

Global Update

October 4 – October 10, 2022

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Tuesday, October 4

● **Desert Sand** – Pray for the **North Africa team** that Canadian Thanksgiving would be another opportunity to share the hope of an abundant life through Christ Jesus. Pray that the idea of a day set apart for giving God thanks would open doors for deeper gospel-saturated conversations.

● **Middle East** – Praise God with **Gavin and Nadia** as he has answered prayers for just the right speech therapists to join the clinic. Praise God for a new expanded space in the hospital for the clinic along with a community room. Praise that they are now able to offer care six days a week to expats and the local community.

● **Asian Spice** – Praise God with **Foster and Ebby** for the doors he has been opening for their local South Asian outreach. In the past two weeks, they have made several new friends, 3 Hindu and 3 Muslim. Pray that these friends will join the upcoming Thanksgiving Gathering on October 15. Pray that the message delivered will touch their hearts.

Wednesday, October 5

● **Mexico** – Pray with **Chris and Angela Hiebert** for God to give them discernment to be able to partner well with the national church. Pray that God would enable them to encourage the growth and maturity of the local church and to work towards the mobilization of Mexican workers to people who have yet to hear of Jesus in Mexico and the outermost parts of the world.

● **Niger** – Pray with the **Niger team**, who have helped more than 50 families send their children to school this year. Pray for each student as they begin classes this week. Pray that they will have a good school year without interruptions from illness or strikes. Pray that they not only grow in knowledge but wisdom, especially for those who are believers and that they remain faithful.

● **Asian Spice** – Pray with **Michaela** as she prepares training materials for the upcoming international worker pre-field intensive training time beginning on October 24. Some of the teaching times need to be reworked entirely. Pray that Michaela would have God's heart and mind as she re-develops these lessons.

Thursday, October 6

● **Senegal** – Praise God with **Gary and Sharon Howell** for the work that was done at the Soul Care conference! About 30 individuals attended, many of whom are key Christian leaders in ministry and vocational contexts throughout Senegal. Pray that their learning and transformation would endure and have a significant impact for the Kingdom in this country.

● **Thailand** – Pray with **Derek and Zee** as they continue to look for cousin seekers with the help of their Thai partners. Pray especially for the many male seekers, as there are not enough male workers to reach out to them. Pray for God's direction and more workers.

Friday, October 7

● **Mexico** – Pray with **Rick and Susan Kilbrai** as they walk with and develop leaders at C3 Church. Pastor Gilberto is passionate about raising up and training new leaders and doing a series of outreach events in the park. Pray that seeing C3 be as healthy as possible can be a blessing. Pray for spiritual and relational protection for those stepping up to lead. Pray that we all might be able to impact C3 with God's heart for the world.

● **Middle East** – Pray with **Bryan and Jessyka** as Bryan completes his life coaching program over the next three days. Pray for the ongoing conflicts in their ministry region. Many have died and been injured this past week in various attacks.

● **Taiwan** – Pray with **Lorne and Kathy Lu White** for the “outdoor service” on October 23, as it is an opportunity to invite people to a church event. Their church and three nearby Alliance churches will worship, eat a special lunch, and visit a tourism farm. Pray for good weather and that friends will be willing to join them.

Saturday, October 8

● **Desert Sand** – Praise God with **Kris** for her return to North Africa after two years in Canada. Praise God she has restarted childbirth classes, doula support, and visiting several other widows. Pray God would continue to encourage Kris and turn all these opportunities into vibrant relationships with Jesus.

● **Spain** – Praise God with **Petr and Celste** as they receive new team members. Praise God that their center is now officially recognized as a Cultural Center. Pray that their business permit will go through quickly so they can get insurance.

Sunday, October 9

● **Spain** – Praise God with **Paulo and Phoebe** as they were able to hire a man to work in the café before they left to return to Canada. Praise God for the time spent with family and friends over the summer. Pray for them as they begin to share their ministry with various churches and supporters.

● **Japan** – Pray with **Doug and Carol Woon** for Gathering friends who have studied with them but are not yet believers. Pray especially for Haruna, who feels that she has no worth and is being judged by those around her. Pray that Mizuho (a Gathering Church believer) would be able to demonstrate God's kindness and love to her as they study the Bible together.

Monday, October 10

● **Mexico** – Pray with **Anna Sinclair** for the students who attend the Corazón Valiente literacy program. Pray that they would be encouraged by the progress they have made thus far and persevere as new topics challenge them. Pray that the classroom would be a safe space where they would know the tenderness of Jesus.

● **Silk Road** – Praise God with **Ryley and Bronwyn** that after 136 weeks and multiple attempts to register with the government post-COVID, they can finally meet as a church in person on October 2. Praise and prayer for this service as multiple high-ranking government officials have expressed interest in attending this opening service. Pray for Ryley as he begins a new semester at the university.

● **Sea to Sea** – Pray for Defend Dignity. They have intervenor status in the upcoming Ontario Superior Court challenging all provisions of the prostitution legislation. Pray that the judge would rule in favour of the law. Pray for godly responses from the Defend Dignity team as they respond to media and social media criticism.

Least Reached People Group Focus: North African Arabs

There are over 252 million North African Arabs living across seven different countries. In some North African countries, there is a higher percentage of Christians, while in other countries, there is only an evangelical population ranging from 0.0% to 0.39%. Pray for North African Arabs to be hungry to receive the truth of Christ through dreams, visions, media, and local believers. Pray for the anointing and boldness of Christians in these countries to share his love and truth.