

PRAYER FOCUS

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

The people of Dar Sila, Chad, lack doctors, schools and basic infrastructure. So, when their region was hit by wave of Sudanese refugees, they didn't have much to offer. Over a decade later, short-term aid workers are coming to help refugees, but few offer relief to the local people — who are also struggling to get by. On top that, this region is 99 percent Muslim, which means they have no one to hear their prayers.

But right now, Dar Sila is experiencing peace for the first time in many years, which is creating openness to the Good News and opportunities to provide relief. Please pray with us that God will raise up workers to serve the people of Dar Sila and make Christ's name known!

THIS MONTH, JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR DAR SILA, CHAD:

- I. ASK GOD to guide future missionaries to take advantage of the newfound openness in Dar Sila. Pray that these missionaries will be able to meet the needs of locals and refugees there.
- 2. **ASK GOD** to build a long-term team to serve in Dar Sila.
- 3. **PRAY** that the ministry leader, Tillie Tiller, will gain physical refreshment, spiritual encouragement, strengthened financial support and more prayer partners. Pray also for good contacts in recruiting possible future teammates.
- **4. PRAY** for clear, focused ministry strategies for reaching the nine unreached people groups in the area.
- **5. PRAY** for wisdom on how to best serve the communities of Dar Sila in order to meet their needs and build bridges of friendship and trust.
- **6. PRAY** for healthy partnerships between TEAM and other ministries in Chad. Pray that they will unite for the purpose of bringing Life to Dar Sila.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

ITALY | Susan Coleman desires your prayers for a young woman who has been joining Susan for a Bible study. When confronted with the fact that Jesus is God, the young woman balked and has not returned for further studies. Pray that Jesus would convince her of His true identity.

MORE PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 2. **SPAIN** | Mark and Kay Johnson ask for your prayers for Lorena* and Felipe*. Kay recently shared the Gospel with Lorena at a Thanksgiving event and now, they all meet about once a month, and Mark meets Felipe for coffee about once a week.
- 3. **UKRAINE** I Kurt and Rochelle zurBurg would appreciate prayers for their neighbor. Every few months, their conversations with her turn to the topic of God, and she is now attending English classes at their partnering church.
- 4. **SOUTH AFRICA** | Brett and Kara Richstone are asking for prayers for the eight preteen girls who were recently baptized at Rehoboth Children's Village. Pray that they will continue to grow in the Lord!

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- I. MEXICO | Carlos and Sandy Rios are currently meeting with an unbelieving family they connected with through their VBS each Friday in order to study the Bible with them. The family is growing deeper in their knowledge of God's Word. The mother recently invited her boss and son, and they want to keep coming. There are now six families in the neighborhood that the members of the Rios's church are visiting and studying with.
- 2. ITALY | Kim and George Aguirre had about 60 friends attend their annual Thanksgiving event. Around half were unbelievers, which made the evening fun and full of opportunities for meaningful conversations.
- 3. **ZIMBABWE** I On August 30, a massive fire came through Habitation of Hope, where Steve and Anthea Love serve. It left behind heaps of ash and destruction. But several people responded to their need and as a result, they have begun rebuilding the skills training program.

*Names changed.