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Prayer Focus: West Cluster of the Affinity of South Asian Peoples

The West Cluster consists of the five Indian states of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, with a combined total population of over 158 million peoples from Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jain and Christian religious backgrounds. All these precious people need to hear the Good News that God has provided a Savior for their sins.

🕒 **Leadership focused:** We ask you to **pray** for wisdom for our team leaders as they seek how best to reach their focus areas. Father, “*There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the LORD’s counsel – that will stand*” (Proverbs 19:21, NKJV). “We **pray** that You give RM, JG, GS, KB and PP Your counsel on how to reach their areas for Christ. We ask that their teams will be effective and produce fruit that remains.”

🕒 **Pray for P’s team**

There are over five million Muslims in Gujarat. Gujarati-speaking Sheikh Muslims represent 25% of those, making it the largest unreached Muslim group in the West Cluster. We currently have no cross-cultural worker devoted to seeing these five million reached. Please **pray** for God to call out laborers!

- **Pray** for current Muslim-background believers and other national partners in Gujarat and Rajasthan to understand that their reliance should be on God’s Spirit to change the hearts of lost Muslims, instead of feeling the pressure to be able to convince Muslims of the Gospel.
- **Pray** for a Spirit-centered compassion that leads to boldness and wide seed-sowing in the upcoming months. Let us claim the promise of 2 Corinthians 9:6, “...*He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*”

Praise God for the recent baptisms of Muslims in central Gujarat by a young church planter and for the Gospel reaching the Siddi people, a people of African descent located in southern Gujarat.

🕒 **Pray for J’s team:**

- **Pray** for our team as we prepare for volunteers. **Pray** that the logistics all work out and that the teams arrive safely throughout the summer. Also, please **pray** that God will begin to prepare the volunteers to be used in mighty ways.
- **Pray** for the journey people on our team. **Pray** that God will continue to open doors for us to do CPM trainings and to disciple. **Ask** for His protection and guidance as we go out.

Praise God that one of our local national partners baptized many people in the month of March!!!



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🕒 **Pray for K's team:**

- **Pray** for a video project that is being done to focus on Sikhs. Ask that the filming will go well and the videos will be effective tools for reaching Sikhs.
- Please **pray** for the state of Haryana. There is very little work going on in this area and there are very few believers. Ask that workers will be sent into this area and for contacts to be made.
- Lord we **pray** that, "... *God would open to us a door for the word to speak the mystery of Christ*" (Colossians. 4:3 NKJV).

Praise God for the work that is being done by national pastors and church planters throughout Punjab. Several new churches and meetings have started and reported new believers and baptisms.

🕒 **Pray for G's team:**

- **Pray** for the two new journey girls to settle in and learn language quickly. Pray that they will become an important part of the harvesters in Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- **Pray** for people who are being trained in Rajasthan and Gujarat to become faithful disciples who represent Christ well as His ambassadors of the ministry of reconciliation.

Praise God that the people of Gujarat are hungry for the Word of God. G's team is receiving many invitations to hold trainings.

🕒 **Pray for the West Cluster's UUPGs:**

The 5.9 million Khandelwal of Rajasthan follow a path of non-violence and believe that through their own efforts they can reach God. The 1.87 million Kanet are found in Himachal Pradesh and are thought to be Rajput descendants who abandoned their caste customs.

Lord you told us, "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His Harvest*" (Luke 10:2, NKJV).

- **Ask** the Lord to send His disciples to share the Truth with Khandelwal and Kanet peoples. "Lord, raise up laborers from the nationals who will reach the Kanet and Khandelwal people for Your glory!"

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