



PREPARE FOR HARVEST

A BAIKU YAO (BAONUO) PRAYER GUIDE

VOL. 1

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

1 *Discover* the Baiku Yao.

Take a glance each day at God's precious people and unstoppable kingdom work.

2 *Listen* for God's guidance in prayer.

As you read, turn your thoughts and God's word into prayers.

3 *Participate* in global mission alongside cross-cultural workers.

By praying for the same things cross-cultural workers are praying, you share in the work.

4 *Share* this prayer guide with others.

Open the eyes of others that they, too, may experience

Some people commit to pray once a day for 30 days, some people pray once a week alone or with others. Keep this guide near your Bible or somewhere at hand. However you choose to pray, may God bless your journey and the kingdom work you do through prayer.

Grateful for your co-labors in a time such as this,
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CULTURE SNAPSHOTS DAY 1- 11



FRONTS TO BE FOUGHT DAY 12-20

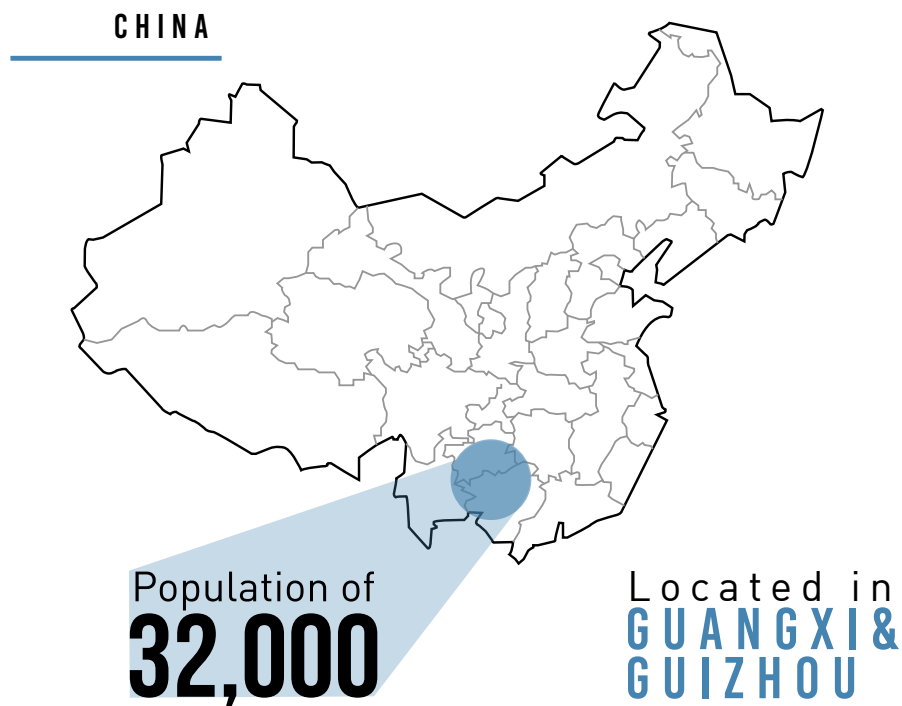


THE WORK TO BE DONE DAY 21- 24



THE FUTURE CHURCH TO COME DAY 25- 30

Cheerful, chattering greetings.
The swish and swirl of skirts. The hearty laughter of men proudly wearing warrior's garb. A blend of generations—elderly farmers bartering tree ink alongside young millennials streaming videos on smart phones. They speak, tease and sing with one another in a language no one outside the valley can understand.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF THE BAIKU YAO

RELIGION

- Superstitious, animistic, Buddhist
- Only 0.3 percent reported believers
- Currently no church or Bible in their language

NEED

- Water
- Education
- Stable Families
- Word of God
- Churches



SUBSISTENCE FARMERS

VILLAGERS IN THE MOUNTAINS



CULTURE SNAPSHOTS

DAY 01- 11

**“I WILL MAKE YOU AS A LIGHT
FOR THE NATIONS, THAT MY
SALVATION MAY REACH TO THE
ENDS OF EARTH.” -GOD** *(Isaiah 49:6)*



DAY 01 LIFE BY THE BLOOD OF THE KING

PRESS ON

“I believe it will only be known on the last day how much has been accomplished in mission work by the prayer of earnest believers at home... solid, lasting missionary work is done on our knees.”

