

## Strong Foundation - Central Asia

Pete and Nomes have been cross-cultural workers among the H people for two years. Pete spends 20 hours a week with his nurturer Mike and they have become close friends. They share openly about culture and faith. Mike has welcomed the whole family into his community, inviting them for meals, celebrating birthdays and even inviting Pete to important cultural festivals.

Pete shares, "Mike and I have had numerous opportunities to chat about culture and faith, mutually sharing the meaning behind religious festivals, stories from our Holy books and worship practices. Throughout these conversations, one thing has become very clear, while Mike's faith is central to his identity, it can also be a heavy burden. Mike does what he can but is fully aware that he often falls short and at times he even seems resigned to the fact that he may never be able to do enough to win favour with the Creator.

I want nothing more than to see Mike and many other H people come to discover the joy and freedom of the one whose yolk is easy, and burden is light. Having laid a strong foundation over the first two years our hope and prayer is that there will be increasing opportunities for us to share the Good News with Mike and many others."

Pete and Nomes are currently in Australia due to the pandemic. Pray with us that as they connect with Mike through video calls, their relationship will continue to grow. Pray that God will be preparing Mike's heart to hear and respond to the Good News.

## Global Interaction's Prayer Resources

We acknowledge our complete dependence on God, and the movement of His Spirit, for the continuation of this ministry. Incredibly, God invites us to partner with Him in mission and be part of His redemptive plan. Through prayer, we are aligning our hearts with His.

**Hotline:** A weekly e-newsletter that shares in-depth and up-to-date prayer points and stories from our ministry.

**Pray Daily:** Mailed and emailed quarterly with topical prayer points to empower ministry.

**Just Prayer:** A weekend (13 - 15 Nov) for individuals, small groups and churches to pray for the least-reached to hear the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to them.

**Newsletters:** Direct updates, stories and prayer points from candidates and cross-cultural workers.

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Thank you again for your faithful partnership with Global Interaction's ministry through prayer.

World Snippets, found at the end of each month, are short stories of God at work among the people groups our teams serve. You are welcome to use these in your church bulletin.

Page numbers refer to the 2020 Global Interaction Guide.

## Pray for the H people of Central Asia (pg 15)

- 1 W **Give Thanks:** For the way H people seek relationship with God and are open to spiritual conversations.
- 2 T **Provision:** Pray for new sources of income for many H people who have lost their jobs during the pandemic.
- 3 F **Seekers:** For God to soften the hearts of H people so that when they hear the Good News, they will believe.
- 4 S **Believers:** For strength and protection for the few H believers to follow Jesus within their Muslim communities.
- 5 S **Faith Communities:** That one day a vibrant faith community would emerge among the H people that worships Jesus in a culturally relevant way.

## Pray for Global Interaction's Ministry Among the H people

- 6 M **Opportunities:** Praise God for the warm hospitable nature of the H people which helps our cross-cultural team make local friends.
- 7 T **Relationships:** For the Holy Spirit to lead the team to people of peace as they seek to build relationships.
- 8 W **Culture and Language:** For the team to continue to grow in cultural understanding so that they can effectively communicate the Gospel with H friends.
- 9 T **Creativity:** Pray for wisdom as the team seeks creative ways to share their faith in Jesus.
- 10 F **Conversations:** For the cross-cultural workers to live lives that provoke questions from H people, and that they will be ready to share stories of how Jesus shapes everything they say and do.

## Pray for the Cross-Cultural Team Serving Among the H people

- 11 S **Give Thanks:** For the opportunity during the pandemic for the team to rest and cultivate their relationship with Jesus so they are spiritually revitalised for their ministry.

- 12 S **R and B:** Pray for the door to reopen for R and B to return to Central Asia and become salt and light.
- 13 M **\*C:** For cross-cultural experiences to shape C into a courageous and caring follower of Jesus.
- 14 T **Pete and Nomes:** Praise God for the relationships Nomes is forming through her role at the International School and Pete's growing friendship with his language nurturer.
- 15 W **\*Ryan, Abby and Jacob:** For local friendships to continue to grow and that Ryan, Abby and Jacob would be an influence of joy and peace within their school.
- 16 T **Team Growth:** Pray for more Australian Baptists to follow God's call and serve among the H people.

## Pray for the B people of South Asia (pg 17)

- 17 F **Praise God:** For the faithful cross-cultural workers who serve in South Asia and their commitment to seeing B people come to know Jesus personally.
- 18 S **B people:** Pray that God will be preparing the hearts of B people to come to hear about Jesus as the Son of God and transformer of lives.
- 19 S **Provision:** Pray for supernatural provision for the B people who find themselves with no income or savings during the pandemic.
- 20 M **Seekers:** For B seekers to connect with the cross-cultural team or local believers and hear the message of Jesus in cultural meaningful ways.
- 21 T **Believers:** Pray for the Spirit's insight for the B believers as they study the Bible and grapple with what it means.
- 22 W **Faith Communities:** Praise God for the small groups who are meeting and discussing matters of faith and supporting each other to follow Jesus.

## Pray for Global Interaction's Ministry Among the B people

- 23 T **Opportunities:** Pray that God will prepare the hearts of B people and open doors for His stories to be shared in ways that make sense in their context.
- 24 F **Relationships:** Praise God that through video technology the cross-cultural team can continue in spiritual discussions online with B believers.
- 25 S **Rural Income Generation:** Praise God that through this project many B beneficiaries have been able to use savings to support themselves and distribute food to those in need during the pandemic.
- 26 S **Bible Website and App:** Pray that this project will see the Word of God safely accessible to millions of B people.

## Pray for the Cross-Cultural Team Serving Among the B people

- 27 M **Morris:** For wisdom for Morris as he transitions out of his Team Leader role and concentrates on the development of spiritual resources and discipleship of B believers.
- 28 T **Ryan and Susie:** That the online culture and language training with the team's B friends in South Asia would help Ryan and Susie prepare to serve.
- 29 W **Phil:** Praise God for the opportunities Phil has had to share his stories with churches in Australia. Pray he will be able to connect with more of his partners.
- 30 T **Graeme:** Pray that Graeme will be able to connect with his B friends in South Asia online and continue to provide practical advice and encouragement.
- 31 F **Graeme and Pat:** Pray for Graeme and Pat to stay connected with their family and friends in both Australia and South Asia particularly while they cannot travel.

*\*Children of the cross-cultural workers prayed for in the previous prayer point.*