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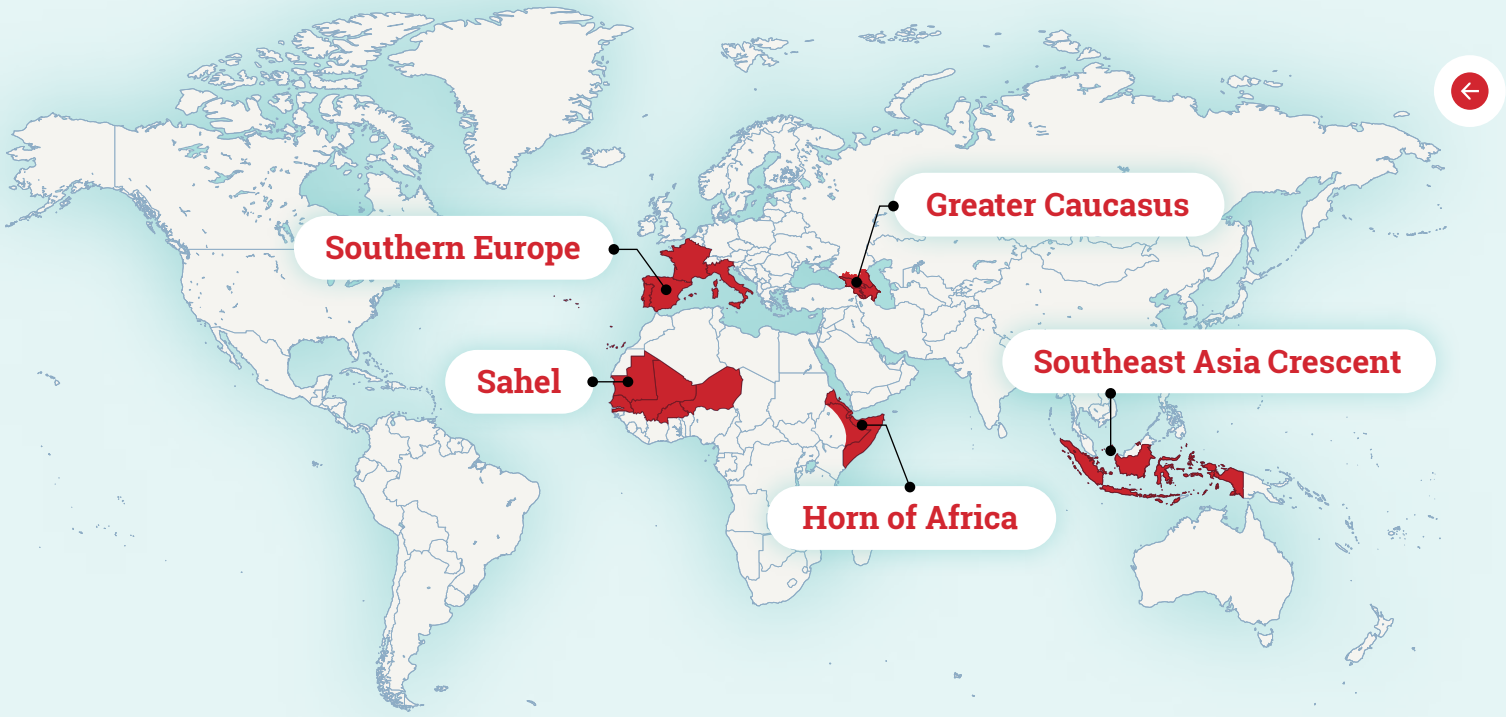

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This September people all around the world will unite in a week of non-stop prayer in every nation on earth. OM are pleased to partner with 24-7prayer.com for this week of prayer and we invite you to join in and take part in whichever way you can as we focus our prayers on the least reached.

In this PDF you will find information on the least reached, daily prayer requests and creative ways to pray.

The prayer points are also available on **OM's free Prayer Reach app**.

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Could you host or lead a creative prayer gathering in your home, with your church community, or with your ministry team? Please get in touch with the OM office in your area (find contact details at om.org) or send us an email at communications.int@om.org

OM is committed
to seeing a community of Jesus followers
within reach of every person in the world.

OM'S FIVE SPOTLIGHT REGIONS
were selected as places around the world with a high percentage of least-reached people, and where, thanks to your support, OM teams are seeking to make a difference.

