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Monthly Theme:

Call to Missions Together

"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become."

Henry Martyn"

Weekly Themes:

*Week 23 – Call to Missions
Together*

Week 24 – CSBC

Week 25 – Father's Day

*Week 26 – Evangelism/
Outreach*



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Week 23: June 6-12, 2021

Focus: Call to Missions Together

UPG: Punjabi-Speaking Sikhs

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✓	Read thru the Bible	Focus Prayer Points	Pray for the Sikhs
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 6: Job 11-13	Pray that workers will be Spirit-filled and Spirit-Led in all their decisions	Pray for Punjab, the home of the Sikhs
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 7: Job 14-16	Pray that this new partnership with IMB East Asia will lead to a greater awareness of the opportunities for the gospel	Pray for the Punjabi Sikhs in the Bay Area and across the USA
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 8: Job 17-20	Pray that God will provide Spiritual Protection over all worker's Families	Pray for the vision of planting churches among the Sikhs
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 9: Job 21-23	Pray that God would pave the way for churches needing revitalization	Pray for the missionaries that are trying to reach the Sikhs
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 10: Job 24-28	Pray for more churches to be planted in unreached areas	Pray that God uses Sikhism's rejection of the caste system to unify Sikhs into a church that recognizes equality among believers
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 11: Job 29-31	Pray that the Prayer Initiative will catch on with many GCA churches and pastors	Pray that Sikh-background-believers share the gospel with others regardless of caste and class divisions
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 12: Job 32-34	Pray for Churches beginning to make the transition to in-person worship	Pray that one day millions of believers from Sikh, Hindu and Muslim backgrounds will worship at God's throne



Learn about Your Punjabi-speaking Sikh Neighbors

Punjabis were some of the first immigrants from South Asia to the United States. Initially, Punjabis worked on farms, then lumber yards and on railroad construction. Many eventually became successful landowners and farmers. More recently, many have excelled in technology fields. For example, the cofounders of Hotmail and Sun Microsystems are both Punjabi. The University of California, Santa Cruz has a Sikh studies program.

The Sikhs worship in gurdwaras. Another function of every gurdwara is the Langar, a free community kitchen where people of all faiths are invited to share a vegetarian meal together. There are gurdwaras in the Bay Area cities of Livermore, Union City, San Mateo, Milpitas, Fremont, Santa Rosa, San Jose, Hayward, and Santa Clara.



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Week 24: June 13-19, 2021

Focus: CSBC/ CA Mission Offering

UPG: Uyghur Muslims

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Uyghur Muslims</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 13: Job 35-37	Pray that the Mission offering will reach its 20% Increase Goal	Pray for a spirit of forgiveness and that Uyghur Christians will actively forgive.
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 14: Job 38-39	Pray for the wise distribution of Funds received	Pray that Uyghur Christians would sense God's presence and peace.
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 15: Job 40-42	Pray for an increase in Number of Churches participating in the Mission Offering	Pray that Uyghur Christians would pray with hope and fervor.
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 16: Ps 1-8	Pray that God would empower Local Mission Projects	Pray for prayer movements to cover the Uyghur's situation, and for God to reveal strategies in prayer for the Uyghurs.
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 17: Ps 9-16	Pray that God would provide for the financial needs of Ministers	Pray for Uyghur believers to be released from detention camps
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 18: Ps 17-20	Pray that Local Baptist Churches will become more aware of the of CMO and the ministries it supports	Pray that God would call and equip missionaries to the Uyghurs
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 19: Ps 21-25	Pray that Churches would practice sacrificial giving.	Pray for GCA churches to adopt the Uyghurs and pray for them

Learn about Your Uyghur Muslim Neighbors

Most Uyghurs are from Xinjiang, a province in China. Today, Xinjiang is a police state. Over a million Uyghur are in internment camps, experiencing imprisonment and torture. Their children are forced to live at state-run boarding schools. Their language, culture and religion are being systematically abolished and they are being brainwashed to join the Communist Party. For these reasons, Uyghurs are attempting to flee, with some finding asylum in the United States.

