

# Praying Through The Arabian Peninsula II:



A Journey Through Arabian Cities

## Introduction:

A tiny girl toddles down the alley way beside her tinned roofed home. The street is dusty with a thin stream of sewage flowing down the middle of it. Plastic bags wave in the breeze or become permanent fixtures in cracks in the walls of houses that line the alley. Across town, a smartly dressed gentleman instructs his gateman, with a blast of his car horn, to open the gate. He leaves his walled villa, engulfed in the comfort of his brand new Toyota Landcruiser, leaving for an important meeting at one of the government ministries.

The cities of the Arabian Peninsula are cities of contrast. There are the ultra modern cities, dotted with skyscrapers and highways. One would think it was Europe, except that sand rather than grass lines the highways. There are mud walled cities, centuries old. There are slums and crowded apartment buildings. All have something in common. They are filled with people whom a Savior gave his life for. **Pray** with boldness and with compassion, for the people of these cities. Most of these inhabitants are Muslims. Many have not had a chance to hear the Gospel.

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It is with joy that we begin the second year of Praying Through the Arabian Peninsula. Because of your prayers, we who serve our Lord in this area, have seen people come to him. It is vital that you continue to **Pray** for the people, so precious in His sight, in the Arabian Peninsula. We hope and pray that this tool will be helpful to you as you focus this year on some of the cities inhabited by the people of the Arabian Peninsula. To use this booklet, we suggest that you begin using it on the first day of each month. Everyday, **Pray** for the city listed for that day alongside the prayer guide from last year. As the new month starts, begin the booklet again.

## Journey through the Cities of Kuwait...

Population 1,740,000



Since the Iraqi invasion ('90) the desire for bigger, better and more elaborate buildings or houses have dominated the skyline. **Pray** for the wealthy people of Kuwait, that they will see the futility of putting their security in wealth and materialism. It passes away - the Word of God lasts forever.



Pray for **Kuwait City**

The sea is an important part of Kuwaiti life and leisure in Kuwait. **Pray** that the Kuwaiti people will hear about the Giver of life. **Pray** that His name will be proclaimed from the Kuwait Towers, Kuwait's most recognized landmark.



The Kuwait Towers house a new diabetic research unit which is one of the biggest in the gulf. **Pray** for the many who suffer from diabetes in Kuwait. **Pray** that they will see the need of a Savior to help them in their families.



# Journey through the Cities of **United Arab Emirates...**

Population 541,000

Pray for **Abu Dhabi**



The origins of the first inhabitants of Abu Dhabi were bedu (nomads) of the Bani Yas Tribe. The continuity of customs unchanged for a thousand years is encouraged, in the face of youth who see no need to retain these traditions. As the young people put aside the culture of their fathers, **Pray** that this void would not be filled with secular materialism, but by a hunger for God and His truth.

As the modern city of Abu Dhabi continues to grow, new high-rise apartments and offices replace decaying 1960's compound homes built with the first oil revenues. As the city renews itself constantly, its inhabitants face all the issues of congestion present in any large city. The lonely, the needy, and the trapped are all ready to hear good news. **Pray** for open eyes to see these needs and for compassionate hearts for those Christians working in this city.



Abu Dhabi, before the advent of oil, was a small fishing village on an island whose shallow crossing was guarded by a watchtower. Now a large modern city with outstanding architecture, Abu Dhabi is the political and financial center for the Emirates. The pre-eminence of this city and its role in the UAE brings with it responsibility both to the federation and to the entire Arabian Gulf region. **Pray** that decision-makers in the capital will be wise and compassionate stewards of this influence and authority. May Christians they meet be faithful role models, influential work colleagues, and examples of Christ.



Population 161,000

Pray for **Ajman**



Family groups enjoying the sunsets and the cool offshore breeze frequent Ajman's beach in the evenings and weekends. While marriages and families are very important, the demands of the modern society become obvious with an increased divorce rate. In cities like Ajman, the witness of Christian family life is sadly lacking. **Pray** for good family relationships and a very relevant and effective witness.