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"'My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,' says the Lord Almighty."

Malachi 1:11 (NIV)

DAY 01

Until all have heard

Who are the least reached?

As we join together for a week of prayer, you are invited to focus your hearts and prayers on the least reached.

When OM talks about the least reached, we are referring to a people and community among whom:

- **There has** been no gospel engagement. No one is living, proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel among them, nor has there been a positive response to God's grace in all its truth;
- **There has** been gospel engagement, but no gospel-centred and gospel-proclaiming community of Jesus followers is present;
- **There is** a community of Jesus followers living, proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel but, due to geographical distance, cultural barriers or linguistic obstacles, access to it is significantly limited for the vast majority of that people or community.

OM teams are actively working to establish vibrant communities of Jesus followers among these least-reached communities. OM's five spotlight regions were selected as places around the world with a high percentage of least-reached people, and where OM teams are seeking to make a difference.

Over the next few days, we will share information about these Spotlight regions and how you can pray for them.

- **Pray for more people to hear and answer God's call on their life to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15 (NIV)**
- **Pray for those already serving in challenging areas to "not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

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Southeast Asia Crescent

DAY 02

OM's focus in the region is on Brunei and Indonesia. The total population of Brunei and Indonesia is approximately 277.4 million people.

Sunni Islam is followed by over 80 per cent of the population, however, there is also a mix of Sufism and local folk Islam in some regions. Brunei the first and only country in East Asia to introduce Sharia law.

Indonesia has one the largest Muslim populations in the world, and while some places have a growing church presence, the number of Christians engaging in ministry across religious backgrounds is small. With more than 17,500 islands and over 700 languages spoken, there are many challenges to sharing the good news in Indonesia.

The Bible says that the Shepherd knows the names of his sheep (John 10:3), and there are many mentions of our names being written in the Book of Life (Rev 3:5, Phil 4:3, Rev 21:27, Luke 10:20).

Use your phone or device to research some names that are common in Indonesia. Pray that people in the Southeast Asia Crescent Spotlight Region with this name will come to know Jesus as Saviour and choose to follow Him.

- **Pray for** Jesus followers in Brunei to remain strong in their faith despite the challenges they face, and for wisdom and courage as they gather and worship.
- **Pray for** Indonesia, where more than 87 per cent of the population is Muslim. Pray that the people will search for more, and that their searching will lead them to Jesus.
- **Many young** people from Brunei and Indonesia travel abroad to study, with United Kingdom and Australia being the leading destinations. Pray that whilst at university, they will encounter Jesus followers who will share their faith with them and lead them to a relationship with Jesus.
- **Pray that** national Jesus followers would be bold in living out their faith practically, as they serve their communities and share about God's love.

Scan to watch Robert sharing about Friendships with Fishermen in Southeast Asia

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Southern Europe

OM's ministry in Southern Europe is reaching the countries of Europe which did not embrace the Reformation.