Most Uyghur follow a kind of folk Islam. In the United States, local mosques are adopting them. There are various Christian resources for Uyghur in their language. Joshuaproject.net has links to Bibles, The Jesus Film, videos, and more information about the Uyghurs.



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Week 25: June 20-26, 2021



Focus: Father's Day UPG: Nepalese

Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. Psalm 127:3-5

✓	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for the Nepalese</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 20: Ps 26-31	Pray that fathers will endeavor to be godly leaders in the home	Pray for strength, endurance and supplies for the Nepalese rebuilding their homes
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 21: Ps 32-35	Pray for the protection of the Biblical view of Marriage	Pray for comfort for Nepalese grieving lost loved ones and healing for hearts and homes
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 22: Ps 36-39	Pray that fathers will practice sexual purity and be faithful to their wives	Pray for wisdom and guidance for Nepal's government officials as they assess needs and allocate resources
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 23: Ps 40-45	Pray for Single Parents who struggle with raising children on their own	Pray for community centers (i.e., hospitals, schools, churches) to be rebuilt in Nepal so ministry and education continue
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 24: Ps 46-50	Pray that more Men would rise to their role of Spiritual Leadership in the Church	Pray for protection from monsoon rains, landslides, and disease, especially for the impoverished and displaced in Nepal
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 25: Ps 51-57	Pray that fathers would be men of prayer in their homes	Pray for an opportunity to earn a livelihood, especially for Nepalese who are injured or care for many dependents
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 26: Ps 58-65	Pray that fathers would be men of God's Word and lead in family devotions	Pray for the government of Nepal as it works to implement a new constitution



Learn about Your Nepalese Neighbors

Nepal is a multi-ethnic nation of 125 ethnic groups and 123 languages. It has the largest percent of Hindus in the world at 81.3%, and is 9% Buddhist, 4.4% Islam and just 1.4% Christian. However, Nepalese have been quite receptive to the gospel in recent years. While people of Hindu background are the most prevalent in the Bay Area, there are significant Theravada Buddhist groups from Nepal here, too, especially in the North Bay region. The US Census groups together Nepali, Marathi, and other Indic languages, but of this language grouping, most (we have informally discovered) are from Nepal. In 2019 there were 13,498 people over 5 years old classified as such in Santa Clara County, 6,133 in Alameda County, and 6,428 in Contra Costa.



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Week 26: June 27 – July 3, 2021

Focus: *Evangelism & Outreach* UPG: *Afghani Muslims*

All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation... We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:18,20

✓	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Afghani Muslims</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 27: Ps 66-69	Pray that Churches will rise out of spiritual complacency.	Pray for the Kyrgyz people to find hope in Christ.
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 28: Ps 70-73	Pray that Believers will be bold in sharing the Gospel in the Workplace	Pray for the Baluch people group to find their home in Jesus
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 29: Ps 74-77	Pray that Christian households will be a light for the Gospel in their neighborhoods.	Pray for God to open doors for the Shugni people group to be reached with the gospel
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jun 30: Ps 78-79	Pray that Churches will be an active presence for Jesus in Local community	Pray for opportunities for the Wakhi people group to come to know Jesus
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 1: Ps 80-85	Pray for local Government officials	Pray for restoration and healing for the Afghan people
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 2: Ps 86-89	Pray for Racial Reconciliation in our nation	Pray for the salvation of influential leaders in Afghanistan
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 3: Ps 90-95	Pray for ministries to the incarcerated	Pray for the protection of life in Afghanistan



Learn about Your Afghan Neighbors

Afghans are made up of a multitude of different people groups and tribes. The Kyrgyz have very little access to health care, markets, and schools. Due to harsh living conditions, they often turn to opium usage. The Baluch are tribal people who long for their own homeland. The Shugni and Wakhi are two small and remote people groups with little access to the gospel.

Afghanistan is 80% Sunni Muslim, 19% Shia Muslim, and just 1% anything else. The main difference between the Sunni and Shia is that Sunni Muslims rely on the Sunnah, a record of the teachings and sayings of Muhammad, while the Shiites rely more heavily on the teachings and edicts of their religious leaders, who they believe represent God (“Allah”) on earth.