The presence of more traditional souks (markets) and shops in Ajman are in contrast to the bigger shopping malls and an emphasis on materialism in the wealthier emirates or states. As one of the UAE emirates without oil, Ajman relies heavily on federal funding, although there are some economic benefits from Ajman's proximity to Dubai/Sharjah and its cheaper rents. **Pray** for the imbalance of wealth here and hope for a secure future. **Pray** for provision and security also for those witnessing in this town.



The fishing industry still plays a big part in Ajman's economy with a vibrant port. It is a picturesque old town with markets, dhows (traditional fishing boats), and fishing traps. **Pray** that the values encouraged in this industry are wholesome and edifying, and that they open doors to an exposure to Christianity.

# Journey through the Cities of **United Arab Emirates...**

Population 318,000

Pray for *Al Ain*

Al Ain is the second city of the Abu Dhabi Emirate and the birthplace of the UAE ruler, Sheikh Zayed al Nayhan. On the cross roads of a significant desert trade route, Al Ain is steeped in an influential past. The only large inland city in the country, and a border city with the Omani township of Buraimi, Al Ain is as much today a place of crossroads as it was in ancient times.

**Pray** that this city will also be a crossroads with the Gospel message proclaimed enthusiastically by the many who visit there.



Al Ain's green oasis-feel is only possible through the presence of water. Falaj systems like these are used like arteries to supply tree groves with water from its source in the mountains. The Arabic word for water 'mai' is used figuratively to describe something easy or sweet or pleasant. **Pray** that the people from Al Ain would come to know the one who is the source of living waters. **Pray** that they will come to know Christ as their "living water."

Mountain ranges dominate the Al Ain oasis. The rainfall on these mountains is trapped underground to supply the springs, which water the oasis. Evidence of civilizations 3,000 years old speaks of a time when this region was cooler and more fertile. Even in living history there is talk of when it rained more and these plains supported wandering herds of goats and camels. **Pray** that the searing spiritual dryness of this place will be replaced with "streams in the desert."



Population 940,000

Pray for *Dubai*



Shopping malls are the primary place of recreation during the hot summers in Dubai. Materialism and the lust for money make Dubai a cut-throat business environment. **Pray** that secular materialism does not replace Islam as the predominant religion in Dubai. Uplift those who seek to bear witness to Christ through their businesses in Dubai, as this is a stressful calling.

The Burj Al Arab, a seven star hotel, is an image recognized around the world and identified with Dubai. The Burj, or "tower" symbolizes more of Dubai than just an amazing feat of architecture. Decadent opulence, craving for the biggest and best, and a desire to be seen as a modern city in the eyes of the West underlie many of the local building projects. **Pray** that Emiratis will see that their need for significance is best met in a personal relationship with Christ.



Many local families have grand palaces for homes. The ruling Sheiks look after their people well by providing homes, education, and financial assistance. Many



are discovering that material comfort does not bring happiness. **Pray** for the witness of many Christian servants (mostly Filipinos and Indians) who live in these homes, and for the courage to serve as unto the Lord, so that their employers may desire to meet Jesus.



# Journey through the Cities of **United Arab Emirates...**

Population 47,000

Pray for **Fujairah**



Henna, now used to decorate the body for times of celebration, is also popular as a traditional remedy for a variety of skin complaints. Women use henna to cover the soles of their feet, fingertips, and palms to ward off infections. In Fujairah, traditional medicine is now complemented by modern medical care. **Pray** for faithful workers who tend bodies and spirits in this city.

Fujairah's coast is on the Indian Ocean rather

than the Arabian Gulf. This beautiful coast is home to a busy port and a growing fishing industry, two major industries in the UAE. Beaches play a large role in recreation, and it is usual to see many family picnics on weekends and evenings. As the locals rest and enjoy God's creation, **Pray** that they would be

drawn to the Creator in a new and personal way. **Pray** for Christians who will share the Creator, family to family.