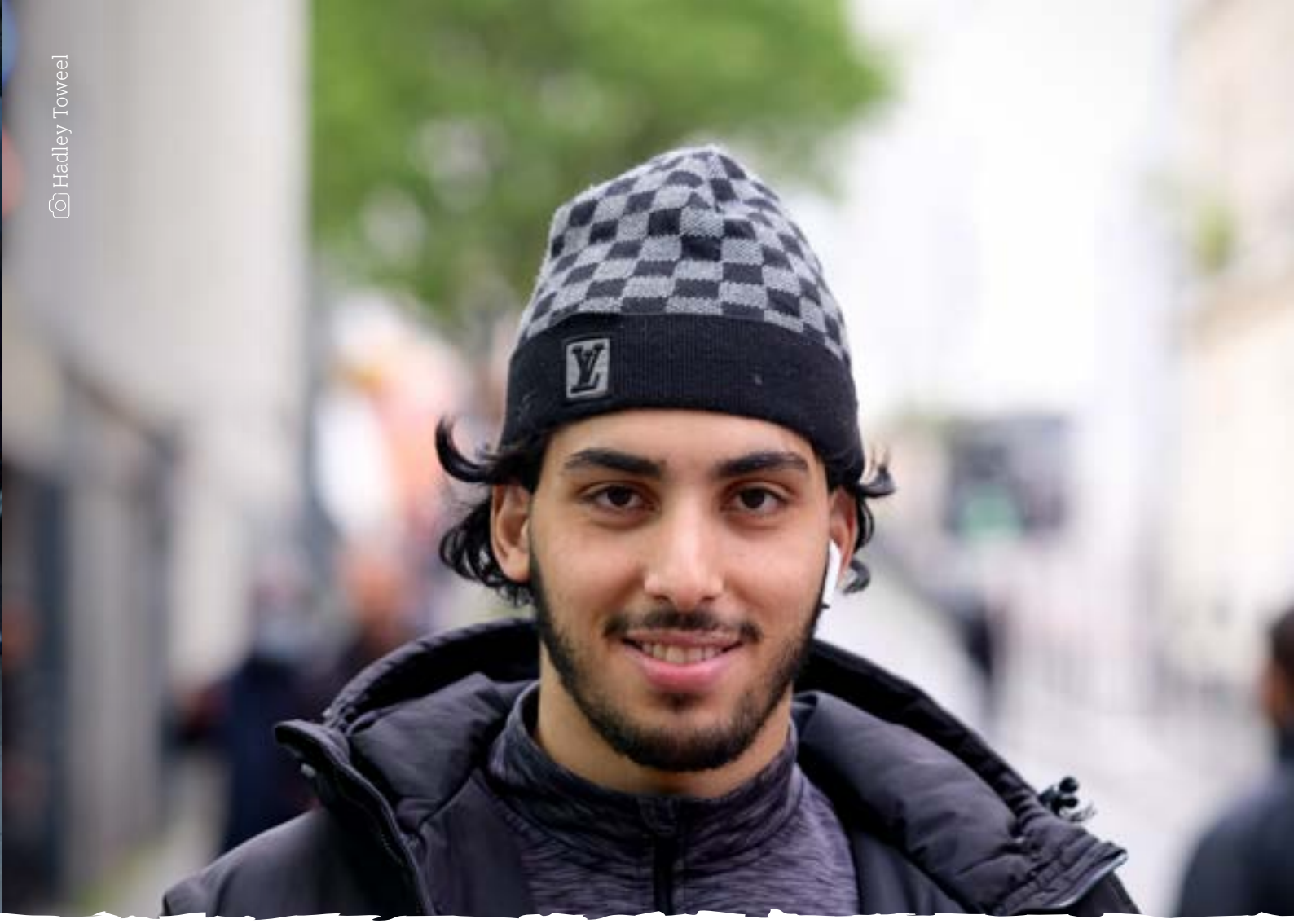
The countries of France, Italia, Portugal and Spain have a combined population of approximately 185 million people.

According to the national Evangelical Alliances in these countries, an estimated 1.2 per cent of the population are evangelical Christians who belong to a vibrant community of Jesus followers.

About half of this 1 per cent are immigrants, mainly from Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe.

In large parts of Southern Europe there are no evangelical churches or Christian witnesses, and Christianity means belonging to a traditional institution, but not being in a living relationship with Jesus.

OM's aim is to share the good news and engage deeply with the local people, especially reaching and empowering teenagers and young people through discipleship and in small groups.



- **Pray for** active Jesus followers to live and work among local people of Southern Europe who have not yet heard the good news in a way they can understand.
- **Pray for** the support and development of more national youth workers who can reach out to teens and young adults and lead them into a deep faith-filled relationship with Jesus.
- **Pray for** opportunities to share the good news with those from diverse backgrounds, cultures, ethnicities, and languages, especially in big cities.
- **Pray for** the existing communities of Jesus followers in Southern Europe to care for their leaders and to be inspired to reach out to the communities around them with the good news of the love of Jesus

Scan to watch OM leaders from countries in Southern Europe share about the least reached

DAY 04

Greater Caucasus

Over 23.4 million people live in the countries of Azerbaijan, Georgia (including Abkhazia), Armenia, Republics in the North Caucasus Federal District of Russia: Dagestan, Chechnya, Ingushetia, KabardinoBalkaria and Karachay-Cherkessia.

The religious landscape is diverse, with some countries having a large Shia Muslim presence and others some having a large Sunni Muslim presence.

The Caucasus Mountains is a mountain range that stretches from the Black Sea to the Caspian Sea. The Bible says we look up to the mountains to where our help comes from (Psalm 121:1-2). The Lord, the maker of these mountains, is the one we call on, to come and heal and save the people of the Greater Caucasus region.

