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In 2013, I received a vision about how the Lord was going to produce a tide of spiritual awakening in the nations around the Mediterranean coast. I started to pray and ask God for confirmation. A Word came clearly:

*“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory”
(Isaiah 66:18)*

In 2015 I started to share that vision with people, including my closest friends. Some were skeptical but others were really excited about the idea of Bridges of Life as a mission and association; two different organizations that would facilitate two diverse teams, to work on building bridges of relationships where governments were open; and bridges of development (social, cultural, artistic, tourism) wherever local laws would limit liberty to share the gospel.

So in 2017 we started to contact people from Ibiza Island to mainland Spain, France and nations in South Europe like Albania and Malta. To this day we are building bridges of relationships in Europe.

In two years, in Jesus name, and with the help of intrepid Spanish teams we have visited Morocco, Algiers, Kabily, Egypt, Lebanon, Albania; in the next months Syria and Malta. *“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations. To Tarshish to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations ...”* (Isaiah 66:19). **I believe that such words are not only for a remnant of a nation like Israel. I think that this is the church's call to work and get involved in a final move of God in the Mediterranean nations, and from there to affect the whole world.**

Thirty years ago in Morocco, some of us from the Buenas Noticias churches started a work amongst nomads. In 2009, with the permission of governments, we began developing schools for the nomadic community in nomads' tents. Now seven such

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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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schools are functioning led by Shem's Association in Morocco. Swiss and French embassies and a Moroccan association from Agadir, are giving financial help to sustain these schools. The educational ministry of Morocco provides for teachers with language skills, and official material for study. Now there is a group of young nomads ready to start college. But an obstacle is that families want these young ones to stay to care for flocks and do other nomadic work.

Together with that development project, we manage to get in touch with Berber nomads and share the Gospel. The result is that 94 families at the moment (January 2019) are following Jesus, many baptized by leaders among them. They live part of the year in four different provinces of Morocco. We went also to visit Algiers and there we found, specially at Kabily, many free Christians with no fear at all. We visited a couple of churches, one with about 250 members and with a public meeting place. Another one had just been closed recently by Algerian ministry order, but Christians are still meeting. We have been invited to participate in May at Boudgima Biblical School, so we are going to teach about the power of intercessory prayer ministry.

In March another team of Puentes de Vida will participate in an international Mediterranean conference in Malta. We expect to build friendship with other ministries working in missions in North Africa and other Mediterranean countries.

Please ASK with us:

- For the Mediterranean nations, and a relaunching of missions with a younger generation that respect and work together with experienced missionaries.
- For the Mediterranean governments: to see them opened for the Gospel.
- For workers and schools training. Courageous young workers and trainers are required urgently to see a similar move of the Spirit, similar to the last five centuries after Christ.
- Intercede for Bridges of Life that we will facilitate communication and cooperation in missions at both sides of the bridges.
- For empowering the nations in the south of Europe. Nations from North and Western countries helping and supporting, to get all involved in a final revival movement around Mediterranean nations.

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GATHERING by phone to ASK!

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

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Access Code: 551830

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Those who have been on this call have been greatly blessed. We encourage you to join any week. Please email Nga Dang, nga231@yahoo.com for further information.

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ASKing with compassion for the **LGBTQIA Community**.

Conference Dial-in Number: 001+(641) 715-0863
Access Code: 822701

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

Please mail Fawn Parish with any questions:
fawn.parish@gmail.com



Introducing our new contacts for ASK in New Zealand:

Meet Tim Gillon and Kylie Phillips. Since getting married just over a year ago they had been asking where God could use them. After hearing the presentation of the ASK Network vision at their local church, they felt led to learn more and now are very excited to be the first New Zealand contacts for ASK. They live in Mt. Maunganui where Tim works as a civil engineer at a local power company, and Kylie works as a science innovation leader at a fruit export business.

Tim grew up in a Christian home and has played in worship teams, music festivals and traveled internationally with his previous bands. Kylie became a Christian at university and has been part of many prayer groups over the last decade, including Prayer at Parliament. They are learning the joys of meditating on the

Word. One of the the messages God revealed as part of their vision for ASK New Zealand was the impact of even one..."The earnest prayer of a righteous man avails much."(James 5:16b) Pray for them as God continues to reveal His vision for ASK New Zealand.

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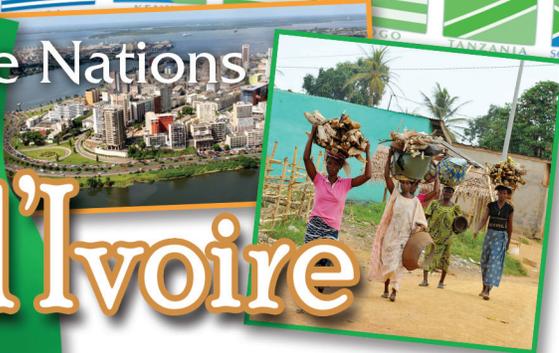
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Côte d'Ivoire



Unreached People Group:

WORODOUGOU OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Population: **119,000**
 Primary Religion: **Islam**
 Language: **Worodougou**

Background

The Worodougou were traditionally subsistence farmers living in villages in the northern region of Côte d'Ivoire. Today, younger generations of Worodougou are moving to larger cities to pursue opportunities for education and employment. Most practice folk versions of Islam—worshipping spirits, ancestors and masks and spending money to purchase spiritual, physical and mental protection from evil interferences. There are at least 70 known followers of Jesus among the Worodougou, many of them persecuted for their faith. Mission agencies are making an effort to support the growth of God's Kingdom among the Worodougou.

