists with a compassion for these people, and that the Gujarati people will

recognise the uniqueness of Jesus (Acts 17:24-25, 30, 31) and embrace Him as their Lord and Saviour (Acts 4:12).

Historical evidence suggests that Christianity had arrived in **Britain** by the beginning of the third century AD. Much of Britain's institutions and laws are based on Christianity and the coronation establishes the constitutional importance of Christianity in national life. Britain's empire and influence have waned because of Britain's failure to keep its promise to support a national homeland for the Jews after the 1st World War, and the passing of ungodly laws since the end of the 2nd World War. In spite of this she has continued to send many out as missionaries and Bible translators. In recent years there has been an influx from the nations including missionaries who have come to return the blessing.

The union of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is under threat too with divisions brought to the surface and deepened with the vote to leave the European Union after nearly 50 years as a member. The nation's Christian heritage is under constant attack from secular humanism and liberal ideologies as well as a burgeoning Muslim population and influence. Operation World estimates that 60% of the population are Christian, but church attendance was estimated as only 5% in 2015. Many people have very limited knowledge of the basics of the Christian faith.

Let's ASK:

- For revival within the churches, unity among the denominations and a heart to reach out with the gospel. *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* John 13:35, Leviticus 20:26, Exodus 15:13
- For protection of the children being exposed to liberal agendas through schools and the media and the strengthening of all those engaged with the evangelism and discipleship of children and young people. *Tell to the coming generation, the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.* Psalm 78:1-4, Matthew 18:6
- For repentance for abandoning God's laws and despising our Christian heritage. *...Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.* Acts 2:37-39, Acts 3:19-21
- For protection of the union of the home nations, healing of national divisions and wisdom for future relationship with Europe. In particular for Parliamentarians and the current Government to discover the fear of the Lord and discern His will. *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.* Proverbs 9:10, Psalm 2

