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Intercultural Missionaries to NYC

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Greetings from NYC,



God called Pastor Elvis to the ministry with these words - "On this pulpit I will use you for my Glory."

We are so delighted to see a Pakistani (Urdu speaking) church planting here in the Bronx. We joined them again last Sunday, with our daughter Emily visiting from Chicago, to enjoy the celebration of Jesus, ethnic worship, music, drumming, cheerful fellowship, and to share the ministry of the word. Pastors Elvis Naqvi and Sarwar Maqsood along with their families have become dear friends. God is doing great things in this global city.

Dr. George Wood was in Manhattan just last month meeting with Metro leaders and church planters. It was an encouraging time. According to Dr. Wood, increased mobilization and new church planting efforts account for a recent growth spike for the US AG. This is also a promising strategy for reaching... the least reached in NYC.

NYC churches are adjusting to changing neighborhoods. **TRADITIONAL** (mono-cultural) churches are becoming internationally blended. **BLENDED** congregations are becoming more **MULTICULTURAL**, serving a variety of language and cultural needs. **ETHNIC** congregations (culturally and linguistically distinct) are springing up everywhere. However, beyond these four church types - *traditional*, *blended*, *multicultural*, and *ethnic* - there remains one other classification. I am referring to the **NON-EXISTING** church for 3.5 million people living in NYC who belong to one of more than thirty *unreached people groups* (UPG). These all live within proximate reach of our existing churches in Metro NY.



Brother Younes playing the "Harmonium", a type of reed organ.

Please pray for the following needs:

1. The changing ethnic demographics of NYC require a refocusing of missionary efforts, funding, and personnel onto this strategic mission field. Please pray for a new mission's culture to take hold in NYC churches as they face these new cross-cultural challenges.
2. Please pray for God's anointing and blessing on the upcoming Ethnic Church Planting Partners Summit this October 26-28, in Dallas, Texas. I will be representing the NY District.
3. Pray for our dear friends and their families - Reverends Pervez and Sakina Khokhar, Elvis and Ana Naqvi, and Sarwar and Joyce Maqsood - Pakistani church planters.

Thank you so very, very, much for all your prayers and support!

God bless you,

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