



THE NATIONS IN KANSAS CITY

A PRAYER GUIDE FOR THOSE GOD BROUGHT TO OUR CITY

“ From one man He has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live. He did this so they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. ”

THE NATIONS IN KANSAS CITY

A PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE ETHNIC GROUPS WHO GOD HAS MOVED INTO OUR CITY



TABLE OF CONTENTS

TO EVERY CHURCH AND EVERY BELIEVER IN KANSAS CITY,

God wants all men to know Him. He is seeking worshipers (John 4:23). He challenged Jonah to care more about thousands of lost people than his own comfort (Jonah 4:10-11). He commanded us to make disciples of every ethnic group (Matthew 28:19-20). But no single believer or individual church can fulfill this mission alone.

God brought unique people groups from the edges of the Earth to our city so that they might reach out and find Him (Acts 17:26-27). This prayer guide maps out the big picture of the nationalities found in Kansas City. It is our responsibility as the Church of KC to reach them with the Gospel. May we accept this responsibility with fear and trembling, knowing that we are not working alone.

God is working in each of these ethnic groups, and no one can fathom what God is doing from beginning to end (Ecclesiastes 3:11). God has given each church and each believer spiritual gifts, and He wants us to function as one body as we use these to build up the body (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4). Everyone is not called to do everything, but we should be obedient to reach the specific people to which God leads us and pray for everyone else. If your church faithfully targets one people group and mine targets another, God's people collectively will bring the Kingdom to each lost person in Kansas City. Ask Him where He is calling you as you pray for these groups.

Note: Local missions to unreached people groups does not discredit mission efforts to other countries. Foreign mission trips and missionaries are needed overseas because the lost will never hear without a preacher (Romans 10). The Greater KC Church must take the Gospel both overseas and down the road in KC.

Introduction.....	2	Algerians and Moroccans.....	17	Liberians	30
Key to Tables.....	4	Vietnamese	18	Nigerians.....	31
Prayer for City.....	5	Other Middle Easterners.....	19	Other Groups.....	32
Somalis.....	6	Kurds.....	20	South Sudanese.....	33
Pakistanis.....	7	Persians of Iran.....	21	Haitians	34
Iraqi Arab	8	Mormons of French Polynesia	22	Bhutanese	35
Somali Bantus	9	Gulf Arab College Students.....	23	Chinese.....	36
South Asian Sikhs.....	10	Hispanics	24	South Koreans	36
Barawa & Bajun Peoples	11	Burmese Chin	26	Russian Speakers	37
Bosniaks.....	12	Burmese Karen	27	Prayers for Local, State and Federal Governments.....	38
Burmese Muslims	13	Oromo.....	28	Next Steps	39
South Asian Hindus	14	Kenyans	28		
Afgans	15	Eritreans	29		
Sudanese	16	Ethiopians.....	29		

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR ALL GROUPS

“Should I not care about the great city...?” God

1. Pray that God will raise up laborers to take the Gospel to unreached groups and to make reproducing disciples in each group. (Luke 9:38)
2. Pray that God will open up doors for salvation among each people group.
3. Pray for unity, love, purity, and protection from the evil one. (John 17:15-26).
4. The most common prayer request from believers in these groups is for the younger generation to follow God and escape the evil in the world caused by evil desires (1 Peter 1:4).
5. When praying for those laboring among these groups, observe Paul's requests for protection, acceptable service, and fellowship with other believers:
“Now I appeal to you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to join with me in fervent prayers to God on my behalf. 31 Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, that the gift I am bringing to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, 32 and that, by God's will, I may come to you with joy and be refreshed together with you. The God of peace be with all of you” (Romans 15:30-33).

PRIORITY RANKINGS

The first sixteen are listed as “Priority” because they desperately need believers to bring the Gospel to them. They are ranked from highest (10) to lowest (1) priority on a 1-10 scale by a formula that averages five factors: Percentage Non-Christian Overseas, number of known believers in KC, evangelical witness in KC, population size in KC, and difficulty of access overseas.

Percentage NonChristian Globally –

These statistics from Operation World indicate the percentage of unreached people in the home country. For this study, the unreached percentage is translated into a 1-10 ranking.

1-3) 0-50% Lost	7-8) 90-95% Lost
4-6) 50-90% Lost	9-10) 95-100% Lost

Number of Known Believers in KC –

This represents how many indigenous churches and believers from this people group live in Kansas City. Priority should be given to groups with fewer believers.

Evangelical Witness in KC –

This number represents how many believers are trying to take the Gospel to this group as missionaries. Our goal is to have a committed team trying to bring the Gospel to every people group in Kansas City, so groups without any missionaries are prioritized above groups that have people currently trying to reach them.

1-3 (More than 20 Workers)
4-6 (8-20 workers)
7-8 (4-7 workers)
9 (1-3 Workers)
10 (No believers taking the Gospel to them)

Population Size in KC –

This number represents how many members the people group has in KC. The assumption is that the larger populations should be prioritized when thinking of which groups to pray for and engage.

1) 0-10 Members	6) 200-500
2) 10-20 Members	7) 500-1,000
3) 20-50 Members	8) 1,000-2,000
4) 50-100 Members	9) 2,000-5,000
5) 100-200 Members	10) 5000+ Members

Difficulty to Access Overseas –

This number measures how difficult it would be to reach this group in their home nation. Factors to be considered are distance, language difficulties, how far removed culturally, how rugged, how expensive, and how dangerous. The rationale is that priority should be given to KC groups who are virtually inaccessible overseas.

1-3) Easy	7-8) Difficult
4-6) Moderate	9-10) Dangerous

THE RESEARCH

The information presented here comes from years of interviews, web research, field observation and resettlement agency data. Because of the subjectivity of the research, some numbers might be inaccurate. Only God knows exactly who lives in KC, but take this guide as an educated guess, and forgive any mistakes. Please send updated data and prayer requests to kcpeopleteams@gmail.com. Check www.peoplegroups.info for updated demographic information, networking with other workers, and tools.



Cushitic Somali	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.7%	10
Believers in KC	Few	9
Evangelical Witness	Some	7
Population in KC	5,500	10
Access Overseas	Dangerous	10
Total (Average)		9.2

The Cushite Somalis are very resistant to the Gospel both in Kansas City and around the world. They have been coming to Kansas City since 1990 to flee the war in their country, and there are now more than 7,150 total Somali peoples living mostly in the Northeast, North Kansas City, and Overland Park. They work mostly in the travel industry: taxis, hotels, rent-a-cars, and trucking. Many have explained, “To be Somali is to be Muslim.” They worship Allah in a predominantly Somali mosque on Admiral Blvd. Some are very devout and consistent in their practices while others only seek to keep up appearances, but life revolves around their religion.