The making of pottery is one of the industries Fujairah is best known for. Markets lining the roads are full of pots of every shape and size. The widow and her sons from Biblical times would have found many pots in this city for their oil! **Pray** that God would send many New Testament prophets to this city, and that homes would reach out to welcome them too.



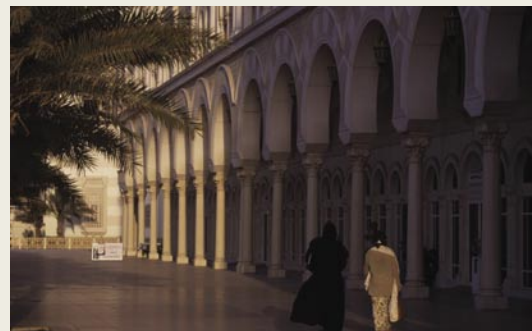
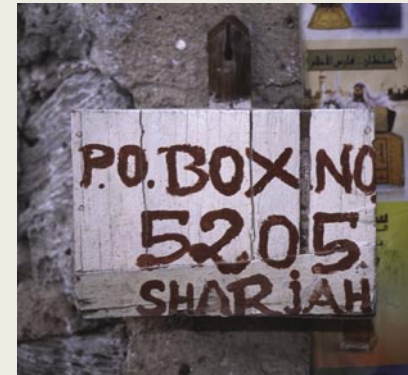
Population 450,000

Pray for **Sharjah**



Many young people can be found on Sharjah's beachfront. Some are idle young men with too much freedom, time and money frittering away their lives. Some earnestly seek to do what is good and right. **Pray** for this new generation whose attitude to life will determine the face of their city, and pray that those who seek the truth will find it.

Alongside its fine public buildings remain parts of the city that still lack the refinements of the modern world. Some local families in Sharjah who are without citizenship and many migrant workers without a good minimum wage also inhabit substandard living conditions. **Pray** that the residents of Sharjah would know the love of Christ through the care and concern of believers living there.



Many beautiful modern structures now house Sharjah's traditional old souks (markets), cultural associations and government offices. Blending of old and new celebrates the legacy of the past in many landmarks. **Pray** for believers to arise among the locals who can utilize this blending to share a gospel that is significant and powerful.

# Journey through the Cities of Qatar...

Population 568,000



Pray for *Doha*

Qatar is a land of wealth. They have gas but little fresh water. Most of the water used is distilled sea water, though wells have been dug to irrigate crops. **Pray** that the Qatari's will hear about the Water of Life, which will refresh them forever.

A booming economy. Newly uncovered and untapped natural gas reserves. Reforms and initiatives affecting every sector of society--education, medicine, business, military, politics. Host to the 2006 Asian Games. Doha is experiencing extraordinary growth requiring a remarkable amount of new imported talent in virtually every specialty that exists--

engineers, educators, medical professionals... Doors have been flung wide open to tentmakers to come, work, and let their light shine in the workplace. **Pray** that Christian marketplace ministers will take advantage of these unprecedented opportunities in this nearly 100% Muslim city.



**Pray** for the people of Doha, the capital of Qatar. Hundreds of thousands of foreigners are living here, primarily Indians and foreign Arabs from other countries, who have come for employment. **Pray** that those believers among this people will share HIS love with their employers.

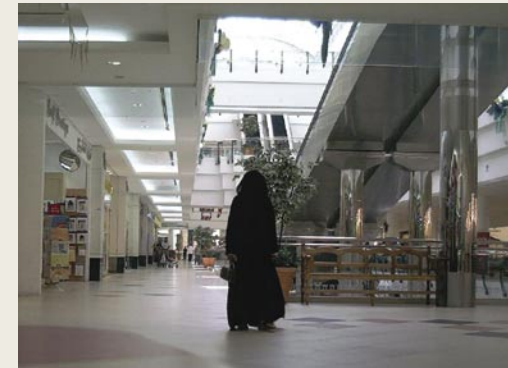
Population 568,000



Pray for *Doha*

Qatar has been inhabited for hundreds of years. Until 1939, when oil was found, people made a living as camel herders, fisherman and divers of pearls. Now the people are among the richest per capita in the world. **Pray** that they will realize that money does not give peace or eternal life.