—*J.O. Fraser*

LEARN

The term “Baiku Yao”, which means “white trouser Yao” in Mandarin, describes the Baiku Yao’s famous, unique clothing. Worn by men, these white pants boast five orange stripes embroidered near the knee. Legend holds that long ago an enemy had cornered the Yao people in a valley. When it seemed there was no means of escape, a servant ran up and proclaimed a way out! Going from despair to delight, the king slapped his battle-worn hand on his knees, leaving a bloody handprint of five fingers on his trousers. The people escaped, but the king died from battle injuries. To commemorate the king, Baiku Yao men wear a “five fingers” pattern near the knee on their finest clothing.

GOD SAYS

“They have conquered [the accuser] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

Revelation 12:11

PRAY

Lord, we worship you for Christ’s blood shed for us and the victory won for us over Satan. We long for the Baiku Yao to one day testify to and boast in the valor of King Jesus. May this Baiku Yao legend lead to opportunities to share about the Lamb whose blood was shed so that his people could be freed from sin and death!



DAY 02 SEALED FOR GOD'S GLORY

LEARN

A Baiku Yao woman's traditional clothing displays the design of a square seal on the back. Legend holds that a long time ago, a Yao king had a foreign enemy. In his scheme to ruin the Yao king, the enemy disguised himself, infiltrated the king's family and stole the Yao kingdom's seal. With the seal stolen, along with the authority it held, the enemy drove the Baiku Yao people from their land. Ever since, Baiku Yao women wear an embroidered design representing this seal on the back as a reminder of this bitter incident. Today, parents teach their children through this legend to beware of being cheated by outsiders.

GOD SAYS

"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:13-14, NIV

PRAY

Lord, thank you for the seal of the Holy Spirit given to those who believe in you. May many Baiku Yao be sealed with your Holy Spirit and be confident that no one can take away the inheritance you give your people. May the seal on the back of Baiku Yao women's clothing come to reflect that meaning.



DAY 03 ENTIRE FAMILIES SAVED

LEARN

The Baiku Yao live in family units, further grouped into larger family clans. Family relationships are central to their society, affecting when to work and rest, where one lives, and even what one's name is. It is crucial then to reach children, parents, grandparents and distant working relatives together. We see entire households being saved together in the Book of Acts, and we know God blessed Abraham so that all families of the earth could be blessed. Finding holistic, family-centered ways of reaching the Baiku Yao are essential to this people

GOD SAYS

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:2-3

"All the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations."

Psalms 22:27-28

PRAY

Lord, thank you that you desire multiple generations within individual households to receive your blessing of salvation in Christ. May households of grandparents, working adults, teenagers and children—households of multiple generations—hear of Jesus, and repent and believe in the Lord together. Draw together a gospel family, a team of brothers and sisters of different nationalities, skills, and ages, to commit to reaching the Baiku Yao for the long-term.



DAY 04 PULLED TOWARD THE BIG CITY

LEARN

Jenny, a 14 year-old Baiku Yao girl, went to the East Coast of China to work in a factory. Jenny's nine year-old brother, left behind in the village, was asked "Do you want your sister to come back and study or stay there and work?" "Stay there and work," he replied without hesitation, "because we have no money to study."

Since many Baiku Yao are being drawn to the cities to make money, families are being pulled apart. Although the Baiku Yao will follow other Baiku Yao friends into the same communities, this pull to big cities means more culture change, larger generation gaps, and less family stability.

GOD SAYS

"Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Isaiah 43:6-7

"Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands."

Isaiah 42:12

PRAY

Lord, please provide for the financial and familial needs of the Baiku Yao. Lead them to seek first your kingdom, and discover how you will supply all their needs. As urbanization changes their society and lifestyle, may the Baiku Yao find their anchor in Christ. Lead the Baiku Yao in big cities to hear and believe the gospel, and then bring it back home to their families.



DAY 05 STOREHOUSES OF LIFE

LEARN

Traditionally, the Baiku Yao store their foodstuffs in granaries like the ones pictured on this page. These granaries have been specially designed to keep food free from mold, moisture, mice and thieves. They build them some distance from the family's home so that if the home floods or catches fire, the food stores are still safe. Food stores are so important that the Baiku Yao call these them "storehouses of life". These storehouses can store earthly treasures, but most Baiku Yao still do not know about Christ and his heavenly treasures that can never be destroyed.