3 Main Somali Groups in KC:
1) Cushite Somalis -5,500 (page 6)
2) Somali Bantu – 900 (page 9)
3) Barawa and Bajun – 850 (page 11)
Total Somalis – 7,250

“Somali is the 3rd most spoken language in Kansas City homes”
–Mayor Sly James



- + Pray for Adam, the only known Somali believer in KC, who came to Christ after a woman shared the Gospel with him at the hospital. Ask that God would grow his faith and understanding so that he can withstand persecution from his people and the temptations of Satan.
- + Thank God for the unknown Somalis to whom He is revealing Himself without our knowledge.
- + Pray for the believers who labor to reach the Somalis for Christ. Pray for endurance and encouragement among a group where one can not always see the fruit of his labor.
- + Pray for peace in Somalia and pray against the attacks from those who seek to control it for evil.



THE PAKISTANI COMMUNITY

reports 5,000 Pakistanis in KC living in South KC and Overland Park. They worship at three main Islamic Centers:

- 1) The Islamic Center of Kansas on 14750 West 143rd Street in Olathe
- 2) The Islamic Center of Johnson County at 9001 West 151st
- 3) The Islamic Center of Greater KC at 8501

East 99th. Pakistanis tend to be mindful of their careers, business minded, and successful. Many are serious about spreading Islam through apologetic debates and marketing. They preach in City Market, sponsor billboards, and distribute literature promoting their faith. Sadly, they are seeing fruit of their labors through converts. Others are focused on successful careers and have little time for spiritual matters. There are a few Pakistani believers in the Southwest part of the KC area and a few oth-



Pakisani	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	97%	9
Believers in KC	Few	9
Evangelical Witness	Few	9
Population in KC	5,000	10
Access Overseas	Dangerous	9
Total (Average)		9.2

ers working to reach them, but there is need for many professionals to take the Gospel to their coworkers and neighbors from Pakistan.

- + Pray for those who are reaching out to Pakistanis in KC and Pakistanis abroad
- Pray for spiritual hunger among the Pakistanis who are living for the things of this world
- + Pray for God to save many of the radical Pakistanis who boldly preach Islam and labor to convert Americans just as the Apostle Paul passionately preached against Christians before God opened his eyes.



IRAQI ARABS

IN KANSAS CITY

Iraqi Arabs	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.5%	10
Believers in KC	Some	8
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	4,000	9
Access Overseas	Dangerous	10
Total (Average)		9.0



ABOUT 4000

Iraqi Arabs live in the Kansas City area. Most live in the Historic Northeast, the Northland, or scattered throughout the city and South KC. Iraqi refugees arrive with skills and education, but they struggle to find jobs because their credentials do not transfer easily. Most Iraqi Arabs are Muslim with a few Catholics. A handful of Iraqi believers strive to reach their own people and coach American believers in Iraqi outreach. This is an interesting time for the Iraqi people because of the crisis in Iraq. Many Iraqis

are accepting Christ around the world. In California, one ministry has over 150 Iraqi believers and is adding more regularly as Iraqi Muslims see how the terrorists treat their people in contrast to believers.

The Kansas City believers ask for our prayers:
+ *That God would open the spiritual eyes of Iraqi people to see the truth of the Gospel of Christ.*
+ *That the situation in Iraq would lead to good discussions and relationships between Christians and Muslim here rather than misunderstandings and hate.*

+ *That the LORD will protect the friends and family of many KC Iraqis living abroad and bring salvation and peace.*
+ *Pray that an Arabic speaking church would be planted in the Northland.*

2 Corinthians 1:10-11 *“He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.” (NIV)*



A few generations ago, Africans from Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, and other Sub-Saharan nations migrated to Somalia and were called “Bantu,” named after their language. The ethnic Somalis herded camels and other animals, but the Bantus farmed. The Bantus are looked down upon in East Africa by the ethnic Somalis because farming is believed to be an inferior occupation, but Bantus in Kansas City have been able to use their agricultural skills very impressively. In Kansas City, Kansas, twenty four Somali Bantu families live and farm their own thriving gardens. There are also sixty Somali Bantu families on the Missouri side in the

Historic NorthEast. Music and dancing characterize their culture as seen best in wedding celebrations. A couple of Bantu dance groups are available for hire for entertainment. More cultural info available at www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=671294
Somali Bantus adopted the local religion of Islam in Somalia, but they incorporate many tribal and animistic beliefs such as putting charms on their babies to ward off the evil spirits. One Bantu man serves as a witchdoctor and can be hired for \$3,000 to cast out an evil spirit from a relative. Bantus use his services because he is effective, but the spirit often returns after

a couple of years. Because they are considered the “least of these” back in Africa, Bantus are a little bit more receptive to the Gospel and more hospitable to outsiders than other Somalis from Cushitic tribes. But this group is still less than 1% Christian globally.

+ *Pray that God will call someone to live among the Bantus on the Kansas side and bring the Gospel to them to free them from the oppression of Satan, the lies of Islam, and the fear of the evil spirits. There are currently no Gospel witnesses for the 24 families in KCK and only one group reaching out to the sixty families on the Missouri side.*

SOMALI BANTUS

IN KANSAS CITY



Somali Bantu	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99%	10
Believers in KC	0	10
Evangelical Witness	Few	8
Population in KC	900	7
Access Overseas	Dangerous	9
Total (Average)		8.4



SOUTH ASIAN SIKHS IN KANSAS CITY

Sikhs	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99%	10
Believers in KC	None	10
Evangelical Witness	None	10
Population in KC	1050	8
Access Overseas	Moderate	7
Total (Average)		9.0



Praying pilgrim in
Amritsar, Punjab - India

KANSAS CITY HAS AN ESTIMATED 400 SIKH FAMILIES

living mostly in South Kansas City and Shawnee. 95% come from Punjab. They began settling in Kansas City in the 1960s and began worshiping together with five families. In 1989, the Gurdwara Sahib Kansas City (Sikh House of Worship) was built at 6834 Pflumm Road

in Shawnee where they continue to worship. There is a new Sikh temple moving into downtown Olathe.

Sikhism as a religion began in the 15th Century by Guru Nanak and has continued through ten Gurus. It blends Islam with Hinduism. Like Islam, it is strictly monotheistic and rejects the caste system in favor of human equality. With 30 million adherents, it is the fifth largest organized religion of the world. The men are easily recognized by wearing turbans. Many of the Indian restaurants in KC are owned by Sikhs. The religion emphasizes music because Guru

Nanak first preached his sermons through hymns accompanied by the Rabab (lute). In KC, Sikhs integrate easily with the Hindu community.

One KC church previously brought the Gospel to the Sikhs, but there is currently no known ministry among them. Pray in the Spirit for the Father to send out laborers to join Him in what He is already doing among the Sikhs.

+ *Pray against evil in the spiritual strongholds that teach ideologies contrary to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)*



The Bajuni Islands and the Barawa region are located in South-East Somalia. Their people speak their own dialect of the Somali language. Their culture has Arab influence and was colonized by the Italians. They tend to be more welcoming to outsiders and more laid back. One might call them the “Hawaiians of Somalia.” Nevertheless, they hold strictly to their Muslim faith and welcome others in dialogs about it.