Enormous shopping malls full of name brand merchandise from around the world expose a culture of wealth and luxury. The thin layer of Western consumerism does not conceal strong cultural roots in Islam. **Pray** for these people so deeply ensnared by the deception of Islam and the deceitfulness of wealth.



Recent history has seen a son depose his father in a bloodless coup to lead the country. This change in leadership has led to massive cultural change in the last 5 years. Now women are employed in the work place, drive cars, and have some greater control on their lives. Traditionally, men still gather in coffee and tea houses and in the desert tents to drink tea and coffee and discuss religion and politics among other topics. **Pray** for the Muslim children of Qatar. **Pray** that they will ask questions and seek the truth, in this fast changing country.





# Journey through the Cities of Bahrain...

Population 514,000

Pray for *Manama*



## *Khamis Mosque*

A causeway, an engineering wonder, links Bahrain to Saudi Arabia. Saudi's flock to Bahrain on this highway to indulge in materialism and worldly pleasures, as well as to spread Islam abroad. **Pray** that they would find the truth of the Gospel and the Savior instead.

**Pray** for the expatriate churches in Bahrain-Indian, Filipino, Western, and African. **Pray** for a renewed vision of God's purpose in bringing them to Bahrain.

**Pray** for the Arab fellowships and for unity and cooperation among them. **Pray** for leadership to help them build each other up.



These men's ancestors were probably pearl divers. In 1905, 17,500 men out of a population of 99,000 people, dove for pearls in the seas around Bahrain. By 1928, 95% of the island's revenue was in pearl sales. Later, oil was found and became the wealth of Bahrain. **Pray** for the leaders of Bahrain and the king, Sheik Hamad, that they may continue to give freedom to their citizens.



# Journey through the Cities of Yemen...

Population 129,000

Pray for *Mukalla*



Yemenis swim in the port city of Mukalla located on the Gulf of Aden. Mukalla port is undergoing extensive renovation which will seek to increase their ability to import additional products from the world. **Pray** that the people of Mukalla will be a receptive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they are to other products which are coming in from all over the world.

Several years ago, the Holiday Inn in Mukalla opened. Built by the bin Laden enterprises, it is perfect example of the Arab world integrating products from the West. Many Yemenis and other Arabs look to Westerner's to help them develop products that can be utilized throughout the Arabian Peninsula and other parts of the world. **Pray** that as Arab business men bring in Westerners to train their employees, they would bring in people who are practicing and believing Christians who will also share their faith with those they are called to teach.



Mukalla house on the rock  
The Ghuwaizi Fort, built in 1884 at the entrance of the city, served as a guard post. Like many houses throughout Yemen, this house was built on Solid Rock. **Pray** for Yemen, that as they build their future, they will build on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.

# Journey through the Cities of Yemen...

Population 538,000



Shipping interests have always played a role in the economy of the people of Aden. Yet with the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole in 2000 and the attack on a French Oil Tanker in 2002, shipping has come to a standstill in the port of Aden. With unofficial estimates of unemployment at 40 plus percent, this has put a very severe economic hardship on the people of this region.

**Pray** that God might work to bring an economic turn-a-round to the city and that when it comes, the people of Aden would recognize it as a blessing from the true God.



Most of the residents of Aden live in apartment buildings such as these. **Pray** for the day when each of these apartment blocks will have churches meeting in one or more of the apartments.

Pray for **Aden**

Population 396,000



**Hodeidah Skyline:** This is a view of the city of Hodeidah, along the Red Sea. **Pray** for the Gospel to penetrate into the illiterate majority and for the development of appropriate indigenous audio and visual materials

**Village kids:** These are typical children living in a village near Hodeidah. Many Yemenis listen regularly to Christian radio broadcasts. **Pray** that the Holy Spirit will capture the hearts of many Yemeni people through their broadcasts.



**Shanty Town:** Approximately one-fourth of Hodeidah's residents live in shanty towns in various locations throughout the city. **Pray** for God's provision for these residents and that they would recognize God's love.