GOD SAYS

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."

Matthew 7:24

PRAY

Lord, lead the Baiku Yao to build their lives on the cornerstone of Christ. Give the Baiku Yao food for both body and soul. Be merciful to the Baiku Yao, that when the rain falls, floods come, and winds blow on Baiku Yao believers, they will not fall from faith. Provide for them and may all the Baiku Yao around them will know Who saved them.



DAY 06 A MAN'S THREE TREASURES

LEARN

It is said that a Baiku Yao man has three treasures: his bird for the sport of bird fighting, his bird gun, and his liquor. Baiku Yao men often spend time gathering in parks, inspecting each other's birds and setting their birds to fight one another. They use their guns to hunt wild birds. Sadly, alcoholism is so prevalent among Baiku Yao men that a good woman is defined as one who will sit by her man's side as he gets drunk and will walk him home at the end of the night. These treasures may become idols, even spiritual bondages, that prevent Baiku Yao men from following Christ with a whole heart.

GOD SAYS

"I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will."

Acts 13:22

PRAY

Lord, we pray against the Baiku Yao cultural expectation, which has become spiritual bondage for many men, that drunkenness is happiness and is the norm. Save heads of households and cause them to lovingly lead their families to believe. May Baiku Yao men be full of the Spirit, and not alcohol. Raise up men whose treasure is the Lord God, men who will give up all they have to obtain this great treasure and obey God's will.



DAY 07 FEMALE "SEW"-CIETY

LEARN

Baiku Yao female society revolves around making traditional clothing. Women help each other spin cotton in each other's fields. They meet together at water wells to rinse dye out of fabric. They embroider while chatting, and design dresses while caring for children, all in community. Although many young girls now spend their time studying in school or working afar, the art of embroidery is still being passed on to the next generation. This relationship network creates an ideal scene for sharing about Jesus—if only they knew Him.

GOD SAYS

"She makes linen garments and sells them...Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come."

Proverbs 31:24-25

PRAY

Father God, we praise you that Baiku Yao women are already industrious and in the habit of teaching the next generation. May this aspect of Baiku Yao women's culture be a means of worship to the one true God. While sewing, may future Baiku Yao sisters share about their Savior with the lost around them, and teach their daughters and granddaughters to follow you as well.



DAY 08 SONGS OF LOVE

LEARN

Traditional Baiku Yao courtship, unfolded before the eyes of huge crowds, was full of activities including horn blowing and improvised singing. With a heritage like this, “the Baiku Yao are a people who can really sing!” exclaimed a Baiku Yao culture representative. Still today, one can sit on a bus and hear a Baiku Yao woman singing to her man working on the other side of the country. She sings a verse into her phone, and a few seconds later, he sings back his reply. To this day, some Baiku Yao still use improvised song to communicate with each other.

GOD SAYS

“The LORD your God is in your midst...he will exult over you with loud singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he... has raised up a horn of salvation for us.”

Luke 1:68-69

“With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!”

Psalms 98:6

PRAY

Lord God, we praise you for the gift of song! Thank you for the horn of salvation you have raised over your children, over the Baiku Yao whom you have called your own. Call Baiku Yao men, women and children who respond to your song. Quickly bring the day when Baiku Yao sing to God and to each other, declaring His love. May the Baiku Yao write their own indigenous songs that will deeply touch the hearts of more Baiku Yao.



DAY 09 STRUNG ALONG BY SUPERSTITION

LEARN

The Baiku Yao rely on shamans for supernatural help. For example, if a family wants to have a baby, the shaman strings a thread from his home to the family's home, sometimes across the whole village. Or if a few extended family members are ill, the shaman chooses a day when all relatives near and far must cease to do work, and places a piece of shrubbery outside the family's door to indicate this day. Any relative who does not comply may experience misfortune. Supernatural help can also be accessed through stone structures and paper chains. These are just some examples of the ways the devil has bound the Baiku Yao with lies.

GOD SAYS

“That through death [Jesus Christ] might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

Hebrews 2:14-15

PRAY

Lord God, we praise you that Jesus laid down his life so that the saved may have life and have it abundantly! Free the Baiku Yao from the bondage of these lies from the evil one. Deliver them into freedom and truth through our victorious, living King Jesus. Cause entire Baiku Yao families and villages to be reborn as children of light, not darkness.



