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Praying for the Muslim World

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If you live in the Greater Toronto Area, FFM is organizing another *Shadowing an Evangelist* event on June 17th from 9:30am to 12nn! Be sure to register: <https://forms.gle/5m2b8e1Hz9ZvmiGK6>

Week 1 June 1-7 – PRAISE & THANKSGIVING <i>How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.</i> Psalm 36:7	
Thu 1	Praise GOD for how He works in peoples' hearts. M. was an undercover for the Iranian gov't., infiltrating churches to gain information. A field worker got a feeling something was not right with M. but continued to welcome him in their discipleship group. After their Safar* session on the Holy Spirit, M. was convicted and he confessed. He is now a follower of Jesus! Pray that M. will be protected and continue to grow in faith.
Fri 2	Praise GOD for how the truth of the Gospel can change peoples' hearts! H. initially planned to kill the field worker who was teaching his family about Jesus, but the more time he spent with the man, H. kept hearing the words Jesus spoke in the <i>Injil</i> . And it was filled with hope and life, unlike anything he had heard. H. is now a follower of Jesus, and because of his ministry, there are now six generations of house churches in the region.
Sat 3	Praise GOD for how more and more new believers in the Middle East are wanting to be baptized. One such believer is F., a teenage girl who is courageously sharing her faith and boldly inviting others to join her to study the Bible despite the risk. Pray for her protection and for the Lord to touch the hearts of those around her.
Sun 4	Praise GOD for His divine protection. When a village official in Indonesia incited a violent attack on a local church during a Sunday service, hurting the pastor, the police arrested him. The church dropped the charges, in turn, the official publicly apologized and granted the church temporary permit to meet and gather.
Mon 5	Praise GOD for the field workers who are trained in church-planting movements and scattered all over Jordan. Jordan has twelve governorates (the biggest being Amman) with each divided into districts. Pray that the Lord will raise a church-planting movement team in <i>every district</i> and for many more local believers to be equipped.
Tue-Wed 6-7	Praise GOD for the training resources on how to teach Scripture orally without relying on written resources. Field workers in North Africa reported that this has been bearing fruit in our women's Bible study where several of the women don't read or write. Pray for them to come to faith and grow in Christ-likeness.
Week 2 June 8-14 – PRAY FOR MUSLIM PEOPLE <i>For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7</i>	
Thu 8	As the fighting in Sudan rages on, the U.N. migration agency said that there are now more than 1.3 million displaced people, leaving their homes to safer areas inside and outside Sudan. Pray that the fighting will end and peace will return to Sudan. Pray for protection for women and children who are vulnerable to abuse.
Fri 9	Yemeni culture is extremely tribal, and the tribal punishment for denouncing Islam can be severe. Converts risk divorce and even death. Despite this, by God's power and grace, more and more Yemenis are putting their faith and risking their lives for Jesus. Pray for protection for those who are seeking but counting the cost.
Sat 10	The Faifi are a small people group living in the southwest of Saudi Arabia, across the border from Yemen. Many young people are relocating in more progressive Arab countries for educational and employment purposes. Pray that they would meet followers of Jesus and hearts will be opened to the Gospel.
Sun 11	The 120,000 Dungan people of Central Asia live in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. This Muslim people group once lived in China and were called Hui. The Dungan do not separate Islam from their ethnicity, and they do not question their religious leaders even when they do not understand what they are taught. Pray for the Dungan seekers who are connecting online with other believers and are listening to audio Bible stories.
Mon 12	"I want to believe, but I can't." For Saudis considering the Gospel, fear can be a powerful obstacle to taking the step of faith. A. has been studying the Bible with a Christ-follower. She understands the Gospel and even believes it to be true. However, she is afraid to give her life to Christ because she's counted the cost. Ask the Lord to replace A.'s fears with courage and that she and many other Saudi seekers will put their faith in Him.
Tue-Wed 13-14	Cairo is the largest city in Egypt and known as the political and economic hub of the Arab world. However, according to Pew Research, there are now more than 4 million Egyptians, roughly 5% of the population, who identify as Christians. Praise God for existing and new disciples in Cairo. Pray they will use every opportunity to show the love of Christ, resulting in multiplying disciples and churches throughout Egypt.