Isaiah 52:7 says the feet of those who walk the mountains bringing the good news of peace and salvation are beautiful. We pray for more feet (more workers) to bring that good news to the Greater Caucasus region.

- **Pray for** unity for the churches in the Greater Caucasus.
- **Pray that** many people would have the opportunity to hear about God's love and would be moved to respond to God's invitation.
- **Many people** from these nations live and work abroad or have been displaced due to conflict. Pray that they will meet Jesus followers who will share the love of Jesus with them.
- **Give thanks** for the ministry of OM teams in the area and the fruits of their labours they are now seeing.
- **Pray for** more disciples and for communities of Jesus followers to grow among the least reached people in the Caucasus.

Scan to watch a short overview about the need of the least reached in the Caucasus

Horn of Africa

DAY 05

The Horn of Africa, a region located in the northeastern corner of the African continent consists of Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea and Ethiopia and has an estimated total population of approximately 140.7 million people. The Horn of Africa has one of the youngest populations globally — around 60 per cent of its population is under the age of 25.

The Horn of Africa is considered one of the least-reached areas worldwide with Islam being the primary religion in most countries, except for Ethiopia which has a long Christian history.

This region is characterised by a rich cultural heritage, diverse ethnic groups and a complex religious landscape. However, it also faces significant challenges, including poverty, conflict and environmental issues like drought. The United Nations reports that across Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, 22 million people currently face a severe hunger crisis after four consecutive failed rainy seasons.

Jesus said everyone who was thirsty should come to Him and He would give them living water, and they would never be thirsty again (John 4:14, John 7:38, Rev 21:6). As you pray, visualise rivers running though the dry and deserted spaces, and a flourishing of spiritual fruit.

- **Pray that** God would raise up a generation of young people in the Horn of Africa who hunger for truth and seek a relationship with Him. Ask for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully among the youth, revealing Christ as the ultimate source of hope, purpose and identity.
- **Lift up** the small Christian communities in the region. Pray for boldness and resilience as they live out their faith in environments often hostile to Christianity. Ask God to give them wisdom, protection and opportunities to share the gospel in culturally sensitive ways.
- **The Horn** of Africa is plagued by conflict, famine and displacement, creating immense physical and emotional suffering. Pray for peace and stability in the region, as well as for humanitarian aid efforts to be effective. Pray that these efforts would open doors for Christians to demonstrate the love of Christ and share the hope of the gospel.
- **Pray for** those who have been displaced from their home countries. Pray that they will be welcomed in the host country.
- **There are** often more opportunities for Jesus followers to freely share the love of Jesus with diaspora communities, thanks to freedom of religion in many host countries. Pray for Jesus followers to boldly take up these opportunities.