Kansas City has about 800 Barawa people and about ten families from Bajun island. Their communities intermix in in Kansas City, and both are connected to the larger Somali community despite being slightly different from pure Somali culture. There are no known believers among this people group in Kansas City despite the efforts of some believers to engage them. These islands are extremely dangerous for missionaries to reach because of piracy and religious extremism, but we can reach the people right here.

Kansas City hosts about twenty individuals from the island of Zanzibar, a Muslim island nation off the Eastern coast of Africa.

Paul prayed Romans 10:1 for his own people. *“My heart’s desire and prayer for them is that they may be saved” (ESV)*

BARAWA & BAJUN PEOPLES IN KANSAS CITY



Somali Islanders	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99%	10
Believers in KC	0	10
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	850	7
Access Overseas	Dangerous	9
Total (Average)		8.8



BOSNIAKS IN KANSAS CITY

Bosniaks	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.7%	10
Believers in KC	None	10
Evangelical Witness	None	10
Population in KC	2000	9
Access Overseas	Moderate	5
Total (Average)		8.8



A Bosnian Shop (left) sits in front of the Bosnian mosque (right)



IN 1992,

the Muslim Bosnians, known as Bosniaks, declared independence from the Bosnian Serbs, who generally followed the Serbian Orthodox faith. A brutal war ensued with rape and genocide mostly against the Bosniaks. The UN stepped in and supported the Muslim Bosniaks against the attacking Serbs. Peace was finally reached in 1995 after negotiations held in Dayton, Ohio but not before 100,000 people were killed.

Refugees eventually resettled in America, and Kansas City is the home of an estimated 2,000—2,500 Bosniaks, but that is small com-

pared to the 65,000+ Bosniaks living in Saint Louis. In KC, they have their own businesses and a mosque on Antioch and NE Winn Road. A popular saying describes their relationship to Islam: “We hold our faith loosely, but we don’t let go.” There are no known believers in this group and no known efforts to bring the Gospel to them. Pray that the LORD will send out laborers into this harvest field and do a great work in the Bosniaks. Pray that God would stir in many hearts and begin to reveal Himself to Bosniaks.

There are also 350 Serbians living scattered but mostly in Lenexa and the Northland.

They worship at St George’s Serbian Orthodox Church in Lenexa and various others. The Bosnian Serbs and Bosniaks in Kansas City intermingle with little hostility (especially in the younger generations).

“... that I am Yahweh, showing faithful love, justice, and righteousness on the earth, for I delight in these things.” –Jeremiah 9:24

+ Pray that the Gospel will reach all of the refugees and immigrants from Bosnia and bring life and healing.



34

families of Muslim Burmese from an unidentified people have come to Kansas City in the last three years as refugees from Burma by way of Thailand. Nineteen of these families live on the 200 block of Lawn Avenue. They fled Burma to escape oppression from the Buddhist government (like the Rohingya, a more renowned Burmese Muslim people group). They gather daily in Maple Park for volleyball, and they teach the Quran in an apartment. Their native language is Burmese, and finding a Burmese translator for them is



difficult because racism inhibits other Burmese speakers from willingly interacting with them. Fortunately, the Gospel has broken down prejudices, and God has granted blessing for a Burmese pastor “M” who has a translator “S” who speaks Burmese. The Summer missionary among this group reports:

+ “Pray for ‘Shaheed’ and his family. We have been able to share boldly with him. He disagrees with his local religious leader and with family and is open to the Gospel right now. He has expressed desire to hear the message in his own language, and we have contacted some Burmese-speaking

believers from a Christian people group who are willing and desiring to share with him. ‘Shaheed’ tells us that he is thinking about the message of Jesus Christ and what it means. Please pray for the salvation of the whole Burmese Muslim population in Kansas City and the rest of the world.

+ Pray that God would use the Asian pastor, the Burmese translator and other workers to be part of God’s plan to bear fruit.

+ Pray for Zawr, the religious leader of this community, who is very guarded against faith in Christ. James 5:16 “The fervent prayer of a righteous man has great power.”

BURMESE MUSLIMS IN KANSAS CITY



Burmese Muslims	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99%	10
Believers in KC	0	10
Evangelical Witness	Few	9
Population in KC	200	6
Access Overseas	Difficult	8
Total (Average)		8.6



SOUTH ASIAN HINDUS IN KANSAS CITY

South Asian Hindus	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas		
India Nepal Bhutan	94% 97.8% 97.9%	9
Believers in KC	Some	8
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	9,000	10
Access Overseas	Fair	7
Total (Average)		8.4



THE HINDU TEMPLE

in Shawnee and visitkc.com estimate that the Greater Kansas City area boasts 4,000 families from India, and over 3,200 of these families are Hindus. Most of these come from India with some from Bhutan, and Nepal. The largest Indian language groups are Hindi, Telugu, Bengali, Gujarathi, Marathi, and Tamil.

Although these families are concentrated in Shawnee, Overland Park, and around UMKC, South Asian Hindus are spread all throughout Kansas City because many work in the technology, medical, and energy fields. Around 900

Bhutanese-Nepali refugees live in Kansas City, Kansas, and about 20 families live on the Missouri side. About 75% of those are Hindu.

Hindus worship millions of deities in an effort to reach a higher caste when re-incarnated. Some Indians follow Jainism and more Catholicism, but most are Hindu. The higher castes currently have large barriers to Christianity because it is perceived as “a Western religion.” In Kansas City, young Indians from Hindu families become atheists possibly because of the emphasis on Science in their career fields.

+ Pray that God raises up more laborers to befriend these Hindus in the workplace, through

hobbies, and in neighborhoods and to share God’s truth. Before they deny all deities and become atheists, these Hindus need to know what Paul told pluralists in Acts 17:22-25.

“I see that you are extremely religious in every respect.... Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it—He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things.”

A local soldier with a family member



ABOUT 10

Afghan families live in the Northland and a couple in Raytown. Some of the men originally came to America after working with the US military in the Middle East. They worship at a local mosque integrated with other people groups. The LORD is opening the door for friendship and ministry for those who seek to reach them for Christ.

+ Praise God for saving and using one Afghan for His Glory
+ Pray for fruit and new birth among this people group.

AFGHAN IN KANSAS CITY



Afghanis Data	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.9%	10
Believers in KC	Few	9
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	Small	4
Access Overseas	Dangerous	9
Total (Average)		8

Boys flying kites above Kabul, Afghanistan





SUDANESE IN KANSAS CITY

Sudanese (North)	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	91%	8
Believers in KC	Some	7
Evangelical Witness	Some	6
Population in KC	1,200	8
Access Overseas	Difficult	8
Total (Average)		7.4



ALGERIANS & MOROCCANS IN KANSAS CITY



Algeria/Morocco	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.4%	10
Believers in KC	Few	9
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	200	7
Access Overseas	Difficult	7
Total (Average)		8.2

After the first civil war of 1955-1977, the Muslim Sudanese in the North continued fighting against the Southern Sudanese from 1983-2005. The nation's president, a convicted war criminal, also authorized genocide against his countrymen living in Darfur (in Western Sudan) because they have a different ethnic background. Decades of war left many displaced.