**Fishermen at boats:** Fishing in the Red Sea is one of the main sources of income for residents in and around Hodeidah. Most Yemenis are addicted to qat, a mild narcotic that depletes the people of their health and economic resources. **Pray** for healing and release.





# Journey through the Cities of Yemen...

Population 1,471,000

The ancient stone and mud buildings of Sanaa causes one to think of gingerbread houses, brown walls with white painted around the windows and doors. This is the ancient city that tradition states, Shem, the son of Noah, founded. **Pray** that the people of this city will desire to know the God of Shem fully, through the Son.



Satellite dishes grace the roofs of brand new buildings as well as 300 year old homes. The people of Sanaa, who 50 years ago hardly saw an automobile, are entering the 21st century at a terrific speed. **Pray** that they will ignore the TV programs that fill their minds with materialism and other evils from the west, and will find those programs that lead to eternal life.

The souks (markets) of Sanaa bustle with lively families, buying and selling goods. **Pray** for the children, that they may have freedom to pursue the Faith. **Pray** for their parents. Many of them are addicted to qat, a narcotic leaf which is chewed every afternoon. **Pray** that they will be freed from this addiction.



Pray for **Sanaa**



Population 448,000

Al-Sharifya Mosque:  
**Pray** that one day Jesus Christ will be proclaimed from the minarets of Taiz.

Taiz, a dense but sprawling city at the foot of Sabir Mountain in Central Yemen, is generally considered to be the



third largest city in the country. The Taizi dialect of Yemeni Arabic is well known across the Arab world as the most widely understood of the Yemeni dialects. Across the country, and in other countries, one will discover Taizis as business owners, and Taizis as a whole are considered to be relatively well educated. A church planting movement (CPM) in Taiz has the potential to spread across Yemen, and perhaps cross Arab and African borders, through the natural movements of Taizi merchants and the common understanding of the dialect. **Pray** that Taizi believers will multiply through personal evangelism, that entire households will come to Christ. **Pray** that a CPM born here will spread to neighboring people groups.

Sabir Mountain girls:  
**Pray** that the women and families of Taiz will have the opportunity to hear and will respond to the truth of God.

Taiz from above:  
**Pray** for the million plus people of Taiz who have not heard the gospel, along with the few who truly know him and need daily strength and assurance.



Pray for **Taiz**





# Journey through the Cities of **Oman...**

Population 61,000

Pray for **Buraimi**



Buraimi, a border town in northern Oman, grew out of villages around the Buraimi Oases. It mainly functions now as a dormitory town for the much wealthier town of Al-Ain just the other side of an open section of Oman's border with the United Arab Emirates. **Pray** that the people of this town would see the emptiness of the materialism so obvious next door and their real need for fullness of life in Jesus Christ.

Despite the proximity of the wealthy city of Al-Ain next door, it is hard to find work in the area. A policy of 'Omanisation' is slowly replacing foreign workers with Omanis but salaries are low and costs (e.g. of getting married) are high. Please **Pray** that these Omanis would be able to provide for themselves and their families.



Omanis are very friendly and hospitable people but it is difficult to have meaningful conversations, even if one has known them for a long time. Many seem to consider it rude to discuss religion. **Pray** for open hearts, a willingness to talk about significant issues, a realization of the falsehood of Islam, and a desire to know the truth. **Pray** that Christian workers would have wisdom as they build relationships with their Omani friends.

Population 514,000

Pray for **Muscat**

Muscat is the capital city of Oman. People from all over the country come here for university education and medical care. In addition to Omanis, half the population in the Muscat area is composed of foreign guest workers. More of these are from India than any other country, but there are also large numbers of other Asians, Africans, and westerners. **Pray** that Omanis who come to Muscat from all over Oman will be exposed to the Gospel through the witness of believing teachers in colleges and universities, the lives of Christian nurses in clinics and hospitals, and the material offered through the Bible Society.