DAY 10 MOURNING DEATH BY DANCING INTO WORSHIP AND DANCING

LEARN

The Baiku Yao's distinct funeral ceremony reveals much about their core beliefs. They believe that beating the sacred bronze drum, with its deep "wah-wah" sound reverberating through the mountains, creates a path for spirits to the afterlife. The rhythm from the "Monkey Dance" leads the rhythm of the drums. They sacrifice a water buffalo to accompany the deceased into the afterlife, then eat the buffalo meat and mount the buffalo's horns above the gravesite. Though this ritual is becoming less frequent, it remains a costly and vivid portrait of the Baiku Yao worldview, a worldview without Christ.

GOD SAYS

"Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."

Romans 6:6-9

"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning... You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD, I will give thanks to you forever!"

Psalms 30:5, 11-12

PRAY

Lord, thank you for the eternal life you give to those who believe in Christ. Thank you this life awaits the Baiku Yao who will be saved. Cause the Baiku Yao who only know mourning to know hope in Christ's resurrection. May elements of this funeral ceremony, like musical instruments and dance, be used by the Baiku Yao to express themselves fully to their King—in joy and sorrow, in celebration and lament.



DAY 11 THE MEANING OF SACRIFICE TO THE BAIKU YAO

LEARN

The most well-known part of the Baiku Yao funeral ceremony is the water buffalo sacrifice. This comes from a legend that says the Baiku Yao ate their deceased relatives' bodies—until the day when a little boy witnessed the labor and suffering of a mother cow giving birth. When he learned from his own mother that every mother on earth suffers much to give birth to children, he resolved to let no one eat his mother's flesh so that she suffers no more. When she did die, and villagers came looking for her body, the boy shared what he had learned and pleaded with them to sacrifice and eat a buffalo instead. The villagers accepted this substitution, and since then Baiku Yao tradition calls for a water buffalo sacrifice every time someone dies.

GOD SAYS

"We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all...For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

Hebrews 10:10,14

PRAY

Lord, save many Baiku Yao through the single offering of Jesus Christ made once for all time. May the Baiku Yao see clearly that Jesus is the better sacrifice for their people and all the people groups of the world. Lead cross-cultural workers to find redemptive analogies that will be an effective means to share the gospel with the Baiku Yao.

FRONTS TO BE FOUGHT

DAY 12- 19

**“GOD’S PART IS TO PUT FORTH
POWER; OUR PART IS TO PUT
FORTH FAITH.” -ANDREW A. BONAR**





DAY 12 OUT OF DARKNESS INTO MARVELOUS LIGHT

LEARN

What keeps the thousands of Baiku Yao from knowing of His sacrifice for them? For centuries the Baiku Yao have been living in spiritual darkness, believing in their own ethnic religion that blends of shamanism, animism and Buddhism. God's will is for the Baiku Yao to come out of darkness into His light. Let us pray this together.

GOD SAYS

"I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them."

Isaiah 42:16

"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."

Isaiah 60:3

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

PRAY

Lord, you are so good and merciful to bring people out of darkness into marvelous light! Break the dark spiritual strongholds and bondages that keep the Baiku Yao from entering this light. Send messengers to show Baiku Yao seekers how to find you. Lead family clans and villages together to become your chosen people and royal priesthood among the Baiku Yao people.



DAY 13 PERSONS OF PEACE

LEARN

The Baiku Yao have their own distinct culture. In fact, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) describes them as the ethnic minority group with the most well-preserved folk culture in the world. Their culture has even been described as "a living fossil of human civilization." The Baiku Yao know this and are proud of it, but unfortunately this makes many Baiku Yao resistant to the unfamiliar—including the Good News. The gospel of peace needs to be heard by Baiku Yao with open hearts, that they may bring peace with God to their own people.

GOD SAYS

"Blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Matthew 11:6

"Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

Proverbs 25:25

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you."

Luke 10:5-6, NIV

PRAY

Lord, cause the Baiku Yao to have hearts that thirst to hear of Jesus, of their Loving Creator God, of eternal life. May you prepare Baiku Yao "persons of peace," people who are open to the message and messengers of your kingdom. May these persons of peace form the bridge between their villages and the Gospel.