Kansas City is home to one hundred and fifty

North Sudanese families and at least three times that from South Sudan. Recent resettlers from Darfur came in 2014 from the Zaghawa and Fur people groups. The North Sudanese are mostly Muslim, but some belong to Sudanese churches. Above is a Sudanese choir worshipping God.

In KC, attempts have been made to take the lives of converts from Islam in KC. Sadly, one has succeeded. The importance of prayer cannot be overemphasized.

+ Pray for Spiritual Awakening among the lost in the Sudanese community.

+ Pray for the Sudanese churches: for their leaders, for unity among different people groups, for boldness in speech, and for grace to follow Jesus daily.

+ Pray for protection against the power of Satan and the deception of Islam for these brothers and sisters as they interact with their Muslim countrymen.

There are between ONE AND TWO HUNDRED

Algerians in Kansas City and ten Moroccan families. They live mostly on the Kansas

side, but university students live downtown. There has been some effort to reach Algerians, but the known believer recently moved to another city, leaving the work to a group of Americans with a heart to reach Muslims. Moroccan owned businesses are located in

Westport and one in Gladstone. Ask the LORD to guide believers to Algerians who are searching for the true God. Ask for clarity of vision and unity for any remaining Algerian believers and Americans who desire to reach them with the Gospel.



VIETNAMESE IN KANSAS CITY

Vietnam	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	56%	5
Believers in KC	Some	7
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	10,000+	10
Access Overseas	Moderate	5
Total (Average)		7.0

The first wave of Vietnamese refugees fled the war and came to Kansas City in the '70s, followed by many more, and they settled in Columbus Park and the Historic Northeast. Over the years, their hard work ethic has helped them achieve upward mobility and move all over the city, although occasional first generation immigrants still arrive. Their families now stretch to the third and fourth generation, and they have integrated into society. Kansas City has as at least 12,000 but as many as 25,000 with Vietnamese ethnicity, making it the largest Asian nationality in Kansas City despite being the

fourth largest Asian group nationwide. Most Vietnamese are sharply divided between either the Roman Catholic or the Buddhist religions. The Catholics worship at Church of the Holy Martyrs on 78th and Paseo or Holy Rosary in Columbus Park. They greatly distrust the Protestant Bible, and this is a barrier to reaching them. The Buddhists commonly worship at shrines in their homes where they offer gifts to deceased ancestors. There are a few public temples like the one on Lexington and Park or 1614 White Avenue. A cultural center on 18th and Prospect teaches English and other classes from 10am-3pm.

Thankfully, there is a Vietnamese Evangelical church in Kansas City. Their leaders have requested prayer for the formation of a group for women for spiritual growth. They also request prayer for families with difficulties due to casino gambling. Pray also for effectiveness in reaching their own people and others as the Holy Spirit leads. Pray for salvation for the elderly Vietnamese before they pass on. Pray for the younger generations reject the idols of their parents and to taste and see that the LORD is Good (Psalm 34:8). Pray for the Catholics to find salvation through Christ alone through their Scriptures.



Amman's skyline, Jordan



Palestinian sources report that there are 600 Palestinians in Kansas City. They work in the private and public sectors and own their own businesses. They live mostly in South Kansas City and Overland Park. Due to the continued conflict in the Middle East, many Palestinians have strong religious and cultural views that shape their worldview and lead them to support Hamas. Others pursue peace and set their goals solely on survival and upward economic mobility in a peaceful country. It is very important that the LORD open their hearts and

for believers in Kansas City to befriend them and show them the love of Christ so that their worldview can be based on more than what is happening in the Middle East. Jordan as a nation is more open to the West. Its people have more accepting culture towards Americans both in the Middle East and in KC. There are some Jordanian believers in Kansas City. Pray for strength for them to endure difficulty and boldness to reach out to other Arabic speakers with the Good News of the Messiah. There are about 1400 Lebanese in the KC

OTHER MIDDLE EASTERNERS IN KANSAS CITY



Palestinians	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	98.4%	8
Believers in KC	Few	9
Evangelical Witness	Some	6
Population in KC	600	7
Access Overseas	Fair	7
Total (Average)		7.4

area (mostly in Lenexa). There is a Catholic church in Kansas City, Kansas and many Catholics from Lebanon and Muslims. + *Pray for the Catholics being persecuted in the Middle East and for salvation of any Lebanese who do not understand the Gospel.* 1 Timothy 2:1-2 *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayer, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings, and all who are in high positions..."* (ESV)



KURDS IN KANSAS CITY

Kurds	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	99.9%	10
Believers in KC	Few	7
Evangelical Witness	Some	4
Population in KC	400	7
Access Overseas	Fair	7
Total (Average)		7.0



Ishak Pasa palace in eastern Turkey

BETWEEN 350 & 500 KURDS

live in Kansas City. Although traditionally Muslim, they have been persecuted all over the world. Their home, Kurdistan inhabits parts of Iraq, and also crosses into Turkey, Syria, and

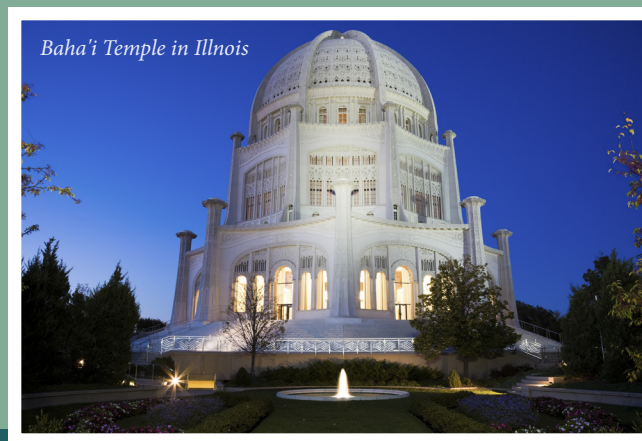
Iran. Political tensions make life difficult for Kurds to find jobs and survive outside of their designated region. A small handful of Kurds are looking to Christ in Kansas City after knowing believers in the workplace. Pray that the new believers in KC will evangelize and disciple their own people along with Americans.

+ *Pray for the Kurds during this time of conflict in Iraq. Pray for the men in Kansas City who*

are learning to follow Jesus and for those ministering to them.

+ *Pray for the persecuted church in Iraq and for those who are fleeing to Kurdistan for refuge from ISIS militants.*

+ *Pray that men will act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly (Micah 6:8)*



Baha'i Temple in Illinois

THE

between 1000 and 2000 Persians scattered throughout Greater KC. The numbers fluctuate rapidly. At one point, a passionate believer brought the Gospel to his own people from Blue Springs, but he has moved on and left the work to others. Around the world, Persians are accepting Christ like never before. Pray for

Payam-e Noor Institute is an Iranian-American Cultural Center in KC that has located

those seeking to reach them here and for the believers throughout the globe. Persiankc.com is a starting place for those looking to engage.