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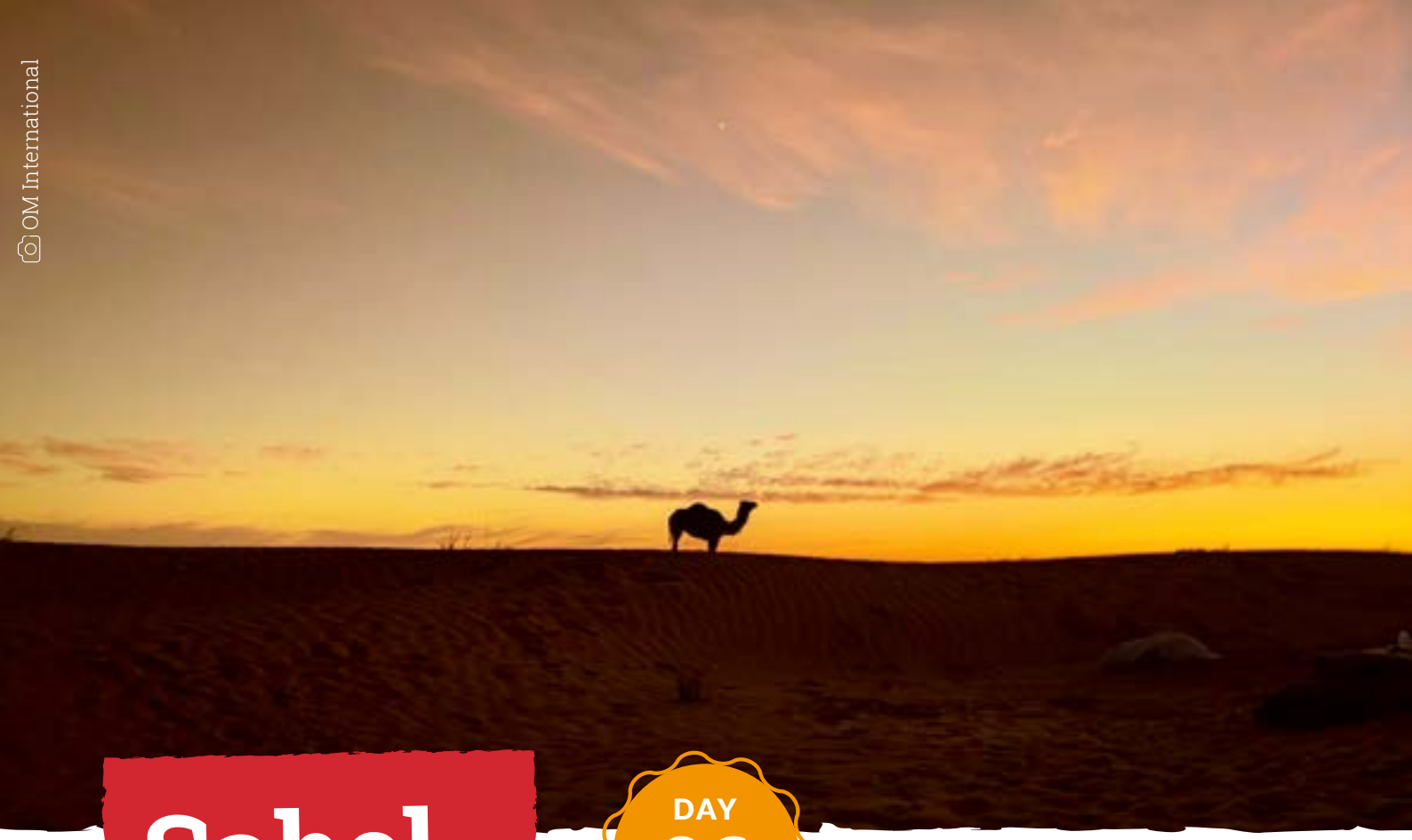

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Sahel

DAY 06

The combined population of Niger, Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso and Mauritania, is approximately 100 million people. Over 95 per cent of the population of these countries follow Islam and Sunni Islam predominates, with Sufism having a significant cultural and spiritual influence, especially in Senegal and Mali.

In recent years, the Sahel has become a hotspot for extremist violence. The region has witnessed a surge in attacks by radical jihadist groups, leading to widespread instability. Countries like Burkina Faso have been particularly affected.

Natural disasters such as droughts and floods worsen these crises. Torrential rains in 2024, affected over two million people and destroyed homes across Niger, and Mali.

Psalm 36:7 says, “How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.” Praise God for His unfailing love for all the people who live in the nations of the Sahel region.

- **Pray for** peace in the Sahel region. Many of these countries experience political instability and violence, which leads to hardships for the people.
- **Pray for** employment and business opportunities for people living in the Sahel. Many people struggle to support their families, due to economic hardships and instability.
- **Pray that** many more Jesus followers will be called to live and serve in these countries and that they will be able to share the good news of Jesus with those they meet.
- **Pray for** those who leave their home countries, that they will encounter Jesus followers who will share the good news

Scan to watch a short overview about the need of the least reached in the Sahel

Thank you

DAY 07

As we conclude this time of prayer, let us remember that God's desire is for every tribe, tongue, and nation to know the love of Christ. (Revelation 7:9)

In OM's spotlight regions, places where the gospel is least known, your prayers carry hope, healing, and spiritual breakthrough.

Whether it's in the bustling cities in the Southeast Asia Crescent, the arid landscapes of the Sahel, the complex and diverse lands in the Greater Caucasus, historic Southern European countries or the diverse nations in the Horn of Africa.

As you've prayed today, you've joined with believers around the world in asking God to raise up workers, soften hearts, and open doors in places where Jesus is not yet known.

Let's continue to believe God for the impossible. His light shines brightest in the darkest places.

May we not grow weary in praying. May our hearts stay aligned with His. And may the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Psalm 67:4)

Thank you for praying.