



DHAKA (Bangladesh) Population: 23,9 mil; Religion: Muslims 91% Hindus 8%; Other 1% ; Official language: Bengali; Literacy 75% DID YOU KNOW? Dhaka, formerly known as Dacca, is the capital city & largest city of Bangladesh. It is the 9 th largest & 7 th most populated city in the world. Set beside the Buriganga River, it is at the center of national government, trade & culture. Dhaka is known around the world as the City of Mosques (more than 6 000 mosques) & is a powerful stronghold of Islam.. It is also the fastest growing city in the world, with an average of 2 000 people moving to Dhaka every day! The influx of people has contributed to the inability of the city's infrastructure to keep up & caused the worst air quality in the world. With 173 mil people in Bangladesh, less than 1 mil are Christian. Most of these are in the Chittagong region. While the constitution allows freedom for Christians, the reality is that when someone turns to Jesus, they are frequently banned from their family & community. This makes the challenge of evangelism in Dhaka even more difficult. (Taken from 30 days of prayer for Ramadan)
Please pray : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the small Christian community in Dhaka can withstand persecution & continue to share the life-giving message of Jesus. For long-term solutions to the extreme poverty in this city & for the people moving to the city to have their basic needs met. <p><i>Don't go after false gods; they cannot help you or save you,</i> <i>(1Sam 12:21)</i></p>




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DAMASCUS (Syria) Population: 2 mil; Religion: Muslims 74%; Christians 14,1%; Official language: Arabic; Literacy 97% DID YOU KNOW? Damascus, the capital of Syria, is one of the most populous cities in the country, along with Homs, a main center of the Syrian uprising & catalyst of the civil war that began in 2011. Damascus is considered by many to be the oldest capital city in the world & has been called the "Pearl of the East". Both cities have suffered much loss & deterioration since the war started. Under Bashar al-Assad's oppressive control, the conflict has diminished. Travel to Damascus & Aleppo has resumed & is relatively safe. For generations a large Christian community existed in Damascus, but the genocide in the mid-19 th century caused many to leave the country. A comprehensive religious census has not been undertaken in Syria since the 1960's, but it is estimated that just 6% of the population is Christian. Most of these believers are part of one of the Orthodox communities. (Taken from 30 days of prayer for Ramadan)
Please pray : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For an end to the violence. For wisdom, courage & protection for the Gospel SURGE teams working in the country to bring Jesus to the people. For refugees, the poor & the broken to find hope in Jesus. <p><i>.... From every part of the world they will turn to him; (Ps 22:27)</i></p>




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TRIPOLI (Libya) Population: 3,1 mil Religion: Muslims 90%; Christians 2,5% Official language: Arabic; Literacy 76% DID YOU KNOW? Tripoli, Libya's capital city, is a large metropolitan area on the Mediterranean Sea. Prior to its independence in 1951, the country was under foreign rule intermittently for over 2 000 yrs. Due to their arid climate, Libya was almost completely dependent on foreign aid & imports for the stability of their economy until petroleum was discovered in the late 1950s. After the rise & fall of the socialist state under Muammar Gaddafi's leadership, the nation has been struggling to end the residual conflict & build state institutions. Libya's people suffered greatly during this time, with many thousands of casualties & 60% of the population malnourished. Large numbers of migrants come into Tripoli, hoping to make the dangerous passage to Italy. The current chaos in Libya gives freedom for traffickers to exploit these vulnerable people. Christians are about 2,5% of the population. Many of these remain in hiding in fear of severe persecution or death. (Taken from 30 days of prayer for Ramadan)
Please pray : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches. That Tripoli will be a sending place, impacting the entire nation & the region with the delivering power of Jesus. For the Kingdom of God to destroy the works of the devil. <p><i>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit,....</i> <i>(Col 2:8 ESV)</i></p>




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TEHRAN (Iran) Population: 9,6 mil; Religion: Muslims 96,6%; Christians 0,16%; Official language: Farsi; Literacy 88,9% DID YOU KNOW? Tehran was first chosen as the capital of Iran by Agha Mohammad Khan of the Qajar dynasty in 1786. Today it is a megalopolis of 9,5mil people. Following a botched 2015 nuclear deal with the US, firm sanctions on Iran have weakened their economy & further tainted the public opinion of the only Islamic theocracy in the world. As the access to basic necessities & governmental planning worsens, the people of Iran are further disillusioned with the Islamic utopia promised by the government. These are just a few of the many factors that contribute to Iran hosting the fastest growing Jesus-following church in the world. (Taken from 30 days of prayer for Ramadan)
Please pray: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That that Iranians' desires for greatness, prosperity, freedom, & even for righteousness will ultimately be met through worship of Jesus. For strength & boldness for believers in sharing their faith. For the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders & power & for the multiplication of outreach, disciple making & church planting in Iran. <p><i>I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me: ...(Is 65:1)</i></p>



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