The Baha'i Faith is a monotheistic religion that recognizes Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Zoroaster, Jesus, and Muhammad and incorporates nine major religions and by twisting each religion just enough to make it fit into one faith. It originated in Persia in the 19th Century and has spread to over 200 countries with over 5 million adherents. Its followers

are persecuted heavily in Iran. In Kansas City, the Baha'i community is growing. Their strategy is to form pre-teen groups to discuss spiritual matters as a way to subtly introduce their prophet Bahaullah to unsuspecting children. A group of young adults has moved from Wichita and meets with pre-teens on Thursdays.

+ *Pray against their deceitful plans and pray that the youth are taught the truth.*

PERSIANS OF IRAN IN KANSAS CITY



Meybod, Iran



MORMONS OF FRENCH POLYNESIA

IN KANSAS CITY

Polynesian Mormons	Data	Rank
% Non-Christian Overseas	16.2%	2
Believers in KC	Few	9
Evangelical Witness	Some	8
Population in KC	500	7
Access Overseas	Easy	4
Total (Average)		6.0



Bungalows in French Polynesia

OVER 500

Polynesians live in Independence, Missouri. French Polynesia and American Samoa sit amidst many islands North-East of New Zealand and directly West of South America.

Despite Evangelical missionaries from London landing there as early as 1830, many have been converted to the RLDS branch of Mormonism (now called “Community of Christ”)

back in French Polynesia. Mormon missionaries have been going there for generations, and there are currently whole islands that follow this religion. Those who have converted to Mormonism believe that Jesus will return to Independence, Missouri, so it is understandable why so many left the islands to settle in Independence.

As an island people, they are very laid back, and they are famous in Kansas City for their dancing performers in two different dancing groups: Shake Polynesia and Treasures of Polynesia.

+ Pray for believers to befriend them and show the true way to follow Jesus.

There are also a dozen families in KC from Micronesia. This nation is 95% Christian or Catholic back home on their islands, and the Micronesians in KC worship together in the Northland integrated with other ethnicities. Pray that they will preserve the true Gospel and not only keep a cultural Christianity but grow in vibrant faith in the LORD.”



THE LORD

has been faithful to bring as many as 1,200 students from some of the most Gospel-resistant nations in the world: Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, and Qatar. These students were the top of their class in their respective countries – leaders that could shape and mold their home countries in the years to come.

Gulf Arabs enter an America culture where

the media has depicted Muslims as nothing much more than terrorists. The Christian response must be one that welcomes and reaches out to our Muslim neighbors. There are stories of Gulf Arabs coming to America with two suitcases: one for their belongings and the other for gifts to those who might be welcoming to them. Sadly, such stories have ended with many going home with their suitcase still full after years in America.

There are no known believers in KC from this group, but many students and young professionals labor to bring relationship and the Gospel to them. The biggest barrier

is that the Gulf Arabs are resistant to even reading the Scriptures because of preconceived notions that the Gospels are corrupt. Pray fervently that the LORD will grant an openness to examine the Scriptures and reveal salvation through His Word.

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

“Therefore get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the Word planted in you which can save you.” James 1:21

ISI is a great place to start getting involved in befriending international students. isionline.org

GULF ARAB COLLEGE STUDENTS

IN KANSAS CITY





HISPANICS

IN KANSAS CITY

Prayer concerns of Immigrants in Kansas City

1. Please pray for the possibility of approving the Comprehensive Immigration Reform (1986 is the year when the last immigration reformed was approved)
2. Driver licenses for all the foreigners residing in Kansas City.
3. Financial instability of many families.
4. Dysfunctional families.



5. Functional illiteracy. Many of the foreigners residing in Kansas City can barely read and write in their own languages.
6. For the younger generation of new comers to continue their education and training in the United States.
7. Pray that family abuse and negligence can stop among immigrants.
8. For the development of a system in which people can learn the English language, their responsibilities and rights in the United States.
9. For the possibility of recruiting sufficient volunteers who could help tutoring young immigrants in the subject of mathematics, reading and writing.
10. To acquire the financial resources necessary to help immigrants to develop skills that will better equip them for the labor force (computer education, language, understanding of the culture, etc.).
11. Pray so immigrants can have better access to medical attention and treatment.
12. Pray for God to send more laborers to work among immigrants, sometimes the work is overwhelming.
13. Pray for immigrants to find the jobs they need.
14. Pray for strength to learn the English language.
15. Pray for the families they have left behind in the different nations they represent.
16. Pray for smooth transition into a new culture.
17. Pray for the violence to stop in the countries they are coming from. Many for the immigrants that have come into the US as refugees, coming from countries where there is not much respect for life.
18. Pray for the violence to stop, especially against young men and children in the nations of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.
19. Not to lose the church's vision. Because of many needs immigrants have, it could be easy to concentrate on social work instead of making disciples.

Kansas	Population	Hispanic %	Hispanics
Bonner Springs	7314	10.80%	790
Kansas City	145786	27.8%	40529
Lenexa	48190	7.3%	3518
Leawood	31866	2.2%	701
Mission	9323	8.2%	764
Olathe	125876	10.2%	12839
Overland Park	173372	6.3%	10922
Prairie Village	21447	3.4%	729
Shawnee	62209	7.5%	4666
Total			75458

Missouri	Population	Hispanic %	Hispanics
Blue Springs	52639	5.0%	2632
Belton	23116	8.1%	1872
Gladstone	25410	7.3%	1855
Grandview	24475	9.7%	2374
Independence	116830	7.7%	8996
Kansas City	459787	10.0%	45979
Lee's Summit	91388	3.9%	3564
Liberty	29155	4.10%	1195
Parkville	5554	3.70%	205
Raytown	29526	5.10%	1506
Total			70179

THE CENSUS BUREAU estimates the Hispanic population to be almost 150,000 in the KC Metro. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the home, and Spanish speakers come to Kansas City from many nations. For example, there are 300 from the Dominican Republic living in Independence. The Multicultural Church Planting Center on St John & Benton is a Spanish-speaking congregation who has identified these immigrant group prayer needs:

- + Pray for more laborers to reach out to the lost to provide friendship, assistance, education, and the Gospel to new immigrants.
- + Pray for transportation and employment for many immigrants.
- + Pray for functional Families free of violence

- + Pray for strength to learn English and literacy
- + Pray for Godly pursuits for the younger generation.
- + Pray for smooth cultural and social adaptation
- + Pray for medical attention and treatment.
- + Pray for provision and peace for their families back home. At the moment, lift up El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.
- + Pray for immigration policies. We need a clear, fair, and working system so that immigrants can obey the laws and not live in fear.
- + Pray for the need for vision from God for the church. Because of many needs immigrants have, it could be easy to concentrate on social work instead of making disciples.



BURMESE CHIN IN KANSAS CITY

AROUND 1,500

Burmese Chin relocated to KC. Because of their Christian beliefs, they were forced from Burma (current day Myanmar) and took refuge in Thailand. Most settled on the Kansas side of Kansas City. Many found apartments near Minnesota Ave, with a significant amount in the Hillcrest Apartments. Within the KCK Chin community, there are six tribes: the Zome

Chin (250 people), Lao Too Chin (350 people), Pauloun Chin (150 people), Kamee Chin (100 people), Cawcaw Chin (400 people), and the Zotung Chin (250 people). Some Haka Chin live on the Missouri side. Their culture values close-knit communities, but they can use prayer to be emboldened to reach out with the gospel to unbelievers, especially those of other Burmese tribes. They need prayer for the next generation to remain rooted in the truth of the

Gospel rather than blindly following the traditions of their parents.