ASK ... that God would be known to the Worodougou as a good Father, a strong tower and a faithful provider (Proverbs 18:10, Matthew 6:31-33). Ask that Christian Worodougou would be encouraged in their faith and bold to share it with others (Deuteronomy 31:6)

The West African country of **Ivory Coast**, or **Côte d'Ivoire**, has been a republic since its independence from France in 1961. Its official language is French, however there are around 93 languages spoken amongst its population of 23.7 million, 50% of whom live in the cities. The largest religion is Muslim (42%) in the north with Christians comprising 34% — Evangelicals make up 10.5% in the south.

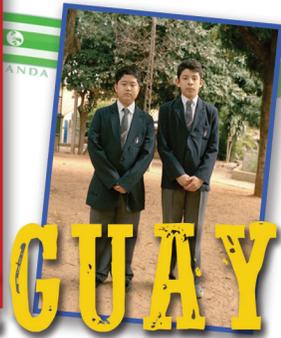
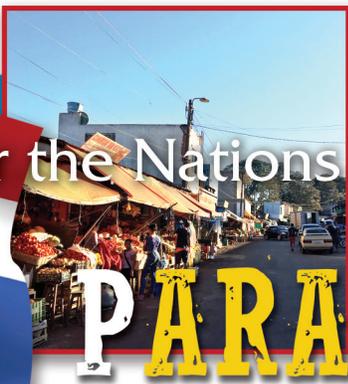
A civil war from 2002-2007 effectively split the country into a Muslim rebel-held north and a government-controlled Christian south. The Ivory Coast is a country still deeply divided. In 2010 a long-delayed presidential election further complicated the political scene as the election commission declared Alassane Ouattara the winner of the run-off while President Gbagbo refused to leave office. In the post-election violence, 3,000 people were left dead and 500,000 were displaced. The United Nations has now ended a 13-year peacekeeping mission; however there is a persistent threat of army mutiny, and the risk of political instability is likely to rise in the time leading up to the 2020 presidential elections.

ASK God for a new orientation for the Ivory Coast:

■ **Spiritual reorientation:** The churches are losing what should be their main focus—Christ and His return—and are only preaching miracles and prosperity. Ask God to put His pastors in leadership like Paul with His anointing to preach the Gospel. *I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood ... from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert ... now I commend you to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver ... I showed you that by working hard ... you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus ... 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* Acts 20:27-35

■ **Physical reorientation:** for the purposes of God in the Land. For visionary, non-partisan political leaders free of corruption, to boldly take the nation forward beyond its unfortunate past history. ASK for good leaders with God-given abilities, like David. *I have found My servant David; with My holy oil I have anointed him, with whom My hand shall be established; also My arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him nor the son of wickedness afflict him ... My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him and in My name his horn shall be exalted."* Psalm 89:20-24





PARAGUAY



A Wave of Compassionate Transformation from the Heart of South America: Paraguay

South America is replete with cultures as beautiful and rich as the nature that surrounds them. It is also a continent with a history that has included violence and oppression. Paraguay, situated in the center of the continent, is no exception. This story from this mostly unknown country, is a call to change — not only in Paraguay but for the region and beyond! Michael (a fictitious name to protect his identity) was 13 years old yet he did not know the date of his birth or the names of his parents. In fact, his nickname at the orphanage was “no family” because no one ever visited him there. Having been bumped from orphanage to orphanage, no one even knew where he was from. He was forgotten. Invisible. Though he had a roof, he was desperate for a family. One day he prayed, albeit begrudgingly, for just that. The very next day, the newly employed social worker and lawyer at the orphanage, unaware of his prayer, found a file at the court that said Michael had been removed from his mother’s care at age 5 due to violence. No one had searched for his family. His mother had died 4 years prior, but he had an older sister who was married with children, a registered nurse with a stable, loving family. She had searched for her brother for years. “No Family” went HOME. God, the ‘Father of the fatherless’, had NOT forgotten Michael.

Why does this story exemplify the beginning of a transformation? Because shortly after this, the leaders of that orphanage got together with other faith-based organizations and began a movement in Paraguay with a vision that EVERY child should grow up in a safe, loving family. Cooperating with World Without Orphans, the “Paraguay Protects Families” initiative believes God has called His Church to *end orphan-hood*. One child, one family, one church at a time — whether by joining in prayer, supporting a family to care for a child, fostering or adopting a child living as an ‘orphan’, or influencing decision makers in the community, nation or region.

ASK:

- Will you pray this movement spreads not only in Paraguay and other countries in South America, as well as around the world? *A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity. Psalm 68:5-6*
- Ask the Lord to bring conviction to the Church in Paraguay that true religion is to take care of the orphan. *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27*
- Pray the Lord will pour out His Spirit on the young people of Paraguay. *And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy ... your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28*

Unreached People Group:

JAPANESE OF PARAGUAY

Population: **16,000**
 Primary Religion: **Buddhism**
 Language: **Japanese**

Background

The first Latin American nation where Japanese settled was Brazil. In the 1930s, however, Brazil decided to stop receiving immigrants from Japan and many of those already living in the country migrated to Paraguay. During World War II, Japanese around the world—including those living in Paraguay—suffered social pressure, persecution and marginalization. Today, most Japanese immigrants live in rural regions of Paraguay and serve its agricultural industry. Most practice Buddhism or Shinto, a traditional religion of Japan. There are over 200 known followers of Jesus among the Japanese of Paraguay.

ASK ... God to grow His Kingdom among the Japanese of Paraguay, removing obstacles to faith, preparing the soil of every heart to receive Him and equipping His Church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus (Matthew 13:18-23, 1 Corinthians 3:5-9).

