



Prayer for Pakistan & Iran

(9th ~15th Oct.)



	Pakistan	Iran
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area : 796,095 sq km, which includes 83,700 sq km of UN-divided Kashmir controlled by Pakistan Population : 184,753,300 (Annual Growth 2.19%) Capital : Islamabad (Urbanites 37%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area: 1,648,196 sq km Situated between the Caspian Sea to the north and the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman to the south. A central desert ringed by mountains. Population: 75,077,547 (Annual Growth: 1.19%) Capital: Tehran (Urbanites: 69.5%)
Peoples/ Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peoples : 463 (97% unreached) Official language : English is the official government language, 'Urdu' is the national language and becoming widely understood by most Pakistanis Christians : 4,526,456 (2.45%) Evangelicals : 1,140,589 (0.6%) Muslim : 176,993,661 (95.8%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peoples: 103 (90% unreached) Official language: Persian (Farsi; Dari and Tajik are major dialects); almost all Iranians speak some form of Persian as a mother tongue or second Languages: 79 All languages Largest Religion: Muslim
Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pakistan's government alternates between inept civilian parties crippled by infighting and corruption, and autocratic military dictatorships. Economic and social development is then hindered, while too much power and wealth lies in the hands of a few elite. The 2010 monsoon floods wrought devastation from north to south as a gorging Indus River swept away homes, farmland and even entire villages. Pray for Christians to demonstrate the love of Jesus in meeting both the short-term and long-term needs created by this disaster. Pray also that God might use this tragedy to open new doors for the gospel into these regions, among the least reached in the world. 	<p>The majority of the wider Christian community are Christian Armenians with a smaller number of Assyrians and Chaldeans. They are cultural and linguistic islands isolated in a Muslim sea. Evangelical churches before the revolution were generally small and struggling, and they contained very few Muslim-background believers. The traumatic changes and suffering that followed the revolution gave churches a brief period of renewal. Barriers among denominations broke down. Intimidation, infiltration and martyrdom of several church leaders, and pressure from the government to not welcome Muslims into services, have caused many churches to adopt house church models. Most churches that meet publicly now tow the government line and do not overtly evangelize Muslims. Please pray together for Uganda.</p>
Alumni	12 alumni of ACTS are currently in ministry in Pakistan (AIGs II, undergraduate I)	1 alumni of ACTS is currently in ministry in Iran (AIGS I)