+ *Pray that they would be blessed with opportunity to share, and that they would glorify God with their lives through being witnesses for Him.*

+ *Pray that Americans and other ethnic believers would reach out and partner with these Christians in the Gospel, so that the world may know and hear!*



A local fisherman is travelling by boat, Inle lake, Myanmar.



Karen refugee village



ADONIRAM JUDSON,

the first foreign missionary from North America, brought the Gospel to the Karen of Burma in the early 1800s. Karen immigrants to America fled Burma and settled in refugee camps in Thailand. In the past few years, they have made

their way to Kansas City. There are currently about 1,000 Burmese Karen. Grace Baptist Church in Gladstone hosts a Karen service on Sunday afternoons that is very popular in the Karen community, but the Jehovah's witness sect has snatched many Karen, and the younger generations wrestle with the importance of their faith.

+ *Pray for the leaders of the church that meets at Grace Baptist. They have been striving*

to diligently shield the flock against the Jehovah's witnesses.

+ *Pray that they can uphold the pure Gospel from the threat of cults. "... Contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."* (Jude 1:3b)

"Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge" (1 Timothy 6:20).

BURMESE KAREN IN KANSAS CITY



Pa-O tribe people floating in wooden boat on Inle lake, Myanmar



OROMO OF EAST AFRICA IN KANSAS CITY



The Oromo people cluster migrate between Ethiopia and Kenya. Back in Africa, more than 80% of the Oromos have been converted to Islam. However, in Kansas City and in Africa, there are many Oromos who follow Jesus and worship passionately with joyful music and dancing that lasts for hours. Pictured above is an Oromo church who meets at 5409 NW 72nd Street.

+ Pray for the leadership of this church and for wisdom.

+ Pray for these believers to be able to reach the Muslim Oromos who live in Lenexa, NorthEast KC, and close to MCI airport.

+ Pray that these dear brothers and sisters will not be distracted by the comforts and pleasures of America as they seek to live for Christ, stay connected back home, and build their lives here.

+ Pray for fervency to reach out to other groups from East Africa.



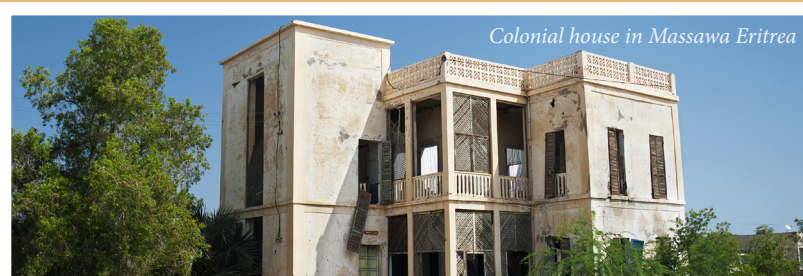
KENYANS IN KANSAS CITY



The Kenyan community has grown over the past two decades to 3000. These mainly come from Southern Kenya from the Kikuyu tribe, and they have migrated to Kansas City for education, employment, and to connect with the larger Kenyan community. The African Chamber of Commerce reports that the Kenyans live concentrated in Olathe, but some families have settled throughout the metro area. There are some large Kenyan churches in Overland Park. Most of the population of Southern Kenyans is culturally Christian, but 20% are Muslim around the globe. Pray against the temptation of the prosperity Gospel that uses God to obtain and worship money.



ERITREANS IN KANSAS CITY



500 Eritreans live in Kansas City mostly by KCI Airport or Independence Avenue. Many are Muslim or Orthodox Christian, but there is an Eritrean fellowship that meets in Gladstone. This church asks for prayer for God's Grace and boldness to preach salvation the Gospel to others in Kansas City. Their common struggles include unemployment, family obligations, parenting in another country without fluent English skills, and medical care. The need to send money back to Africa weigh heavily on

these believers who work hard but also struggle to pay for insurance and other necessary components of American life.

+ Pray also for the country of Eritrea. Its totalitarian government has corrupt leaders operating under communism, and refugees flee for their lives to escape the political oppression. Many escape to refugee camps in Northern Ethiopia.

+ Pray for the lack of church leadership due to pastor imprisonment in Eritrea and for the Gospel to expand despite opposition.



ETHIOPIANS IN KANSAS CITY



There are about 2,000 AMHARA ETHIOPIANS

in Kansas City (concentrated in Overland Park and Olathe). At least 450 attend one of the two Ethiopian churches, but the majority go to the Orthodox Church.

+ Pray for wisdom and Godly administration for the

leaders of these congregations as they seek to reach and disciple Ethiopians for Christ in Kansas City.

+ Pray for strong youth and young adult groups that have a passion for Christ.

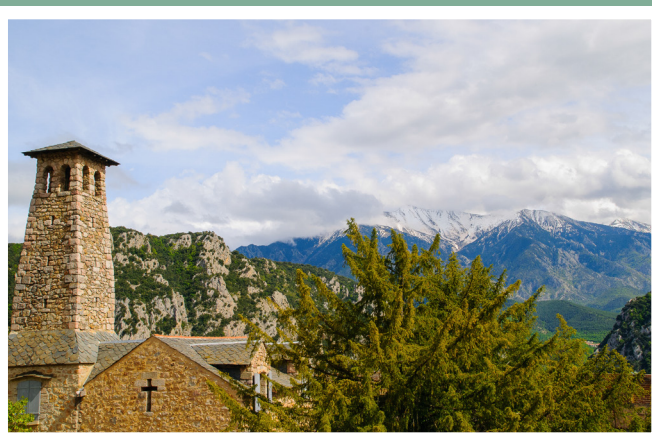
+ Pray for Mission Southside as they serve eighty Ethiopian families in Olathe apartment complexes and for people of peace.



LIBERIANS IN KANSAS CITY

TWO VICIOUS CIVIL WARS

in Liberia left 250,000-520,000 dead and forced 1,200+ to evacuate to surrounding nations and settle in Kansas City. Refugees have been settling here for more than fifteen years, but 2010 brought a new wave of refugees to Kansas City.



your word and make disciples among the 1200 + Liberians and other African groups (Matt. 9:37-38; Acts 13:4; 16:6-8).

+ Lord, remove spiritual blindness from the Liberian community (2Cor.4:4) and open a door of faith for the salvation Liberians them (Acts 14:27; 2Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3).

+ Lord, give us an unquenchable love for the truth of God's word that we may be saved (2Tim.2:10).

+ Lord, may our service (preaching and outreach to our community) be acceptable and well received by them (Rom. 15:30-31).



+ Lord strengthen us in the faith and increase our numbers of our new church plant (Acts 16:5; Acts 2:47).