An Omani marriage contract is being signed at the mosque. This is an all-male event. Later, there will be a big wedding celebration for women only. **Pray** that thousands of Omanis will be present at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

The Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, where Omanis come from all over the country. **Pray** that Omanis will experience the healing power of Jesus.



The workforce from India is many thousands strong. Here is an Indian housemaid. **Pray** for the salvation of many of these oppressed people.



# Journey through the Cities of **Oman...**

Population 85,000

Pray for **Nizwa**

Nizwa was once the capital of Oman when Muscat, the present capital, was a separate state. It is only a few miles from the town of Bahla, known around the Arab world for its witchcraft. **Pray** for the many strongholds of fear and shame to be broken by the power of Christ's finished work on the cross.



The massive Nizwa fort dominates the center of town. Even more dominant in peoples' lives are the strongholds of the enemy.



Nizwa has been a center for craftsmen and artisans for hundreds of years. This silver amulet, worn for protection against spirits, is one example.



Nizwa is an administrative, cultural, religious, and marketing center for the entire interior region of Oman. The livestock market is a bustling place, especially before the Eid of Sacrifice.

Many of the best students in Oman come from Nizwa. However, with the booming population, it is increasingly difficult for them to find places of employment or further education. **Pray** for God's provision and for believers who can help open doors to assist them and to share God's Word.



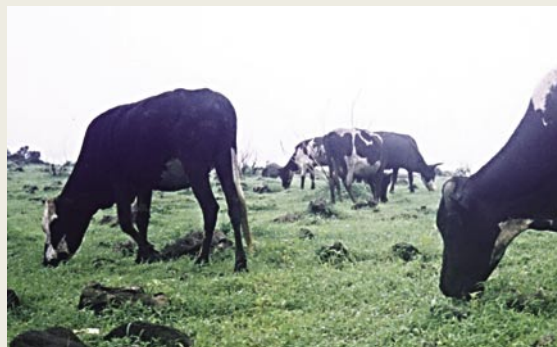
Population 186,000

Pray for **Salalah**

Salalah is 1000 km south-west of the capital of Oman. One must either fly or drive many long hours through utterly barren, blazing desert to reach this city. Nevertheless, most Omanis have either been there to visit or aspire to go during the season known as Khariif.



**Pray** that Omanis believers will view the persecution that they must endure as a "road to Salalah"; then they can say with Paul, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."





# Journey through the Cities of **Oman...**

Population 135,000

Pray for **Sohar**

Sohar is a traditional town with lifestyles generally revolving around the community. The older generation are mainly uneducated and still live the traditional village life. Lifestyles of the younger generations are changing rapidly as the country develops.



The young children are moving through a new education system, which encourages decision making and analytical skills as opposed to the older method of rote learning. **Pray** for these young minds to be open to the Gospel and to decide to follow Christ.

The women generally stay within a few blocks of their homes, and their entire lives are lived within the community. **Pray** for Christians to go and live amongst them and demonstrate the gospel within that context.



The main source of dissatisfaction at the moment is that young people are getting academic qualifications but there is very little work in the town. **Pray** for God to use this dissatisfaction to draw men and women to seek after Him.

Population 75,000

Pray for **Sur**



Sur is the principle city of Oman's eastern province. Historically it was famous for shipyards where great seafaring dhows were built. Today these have been replaced by modern larger, faster cargo ships. Smaller versions are still seen in abundance and built or repaired in Sur. These are used in the Omani fishing industry.

Sur and the east of Oman are among the areas of the country least reached by the Gospel. There are no known Omani believers and few foreign evangelical Christians working in this region.



**Pray** that Gospel workers will come to Sur to share the good news. **Pray** that Omani tribes in the east of Oman will hear and respond to the Gospel. Also, **Pray** for divine appointments, that Omani seekers will meet Christian believers and have access to the Bible, God's truth that gives freedom and salvation.





# Journey through the Cities of Saudi Arabia...

Population 868,000

Pray for *Medina*



*Medina*, or Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, also has many other names such as Taibah, Yathrib, the City of the Messenger, and Dar Al-Higra (i.e. Home of Immigration).