DAY 14 SPIRIT, GRANT REVELATION

LEARN

A group of brothers and sisters had conversed many times about spiritual things with one Baiku Yao family. The wife of the family had closed the conversation by saying “I’ve read some of your Bible. It’s good, but it’s still hazy as clouds. I don’t believe it now, and I don’t think I ever will.” The husband chimes, in “You have your beliefs. We Baiku Yao have our own.” Many minority groups associate Jesus with the Western world, and have yet to understand that Jesus is for all people groups of the world.

GOD SAYS

“When you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

Ephesians 1:17, NIV

PRAY

Lord, pour out your Spirit of wisdom and revelation on the Baiku Yao. Let them hear your word as directly from the only God, not from man. When they hear of you, cause the Baiku Yao to know they have found the One they have been waiting for.



DAY 15 URGENT NEED FOR WATER

LEARN

In addition to spiritual needs, the Baiku Yao need clean and plentiful sources of water. Since the Baiku Yao live high in the mountains, beyond the outskirts of modern towns, water is difficult to obtain. Entire communities relocate closer to running water; they collect rainwater and use it sparingly. Without clean or ample water, healthy families and sustainable farms cannot be maintained. This is a people who knows the value of water and desperately needs it.

GOD SAYS

“Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up in eternal life.’

John 4:13-14

PRAY

God, open the door for brothers and sisters to do water service projects to bring water to Baiku Yao villages and farms. Call people with a heart for community development in water supply, agriculture and healthcare to come and reach the Baiku Yao. Father, lead the Baiku Yao people to drink of the Living Water that Jesus offers.



DAY 16 CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND

LEARN

Thousands of Baiku Yao adults seek work in faraway cities, but they leave their children behind with older relatives and neighbors. These children only see their parents once a year during Spring Festival holiday. This leaves a generation of children who feel abandoned and crave to be loved.

GOD SAYS

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

John 14:18

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise."

Matthew 21:16

PRAY

Lord, reveal yourself to these left-behind children, that you are their Heavenly Father who created them. Provide the love and instruction that Baiku Yao children need. Tell them that Jesus has not abandoned them, and that Jesus loves them. Call people with a heart for children and family to come reach the Baiku Yao.



DAY 17 TRUE WEALTH

LEARN

Though rich in cultural heritage, the Baiku Yao need creative ways to earn a living. Conversations often turn toward the topic of poverty. Any family with money is expected to share with those who lack. When a visitor asks for a posed picture, even small children may first request a fee. The Baiku Yao truly need basic living essentials, but their pursuit of money can also block genuine relationship and spiritual hunger.

GOD SAYS

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

2 Corinthians 8:9

"Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'"

Hebrews 13:5

PRAY

Lord, give the Baiku Yao daily, nutritious food as provision from your hand. Create opportunities for better education and income by calling people with a heart to provide jobs, technical skills training, English lessons and after-school tutoring—all to reach the Baiku Yao. May the Baiku Yao possess the greatest treasure—Jesus Christ and salvation in Him. May those with this eternal treasure be fountains of joy in their communities.



DAY 18 WORKING TOGETHER

LEARN

The national government is also very aware of Baiku Yao needs. The Baiku Yao govern their own heartland, and Baiku Yao government officials are friendly, welcoming, and open to partnership. For example, securing markets for Baiku Yao-grown walnuts, training in growing pesticide-free peaches, advertising handicrafts via social media platforms, and offering partial subsidies for rain-resistant homes are means by which outside influence has truly served the Baiku Yao for the long-term. Gospel-bearing brothers and sisters who provide holistic development—not simply handouts—in partnership with local entities, offer Baiku Yao souls, families and society a true opportunity to experience His kingdom on earth.

GOD SAYS

“The LORD had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.”

Ezra 6:22

“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.”

Proverbs 21:1

PRAY

LORD, we thank you for the government officials in power. Bless them and draw them to you. May believers live quiet, godly, peaceful and dignified lives as a testimony to you. Please grant favor and partnership to righteous contributors of society. Call people with skills in public service and project management to serve the Baiku Yao.



DAY 19 SAY WHAT?

LEARN

Even after gaining access to interact with the Baiku Yao, there remains a large language and culture barrier to cross. One visitor reflected, “As a guest, I felt welcomed into this home, but I also felt like an outsider. If you don’t speak Baiku Yao, you really are an outsider.” A separate language and culture can make up an entirely separate world. Until the news of Jesus is clearly expressed within this language and culture, the Baiku Yao believers, the few that exist and many to come.