+ God expose, frustrate, and destroy the plans of our enemies (all those that stand in opposition to the planting of HGCC) so that we will walk through the doors that you open to us (Nehemiah 4 and 6:1-14; 1Cor.16:9; 1Thess.2:18).

+ Father, please work in our homeland of Liberia at this time by saving people from sin and from the Ebola virus killing many people in Liberia this year.

The Kaduna River which flows for 550 kilometres through Nigeria.



NIGERIANS IN KANSAS CITY

THE

African Chamber of Commerce in Kansas City reports that the Nigerians were the first African group to immigrate to Kansas City (followed by 34 of 54 African nations represented here). The Nigerian population of 2000-3000 is dispersed throughout the city. Many believers worship together in various congregations.

The most famous Nigerian in Kansas City is Christian Emeke Okoyo, nicknamed “The Nigerian Nightmare.” He is named for his powerful running style as the Chief’s running back from 1987 to 1992. The Nigerian community gathers on or around October 1 for Independence Day parties. Hundreds danced the night away at one party last year. Pray for the Nigerians as they cope with the crisis of radical Islam spreading through the nation. The kidnappings by Boko Haram earlier in 2014 are evidence that the struggle is becoming more severe. Pray for God’s people to have compassion instead of hate and to share the Gospel with the Muslims. Pray that the crisis makes many think about their beliefs and have a deep commitment to Jesus. Pray for the population to know the truth of Christ and resist conversion to Islam.”



BURUNDIS & OTHER PEOPLE GROUPS IN KANSAS CITY

There are 14 families

from Burundi in Kansas City from the Hutu and Tutsi tribes. They have an indigenous church on Independence Avenue and Garfield that meets Sunday afternoons. They are committed to the LORD Jesus and passionate about fervent worship with drums, keyboard, guitar and voices.

+ *Pray for the leadership. Their pastor was ordained last year, and he needs protection from the evil one for his family and congregation.*

+ *Pray for unity. All churches are prone to division, but the love of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit guides the body of Christ.*

+ *Pray for their outreach to Rwandans, Tanzanians, and other groups. They mix easily with Swahili speaking groups. Pray for a passion to reach some of the African Muslim groups.*

Other Groups	Families	Predominant Religion	Trade Language
Antigua	1	Christian (Anglican)	English/Creole
Burundi	14	Christian	Swahili
Central African Republic	4	Christian	French/Sangho
Congo & DRC	15	Christian	French
Ghana	30*	Christian	English
Jamaica	32*	Christian	Patois
Malaysia	1	Muslim or Catholic	Malay
Philippines	15*	Christian/Catholic	English
Rwanda	5	Christian or 7th Day	Swahili
Senegal	20*	Muslim	French
Sierra Leone	3	Muslim or Christian	English/Krio
Tanzania	12	Christian or Muslim	Swahili
Thailand	25*	Buddhist	Thai
Togo	11	Christian	English/French
Turkey	15	Muslim	Turkish
Zanzibar	3	Muslim	Swahili

**These estimates are probably on the low end. Better too low than too high.*



Sudan has experienced a civil war for over twenty years, resulting in thousands of deaths. Recently, the country divided into Sudan and South Sudan. After the division, the Dinka and Nuer tribes of South Sudan began ruthlessly fighting each other and destroying entire villages. Christianity is spreading across South Sudan, but the culture is deeply steeped in animism. Kansas City has about 4000 South Sudanese with at least four Sudanese churches located near the Plaza, the downtown airport, Olathe, and at Linden Baptist Church in the

Northland. South Sudanese in Kansas City come mainly from the Dinka peoples. They are heartbroken over the conflict back in Africa. Their churches ask for prayer for the nation of South Sudan and for the local believers. Their most common prayer request is that they are losing their own younger generations. Crime and violence lead to incarceration and pull these teens away from the family structure.

+ *Pray that God's love will capture the hearts of teens and restore families.*

+ *Pray that the church body uses its gifts and*

SOUTH SUDANESE IN KANSAS CITY



+ *Pray for South Sudanese here to be discipled and to grow in Christ.*

+ *Pray against division in the church (John 17:20-21) Jesus prayed, "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

+ *Pray that the pure Gospel of Christ is preached.*

that the leaders shepherd with diligence and authority from Jesus. "If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:6b-8 NIV).

+ *Pray that the South Sudanese will have grace to reach Muslims from North Sudan despite being enemies for decades.*



HAITIANS IN KANSAS CITY

The Haitian Community Center of the Midwest (HACMI) reports at least 3,000 Haitians in KC. They live in North-East, the Northland, Raytown, and sprinkled throughout. About four hundred attend one of the three Protestant Haitian churches located in NorthEast KC, Brookside, and Independence. HACMI's greatest desire is to see unity in the Haitian community, and they host the largest Haitian gathering each year in Loose Park on Labor Day. Interestingly, the Haitian churches also request prayer for unity.

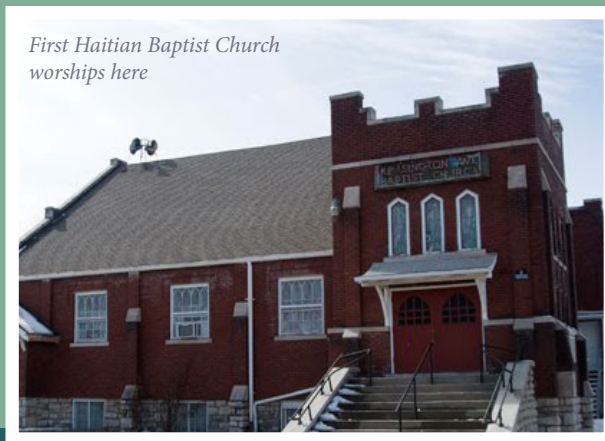
These believers work hard to make a living

and to send money to their relatives in Haiti, one of the world's poorest nations. Haiti is also known for vodou that involves casting spells and involvement with spirits.

+ *Pray that Haitian believers maintain a passion to reach the lost as they work to provide for their families here and abroad and that many will be saved.*

+ *Ask God to give each church the vision and resources that it needs to fulfill His purpose for them.*

+ *Pray for Jean from HACMI and for the pastors and church leaders*



+ *Pray for two preteens Ritchi and Jean Rico and for the younger generation to grow strong in Christ*

+ *Like they request, pray for unity for the Haitian community that begins with Christians demonstrating the sacrificial love of Jesus that restores or friendship with God and brings people together in Christ.*

John 17 "That they may be one, just as You are in me and I am in You."



They were originally from Nepal but migrated to Bhutan a couple of centuries ago only to be ousted from their homes to re-settle all over the world. Kansas City has over 1,000 Bhutanese living mostly on the Kansas City, Kansas side and 100 Bhutanese living in NorthEast Kansas City, MO. They are 70% Hindu, 10% Tibetan Buddhists, and now 20% Christian because God is planting churches among them slowly. Kansas City has at least two Bhutanese house churches.

Most Bhutanese teenagers attend Wyandotte High; 83% of the school's students are ESL students. Of those 83%, only 3% tested proficient in Reading and Math in 2013.