Medina is a site of pilgrimage for nearly 2 million Muslims each year. The pilgrimage to Mecca usually includes a side trip to Medina.

## Why *Pray*?

Medina is the site of the second holiest shrine to Muslims and was the first Islamic city. Mecca and Medina are almost one word to Muslims around the world. It contains the Mosque of the Prophet, his grave, the Islamic University, and many archaeological Islamic features.

*Pray* for the people in that city to come to Christ. *Pray* for miracles from God to confront those praying in the Mosque of the Prophet.



*Pray* for impotence of the Islamic materials printed at the King Fahd Complex for the Printing of the Holy Quran (one of the largest printing presses in the world.)

*Pray* for Truth to be taught at the Islamic University and to have impact on the students.



Population 689,000

Pray for *Taif*



## Why *Pray*?

Did you know that Taif was one of the first cities of Saudi Arabia to accept Islam?

*Pray* for the Lord to raise workers to reach the Saudi Royal family members and other dignitaries during the summers. *Pray* for the Expats to establish friendships with Saudi families.

*Pray* for God to place a burden for believers to have compassion on Saudis.

## Historical Significance:

There are more than 125 educational facilities in Taif. Umm Al-Qura University has a branch campus in Taif.

Taif is the Summer Capital of Saudi Arabia. The Government of Saudi Arabia moves to Taif during the Summer.



Taif has antiquities, along with writings that go back to pre-Islamic eras. The market or Souq of Okaz has some relics and is believed to be the site of Arab poetry and discourse, dating back to pre-Islamic times. Some believe that it existed until 760 AD. Ottoman fortresses are still in existence in Taif.

# Journey through the Cities of Saudi Arabia...

Population 3,823,000

Pray for *Riyadh*



*Riyadh, 'Ar-riyad*

Riyadh is a major transport center. It is at the apex of the national road network that links provinces in the North, South, East and West. There is also a railway line that links Riyadh to Dammam, functioning commercially as well as for public transport.

**Education:** There are approximately 560,000 students at various educational levels. There are well over 1600 institutions of learning. The institutions range from vocational and technical schools to Higher Learning Universities. The Faculty of Education, Faculty of Arts and the Higher Institute for Social Services are in Riyadh for girls and some women's studies.

Why *Pray*?

Do you know that the headquarters for the "religious police," the Mutawa, is in Riyadh?



**Pray** for the students at Imam University that they will have opportunity to hear God through people He has sent as His witnesses. **Pray** for all of those in positions of authority that God would make a way for them to find HIM. **Pray** for the protection of Saudi believers.

**Historical Significance:** Riyadh is where King Abdul Aziz Al-Saud began the unification of the various Arab tribes.



Population 2,818,000

Pray for *Jiddah*



*Jiddah or Jeddah*

**Commerce:**

- Jiddah Islamic Port
- Main port of entry for industrial and consumer goods
- Main port for the importation of livestock

- 23,011,579 tons of cargo handled in 2000
- Main port of entry for pilgrims on their way to the Holy Cities of Mekkah and Medinah

**Government/City Leaders:**

- Jiddah is the administrative capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

**Historical Significance or Information:**

- Jiddah was ruled by the Turks until 1916, when it became part of the independent Hejaz
- In 1925 it was conquered by Ibn Saud



**Pray** for every Saudi to have the opportunity to hear and receive the Gospel. **Pray** that more people in Saudi Arabia would hear about Christ through the radio, satellite, TV, and the Internet.

**Pray** that Muslims who go to Mecca on the Haji (pilgrimage) will not find contentment but will have visions and dreams of Jesus that will lead them to truth.





