

ARABIC PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray for the Arabic Christian Church to have wisdom for planning evangelical outreach events including live stream, discipleship on Zoom, special events within the community and other creative way to connect.
- * Pray for outreach to be effective with more people in Knox County, East Tennessee and even into Arabic Countries. Also, ask God to give the lost dreams/visions of Himself.
- * Pray that Christians will develop relationships with Arabic peoples and show Christ's love and speak words of Truth to them.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

There are 422 million people in our world who speak the Arabic language and it's different dialects. It is one of the top 5 most spoken languages in the world. The majority are concentrated in North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula and the Middle East, known as the Arab world. About 93% of the Arabic peoples are followers of Islam. Many Arabs have come to the United States for business, education, and looking for a better life. About 600 Arabic speakers have settled in the Knox County area. A few of these are Christians. We find that Arabic peoples are spread throughout our neighborhoods. The 'Arabic Christian Church of Knoxville' is a member church of KCAB. They seek to reach all Arabic speakers so that all might come to know the One True God.

HISPANIC PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray that God will move Christians with the Spirit of Christ living in them to be servants of Grace, Love and Light in this community so that all might be drawn to Him.
- * Pray that God would raise up leaders mature in the faith within this community.
- * Pray for protection from false teaching and for discipleship to be based solely upon the Bible.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

The people group known as Hispanics is made up of those from Latin America. The great majority of this PG speak Spanish as their heart language. Hispanics make up the largest People Group in the greater Knoxville area. According to the US Census Bureau, the number of Latinos living in the greater Knoxville area was nearly 42,000 in 2019, with an expected growth of 20% in the next five years. Though most speak Spanish they come from different cultures, experiences, and backgrounds. While many work in the service industry Hispanics may be found in all walks of life.

SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray that our churches and believers will develop loving relationships with South Asians and share the love of Christ with them.
- * Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal the true nature of God to all South Asians in powerful ways and that they will be drawn to the One True God.
- * Pray for entire families to turn toward Christ and believe in Him alone.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

South Asia will add over 300 million to its population in the next decade and reach 2 billion in population by 2028. Nearly 20% of the world's people groups live in South Asia – about 1,145 Unengaged and Unreached People Groups. God has brought many precious South Asian people to live in the greater Knoxville area. They are business owners, doctors, educators and live as our neighbors. The largest part of this population in our area are Hindus. There are 2 Hindu temples in our area where more than 400 families worship the Hindu gods.

“Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” Luke 1:78-79

CHINESE PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray that Chinese people who live as our neighbors will hear and believe in Jesus the one true way to know the Father.
- * Pray for Chinese people to know acceptance, support and love, especially from the Christian community, as they live in today's world.
- * Pray that Chinese International students will come to a knowledge of the One True God with their heart and soul as they seek academic knowledge.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

China is the world's most populous country with a population of 1.4 billion people. China legally recognizes 56 distinct ethnic groups. The largest is the Ethnic Chinese or 'Han', who make up 90% of the total population. The government officially promotes 'state atheism' and to that end often persecutes those of other religions. According to a 2014 study, approximately 74% are either non-religious or practice Chinese folk belief, 16% are Buddhists, 2% are Christians, 1% are Muslims, and 8% adhere to other religions including Taoists and folk salvationism. Many Chinese travel and live in other places for work, education and freedom. God has brought the Chinese to live, work and study here in Knox County and surrounding area. At UTK Chinese students are the largest group of international students with 305 this year and most of them are graduate students.

CONGOLESE PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pray that Congolese believers will seek Him with all their heart and walk closely with Christ.

- * Pray that the church will grow and expand it's witness to Swahili speakers.

- * Pray for healing of trauma that many refugees experienced as they fled their homes, lived years in refugee camps and are now trying to navigate and transition to life in America.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the largest country in surface area in Sub-Saharan Africa equaling the size of Western Europe. DRC has the third largest population of poor globally. The country had a Civil War in 1996 and again 1998-2000. Many refugees fled to nearby Uganda and Tanzania during this time. DRC is known as a 'Christian nation' with a little less than half of the people as Roman Catholic, and nearly half are Protestant. Less than 5 % make up all other religions. (info from World Bank report on DRC). There is a growing number of Congolese refugees settling in the USA. Estimates are 1,200 or more have arrived in Knoxville within the last 2+ years to join friends and family already settled here. A new church, United Awakening Baptist Church, is now partnering with one of our KCAB churches.

VIETNAMESE PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

* Pray that the Lord would call out Christians to have a heart for reaching the Vietnamese peoples.

