

# Youth-2-Pray

## Open the 10/40 Window?

There are 65 countries that stretch from North Africa, across the Middle East, Central Asia, China and India up to Japan known as the *10/40 Window*. About 80% of all the poorest people live here, 90% of all the people not yet reached with the gospel live there and all the main non-Christian religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam) of the world are found here. In these 65 nations there are very few missionaries and they are working in very difficult circumstances and suffer much persecution. In some places there is only one missionary to bring the gospel to 200,000 people. Think about it: having a 'church' with 200,000 members, but they do not know Jesus; some hate you as missionary and do not want to hear about Jesus and the majority of these people have not even heard the name of Jesus once in their lives! There are millions of children who live in the *10/40 Window* and like their parents, most of them don't know Jesus. Many missionaries are needed in the *10/40 Window* to tell people about Jesus. One of the most important things you can do is to **intercede** for the people who live there.

**Let's open the window...**

*How?* We have to open the window by persevering prayer and intercession.

*What are we asking from God?* We need to send more missionaries, Bibles, Christian books, tapes, the *JESUS Film*, produce more radio programs and pray that Jesus will reveal Himself through dreams and visions to these people. Perhaps God is calling you to go to the *10/40 Window* as a missionary! Pray that everyone living there will want to know more about Jesus, have hearts ready to accept Him and find other Christians to help them grow in their relationship with God.

*Why?* Most of these people are without Jesus, without hope, they will not go to heaven. Millions of poor people live in horrible and inhuman situations and know much suffering. And their religion doesn't bring them any real hope either.

*For whom?* Pray for the people in the *10/40 Window*, their leaders and especially the women and children who suffer much. Pray for the Christians in the *Window* who are kicked out of their families or lose their friends and jobs because they believe in Jesus. Some of their lives are in danger. The governments don't give freedom and they make life very difficult for Christians. Pray for the local churches which in most cases, survive amidst very difficult circumstances.

*Who else?* Pray for the missionaries. That they will remain safe and healthy, have no problems with the government, have good relationships with the people and get opportunities to share the message of Jesus.