+ *Pray that God would continue saving Bhutanese Hindus & Buddhists.*

+ *Pray for education, jobs, and the ability to learn English quickly.*

+ *Pray that God would begin to break down the prejudices between the low-caste Christians and the High Caste Hindu's - to make way for reconciliation and the Gospel.*

+ *Pray that God would give continued wisdom and vision to those Christians who are laboring for the Gospel on the behalf of the Bhutanese Refugees.*

BHUTANESE IN KANSAS CITY





CHINESE IN KANSAS CITY



Guixiu Pavilion, China at Jiayou Pavilion

About 2000 Chinese live in Kansas City in Overland Park and near UMKC.

+ Pray for the younger generation to avoid materialism and obsession with technology and for interest in spiritual matters.

+ Pray for Bible Studies and Chinese Fellowships scattered throughout these areas. Almost one hundred Chinese attend one of these groups. A new Bible study group has grown to 15 students.

+ These Christians are concerned about low Christian rates among the Chinese. Pray for these groups as they seek to reach more Chinese. They are planting new home groups among other Chinese and reaching out even as far as Saint Joseph.

+ Pray for the Chinese scholars at Park University and UMKC who are visiting for a relatively short time.

+ Pray for an upcoming winter retreat for Chinese followers of Jesus

SOUTH KOREANS IN KANSAS CITY



South Korea has been evangelized for 100 years. According to the Korean census 29.2 identified themselves as Christian. South Korea sent over 20,000 missionaries over the world. Seoul, the capital, contains 11 of the world's 12 largest Christian congregations. The church is strong, but it faces challenges of spiritual distraction due to materialism, spiritual apathy, and the Jehovah's Witness and Universalist church cults.

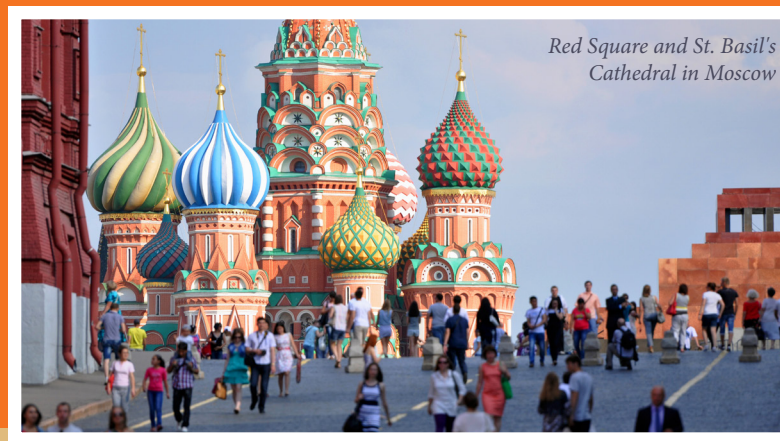
Kansas City has about 3000 South Koreans mostly living in Overland Park, Olathe, and Kansas City (no known North Koreans). They are active in these industries: laundry, dry cleaning, finance, auto repair, and Korean market & restaurants. The hard work that comes with the life of and immigrant has led many to feel isolated.

+ Pray that this isolation forces Koreans who don't know Jesus to reach out for him.

+ Pray for the youth. They are heavily pressured to succeed by their parents, and faith can fall by the wayside. Only 1 in 10 continues his faith after high school.

+ Pray for the older generation who obsesses over their children

+ Pray for the handful Korean churches in Kansas City as they continue to disciple their people and look to reaching other cultures.



Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow

The Former Soviet Union has a rich history of the Gospel bearing fruit in a hostile and atheistic environment under the Communists. *Letters from a Soviet Prison Camp*, written by Mikhail Khorev, describes the horrors Mikhail and other Russian-speaking believers endured to preserve a legacy of faith and to pass on a Christian heritage to his son Pavel, who now lives in Kansas City and pastors a Protestant church.

Pastor Pavel Khorev estimates at least 3,000 Russians living in KC, but followers of Jesus number just over one hundred. Total Russian speakers number 15,000-20,000 in the Greater

KC area from former Soviet Union nations (Moldova, Armenia, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Romania, and more). For example, there are about 20 Uzbeks and one known believer among them. Pastor Pavel's church has these important prayer requests.

+ That the people of God live holy lives in faithfulness to Christ and their calling

+ That the Almighty will bring people to His kingdom through their witness

+ For continued provision of an adequate place to worship and the necessary finances to support the church's ministries

+ That they can be an encouragement to believers and bring repentance to the lost during their Summer Mission back to the Former Soviet Union each year

+ For the young generation of Russian speakers to carry the torch of their faith in an ever-changing world

+ Praying for our city, state and national government

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions" – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

RUSSIAN SPEAKERS IN KANSAS CITY



PRAYING FOR OUR CITY, STATE & NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions” – 1 Timothy 2:1-2

The United States resettles about 70,000 refugees each year. A few hundred of those are placed in Kansas City. Federal funds are allotted for this process. There are also many unaccompanied minors with various illnesses trying to get into the country through the Southern border with hopes of medical care and a bet-

ter life. Our president and leaders must decide which nations that we will accept refugees and immigrants from each year.

+ *Pray for these men/women so they can be led by God in everything they do or implement wherever God has called them to serve.*

+ *Please pray for God to raise up God-fearing men of integrity in office to the different levels of government.*

+ *Pray for the members of Congress and the House of Representative so they can make laws that are in accordance with the Christian worldview and values.*

+ *Pray that all the laws approved can demonstrate a spirit of compassion and kindness toward the foreigner and wise stewardship of the resources and position that God has given our nation.*

OUR GOAL AS THE GREATER CHURCH OF KC

should be to see self-replicating discipleship streams in each of these groups. It is not good enough to make disciples from these groups; we want to make disciple makers who will carry the Gospel to their own people both in Kansas City and back to their country of origin. For the groups who already have followers of Jesus, an outside believer can train, encourage, and support these believers in creative ways, but we should take pains not to push aside their leaders or to make them dependent upon an outside group for their growth. Among the unreached groups, we can...

Pray fervently for the groups in this booklet

Engage. Follow the Holy Spirit as He opens doors for friendship with the lost in our workplace, neighborhoods, schools or places of recreation. Developing friendships among these groups might require creative means, but God will open the doors as we pray.

Training. Kansas City hosts various trainings in evangelism, World Religions, Perspectives of World Missions, and discipleship methods such as T4T or Discovery Bible Studies. There is great value in being equipped with tools and knowledge as one goes about making disciples cross-culturally.

Continued Coaching. It is important to be continually encouraged by others who are reaching out cross-culturally. A variety of networks in Kansas City offer regular gatherings to cast vision, give tools, and provide community for like-minded missionaries to these groups. Information can be given upon request.

For more information about certain groups in this booklet, trainings and networks, email kcpeopleteams@gmail.com. “Not to us, YAHWEH, not to us, but to Your Name give Glory because of Your Faithful Love, because of Your Truth” (Psalm 115:1 HCSB).

NEXT STEPS

HOLY BIBLE

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.” –Isaiah 9:2