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AJ serves in Central Asia, where she is preparing to live among and reach an unreached Muslim people group of approximately 150,000 people. Currently, she is based in a major city, but her long-term plan is to relocate to a smaller village where this people group resides.



Ministry

The initial years of AJ's ministry will be dedicated to intensive language and culture learning. Her primary goals include:

- Becoming fluent in both the national language and the people group's ancient Mandarin-based dialect.
- Building relationships and gaining trust within the community.
- Laying the foundation for future gospel work, with the vision of planting a healthy, indigenous church among this people group.

The People She Serves

This group is an ethnically Chinese Muslim population that fled China in the mid-1800s and settled on the border of two Central Asian countries. Their language blends Mandarin with Arabic and Persian influences, and their culture is deeply rooted in Islam and Tengrism. Though they are warm and hospitable, the gospel is virtually unknown among them, with only 0.04% identifying as believers.

Challenges

- Language & Cultural Barriers – Learning two languages is essential for clear gospel communication.
- Islamic Strongholds – The perception of Christianity within the community is often negative.
- Creative Access & Security – Finding safe and sustainable ways to live and minister among the people.
- Persecution of Believers – New followers of Christ may face rejection or opposition.

Current Spiritual Landscape

- No known churches exist among this people group within the country where AJ serves.
- A few biblically sound churches exist in the national language in major cities, but many in this group do not speak the national language or live near these churches.
- Encouragingly, in the neighboring country, early efforts are underway, including the beginnings of a Bible translation in their language.

Prayer Requests

AJ asks for prayer partners to intercede for:

- Language learning – Fluency in both languages to share the gospel clearly.
- Spiritual openness – That hearts would be softened to hear and respond to the Good News.
- Church planting efforts – That a faithful, indigenous church would one day take root among this people group.
- Protection and wisdom – As she navigates the challenges of living and ministering in this region.