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Week 3	June 15-21 – PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE LABOURERS <i>“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” Isaiah 6:8-9</i>
Thu 15	A couple is finishing their time at a language centre and is looking for someone with ESL experience to take over. They have developed close relationships with their many ESL families and asked for prayers as their family is processing the grief of leaving. Pray for them and for God to raise up workers who would take the call!
Fri 16	The Missionary kids’ world, even in the best of circumstances, is “shifting sand.” Common issues that many MKs face are identity confusion, faith crises and neglect. Pray that Christians would know how to care well for the MKs. Pray that they would mature in their own faith and learn what God wants to teach them as they launch out on their own. May they know and take up their special place in God’s kingdom work.
Sat 17	Learning the local language is a tough hurdle for field workers who are hoping to effectively engage and build relationships with the locals, and Arabic is one of the most difficult to learn. It takes at least 2 yrs. to achieve basic fluency. Pray for a young couple who is called to serve in the ME and is now learning the language.
Sun 18	Expatriate Christians living in Saudi Arabia view Qassim as one of the nation's most spiritually dark areas. Even among Muslims, Buraydah is Saudi Arabia's strictest city. But in recent years, the Saudi government has promoted greater cultural openness and tried to encourage tourism through annual festivals. Pray that the expat Christians in Saudi will be emboldened to reach out to the people in Qassim with the Gospel of Jesus!
Mon 19	International Media Ministries uses media to shine the light of Christ into the world’s darkest places. They’re about to launch a social media piece about Esther in Farsi. Pray that this video helps Iranian seekers learn about God’s Word and Jesus. Pray as well that there would be Christ-followers who can walk alongside the seekers.
Tue-Wed 20-21	Reaching Muslim peoples has become a local mission in our own neighborhoods. Pray for the Albanian couple from Global Initiative who are teaching courses on ministry to Muslims at the Evangelical Theological College in the U.S.. In addition, they ministered in local churches in North America to see lay people trained to share their faith with Muslims. May God protect and bless them abundantly as they equip Christians for outreach.
Week 4	June 22-31 – PRAY FOR A MUSLIM REGION <i>Nine rooms in the house of Islam: North Africa</i>
Thu 22	With ongoing fighting in Tripoli and other parts of the nation, many people are fleeing Libya. Praise God for encouraging reports regarding disciple-making movements with new disciples raised up and groups started. Unlike years past, many of the new believers are staying in the country rather than fleeing probable persecution. Pray for disciples in Libya who are navigating life there. Pray for abundant grace over their lives.
Fri 23	Praise God for the growth of local groups meeting to study the Bible in Morocco! Field workers in Morocco are praying that entire families will come to know Jesus together. Pray with the workers that their Bible study groups will multiply and that entire families will come to know Jesus and share with all those around them.
Sat 24	Tunisians are 98% Arab. It is a secular society yet heavily influenced by Islam. Women can hold government and other professional jobs and family is highly esteemed. However, this could change with the new constitution. Praise God disciples are multiplying, but it has been much harder for churches to multiply. Pray that God will multiply house fellowships in Tunis that will then multiply throughout the entire country, for God’s glory.
Sun-Mon 25-26	Mauritania has a population of approximately 4.3 million, with almost 1.5 million living in Nouakchott. The legal system of Mauritania is a mix of French civil law and Sharia Law. Crimes against Islam and religion are punished harshly. Pray that God will send disciples to Mauritania to proclaim His freedom.
Tue-Wed 27-28	When Y. refused his uncle's efforts to convert him to Islam, the uncle planted drugs in Y.’s clothing business and reported him to the police. Y. was sentenced to three years in prison causing untold grief and financial hardship to his family. Pray for strength for Y. May he be released soon and reunited with his family.
Thu-Fri 29-30	A man training to become a Muslim religious leader in his home country in North Africa had a dream about Jesus. When they moved to another country, his wife worked in a hotel where a church meets. The wife heard music and went inside. She found believers talking about Jesus. She brought her husband and son with her to church and they all put their faith in Jesus. Pray for their growing faith. May they be disciplined well!

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<https://2414now.net/>

<https://www.awm-pioneers.org>

<https://www.elam.com/>

<https://frontiers.ca/>

<https://www.merf.org/>

<https://www.mnnonline.org/>

<https://pioneers.ca/>

<https://prayerstrategists.net/>

<https://www.saudiviewpoint.com/>

<https://www.twr.ca/>

<https://wec-canada.org/>

Missionary letter and prayer requests.

*Safar one-to-one discipleship: <https://www.safar.org/>