* Pray that those within this community who seek 'religion' will come to know TRUTH in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

* Pray that Bible studies will begin in several different pockets of this people group and they will come together as a church worshipping Christ in their heart language

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

Vietnam is a beautiful country stretching down the eastern side of the IndoChina Peninsula. It's history is known from wars between the north and south and some bordering countries. Today it is a nation with stability and peace overall. The war of the 1970's that America supported led to many Vietnamese people fleeing the country and seeking a new home in America. Today there are approximately 2.2 million people of Vietnamese descent in the USA. It is the 4th largest Asian American ethnic group in the USA and their language is the 5th most spoken language. Many who came here are followers of the Roman Catholic church. Most Vietnamese come today as immigrants seeking a better education and opportunity to improve life for they and their families. They often already have family in the USA. They work in professional jobs as well as run markets, restaurants, beauty salons and other shops.

"Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

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THAI PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray for Thai people to know the one true God that will bring them out of darkness and into light and hope.
- * Pray for believers in Knoxville and surrounding areas to build relationships with Thai people and share the gospel of hope.
- * Pray for Thai Christians to be bold in sharing with love the gospel of Christ with their people.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

Thailand, formerly known as Siam, is a country of 70 million people. Almost 50% of it's people live in urban centers with the greatest concentration in and around Bangkok, the capital city. The other half of the population live in rural areas and work mostly as farmers. 95% of the population identify as Buddhist. Just over 4% identify as Muslim and about 1% identify as Christian. Thai people are known for their smiles and warm friendly personalities. While they have the outer sense of happiness many are without hope and feel an emptiness in life as they seek to please the spirits with good works. You can connect with Thais in one of their restaurants where you will find great food and a friendly smile.

Then Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." -John 8:12

INDONESIAN PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray for believers to have a heart for the lost Indonesians living as our neighbors, co-workers and those we connect with in the marketplace.
- * Pray that God will give dreams and visions that reveal Himself to these precious ones led astray by false teachings.
- * Pray that the gospel is received, believed and that new believers will be disciplined well and become gospel carriers to their nation and beyond.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

Indonesia is a country made up of over 17,000 islands. With an estimated population of almost 276 million people it is the fourth most populous country in the world. It is the most populous Muslim majority country in the world. While guaranteeing religious freedom the government only recognizes 6 religions – Islam, Catholicism, Protestantism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism. Most Buddhist are Chinese Indonesians while Hindus are mostly Balinese. Knoxville has a representation of Islam, Hindus and Buddhist. Many came here seeking a better life, education and/or steady employment. We also find Indonesian international students at UT and other universities in the area. While the population is not our largest ethnic group we believe that God has a plan for these He has brought to our communities to come to know Him and make Him known not only here but back in their home country.

"And there is salvation in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." -Acts 4:12

FILIPINO PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray for the Lord to raise up a generation of Filipino believers that will take the gospel across our county and to the ends of the earth.
- * Pray for truth of scriptures and a knowledge of Christ our Savior to penetrate the hearts and minds of each Filipino.
- * Pray for deep relationships to form between the lost and believers that will lead to acts of service together that will glorify God.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

The Philippines is a archipelagic country consisting of 7,640 islands. The Philippines is divided into three main geographical areas - Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. They were a founding member of the United Nations and several other economic and political organizations. It's religious make up is majority Roman Catholic though the southern islands are more heavily Islamic. The Philippines has been a long time ally with the USA in economic, politics and people to people relationships. Research shows an estimate of over 4,000 Filipinos in our area. Reasons for coming to the States are marrying an American citizen, education, work (especially in health care and engineering). While many here are Catholic there are Christians among this people group. We seek to see people saved, discipled and sent out. We want to mobilize Filipino believers to their people and other nations.

"At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ." -Colossians 4:3

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PEOPLE GROUP FOCUS

JAPANESE PEOPLE



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray for Christians to realize the presence of Japanese people around them and to reach out to them with love and the gospel message.
- * Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw Japanese people here and in their home country to the gospel.
- * Pray for God to bring whole families to Christ and that marriages will become Christ centered.

PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

Japan is the eleventh most populous country and one of the most densely populated and urbanized countries in the world. It is an island nation located in the northwest Pacific Ocean. It is a leading economy among the nations of the world. The greater Tokyo area is the largest metropolitan area in the world with almost 40 million people. Japan is well known for it's culture, art, cuisine and beautiful people. Tourism numbers are high both for tourist coming into Japan and Japanese traveling to other world destinations. Japan has many well recognized international companies. This includes the Denso plant in Maryville. This plant brings many Japanese families to work and live in our area. Others come to East Tennessee for work and education. The majority of Japanese follow Shinto or Buddhism in their religious practices. Christianity is about 1.5% of Japan's population making it one of the largest unreached people groups in the world

"All nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord: they will bring glory to your name."

-Psalms 86:9