# Journey through the Cities of Saudi Arabia

Population 342,500

Pray for *Buraydah*



*Buraydah*, Also called Buraidah

## Location:

- Equidistant from Red Sea to the west and the Arabian Gulf to the east
- Located on the edge of the Wadi Al-Rummah

## Commerce:

- Largest pharmaceutical factory in the Middle East
- Factories that produce air conditioners, water heaters, clothes, appliances, food products, plastic products, etc.
- Several fish farms producing more than 1000 tons of fish annually
- Vast farmers' market where agricultural companies bring their products and they are bought, packed, and exported to vegetable dealers in other cities
- Called the vegetable basket of Saudi Arabia



## Services/Facilities:

- Branch of King Saud University
- Branch of Imam Mohammad bin Saud Islamic University

**Pray** for more laborers to share the Gospel in Saudi Arabia. **Pray** that whole Saudi families would come to know Christ.

Population 1,632,000

Pray for *Dammam*

*Location:* Eastern Saudi Arabia in Ash Sharqiyah Province on the Persian Gulf

*Commerce:* One of the nation's chief ports, major exporting point for petroleum and natural gas

*Historical Significance:* Merged with Al Khobar and Dhahran, oil discovered in 1930's, administrative center of province

## Why *Pray*?

The Muslim people that live and work in Dammam need to know that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and that He is God's Son and the only way to salvation



## *Pray* that:

- The people will have a desire to know who Jesus is
- God will provide dreams and visions to the Muslim people and that they would have a desire to find out more about Jesus
- God will provide divine appointments for believers who come in contact with the Muslims at the airport or the port
- As believers travel through Dammam International Airport, they would have opportunities to engage the Muslims and tell them about Jesus
- The country of Saudi Arabia would be open to believers to be able to freely share the Gospel
- A Christian church would begin in Dammam



# Journey through the Cities **Outside the AP...**

Population 11,229,000

Pray for **London**



It may be strange to think of European cities being important in the cycle of life of Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula, but Geneva and London are. Every year each city sees a flood of APers come for holidays.

In London, teams of people do public distribution of the Arabic New Testament and the Jesus Film. These teams come from every major continent of the earth and do ministry

among Muslims and in particular the visitors from the Arabian Peninsula. Story after story has been told of people from the AP who for the first time have heard the Truth of Jesus or for the first time get to examine the New Testament in their language. While out of their homelands the Arabs are able to encounter and even consider Truth in the Gospel of Christ.

London is a wide open window of opportunity to reach the Arabs from the Arabian Gulf.

**Pray** that thousands will receive the Word in London, and that they will bring it back to their home countries. **Pray** that God will prepare hearts to receive the Truth, and that He will cause people to read and understand the Word.

**Pray** that God will provide resources to distribute: thousands of films and New Testaments. **Pray** that the Lord Jesus Christ would be glorified in ALL the work that is done among AP Arabs in London. **Pray** that God would lay it on the hearts of Christians from around the world to come to London to interact with Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula there.



Population 180,000



Geneva has much the same draw as London. With its history, beautiful environs, and openness, many Khaleejee (Arabs from the Arabian Gulf) come by the tens of thousands for the yearly “Fêtes de Genève” or Festival of Geneva. It is common to see Arabs strolling the shores of Lake Geneva from the afternoons to the wee hours of the morning. They enjoy the beautiful scenery of the area as well as the cooler weather. Many

of the people who come are people of wealth and influence in their homelands. A vast number come to Geneva summer after summer. The last few years an astonishing openness for the gospel has been experienced.

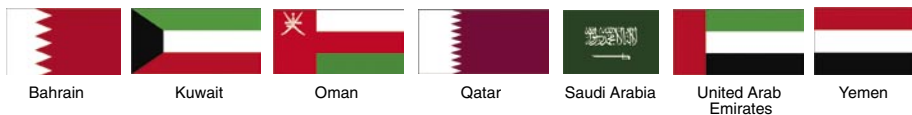
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**Pray** that God prepares the hearts of those coming to Geneva, that they start being hungry and thirsty for Truth and that the outreach teams experience God's guidance to those people who are prepared to hear and receive the Gospel. **Pray** that people carry the Gospel back into their countries, that they grow strong in faith and that they start multiplying in God's time. **Pray** for unity and clarity of communication among crosscultural, multilanguage teams and for protection of the leaders and participants.





# Praying Through The Arabian Peninsula II:



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