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PRAYING FOR TIBETANS

Tibet has been in the media recently due to the Chinese Government's violent reaction to Tibetan protestors. While many talk about a US boycott of the Olympics because of the Chinese treatment of Tibetans, we at AFM hope you can pray for those few Tibetan believers and the many Amdo Tibetans who have not yet turned to Christ during this traumatic season. With Easter wishes to you, Julian Linnell, PhD, Executive Director Anglican Frontier Missions O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the Amdo Tibetans who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus; and grant that they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son. AMEN 5.4 million Tibetans Worldwide- 80% Lama Buddhism interwoven with pre-Buddhist Bon religion- 0.01% Christian- 3 main dialog areas: Lhasa, Khamba, Amdo- 620AD Lamaistic Buddhism introduced to Tibet- 1950 Chinese Army invaded Tibet: systematically destroyed Tibetan culture, religion, with loss of possibly 1 million Tibetan lives. About 500,000 Tibetans live in exile in Nepal, India and the West.- Before 1950s, about 2700 Buddhist temples and 110,000 monks- Today, about 1780 Buddhist temples and 46,000 monks- Dalai Lama (lit. 'ocean of wisdom') is considered god-King and highest priest of Lamaistic Buddhism*Sources: World Christian Encyclopedia, Operation World

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