GOD SAYS

“For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord.”

Zephaniah 3:9

“All the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.”

Nehemiah 8:12

PRAY

Lord, may the world of the Baiku Yao be forever changed by someone speaking of Jesus in the Baiku Yao language in a culturally fitting way. Enable people to study their language and embody their culture in order to reach them. Reveal linguistic and cultural nuances that will help reach the hearts of the Baiku Yao. Among the native Baiku Yao believers, the few present and many to come, instill a heart of love and evangelism that they may share about Jesus.

A man in a blue shirt and dark pants, wearing a white headwrap, carries a wooden pole across his shoulders. A large, weathered metal bucket hangs from the pole. He is walking on a city street with a white van and a motorcycle in the background.

THE WORK TO BE DONE

DAY 20-25

**“GOD’S WORK DONE IN GOD’S WAY
WILL NEVER LACK GOD’S
SUPPLY.” -J. HUDSON TAYLOR**

DAY 20 CLEARING ROCKS

LEARN

The spiritual, physical and relational needs of the Baiku Yao are many. A clear, understandable way to share Jesus still needs to be developed. As we have prayed for the removal of obstacles and the sowing of seeds, let us also ask our Heavenly Father for the needs of the harvest, that is, what is required for the Baiku Yao church to grow.

GOD SAYS

"What was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy...[but] when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately falls away..."

What was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

What was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, in another thirty."

Excerpts from Matthew 13:20-23

PRAY

Lord, remove the rocks that stumble those who hear your word. Pull up thorns that take the eyes of the Baiku Yao off of you. Make the soil of Baiku Yao hearts good soil. Deepen the "present roots" in this good soil so that Baiku Yao believers will grow stronger and more rooted in love and in knowledge of you.

DAY 21 CAN I GET A WITNESS? WORKERS, COME!

LEARN

In order to clear out rocks, remove thorns, sow seeds and cultivate a harvest, cross-cultural workers are needed to work in the field among the Baiku Yao. Believers from near and far are needed to play different parts. Who can enter the field for the long haul? Who can supply physical needs, training, or support? Who can lace these efforts with prayer? May we all ask not only "What can I do?" and "What needs to be done?", but also "Father, what are you leading me to do? Everything is possible with you."

GOD SAYS

"Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Luke 10:2

"I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings."

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

PRAY

Lord, you are amazing, because your plan for the world includes all peoples reaching all peoples. Send the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world. For the harvest among the Baiku Yao, raise up the Chinese church to take part, raise up those familiar with agriculture and mountain areas, raise up people who will humbly learn Baiku Yao culture and language, and raise up faithful people who will pray. May these workers be filled with the Spirit, the knowledge of your love, and boldness. May we each surrender to you now and ask, "Father, my Lord, how are you leading me to be part of your work to all nations?"



DAY 22 POWERED BY PRAYER

LEARN

“We don’t wrestle against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of evil,” says Paul in Ephesians. The Baiku Yao have not worshipped the one true God for centuries, and Satan will not give that up easily. Who will stand beside new believers as they face difficult decisions for their faith? Who will support cross-cultural workers in struggles? Who will plead for God to do what is impossible for man? God’s will unfolds through our prayers, and praying people have the privilege to powerfully engage in all these things.

GOD SAYS

“I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

John 15:16

“The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God.”

Revelation 8:4

“Will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?”

Luke 18:7

PRAY

Lord, thank you for a direct line to your ear. Thank you for access to your throne through Christ. Call people all over the world to approach you regularly on behalf of the Baiku Yao people, the workers in the field, current needs and the future Baiku Yao church. Until the Baiku Yao can draw near to you themselves, lead people to intercede for them and to draw near to you on their behalf.



DAY 23 STORY TELLING

LEARN

What kind of gospel seed should be sown? The Baiku Yao language has no written script; knowledge has been shared orally from generation to generation. Even though the younger generation is now learning to read and write in the national language, most Baiku Yao people still learn best orally and speak their own language at home. Creative ways are desperately needed for the Baiku Yao to learn about Jesus.

GOD SAYS

“It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

John 4:42

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17

PRAY

Lord, enable understandable stories about you in the Baiku Yao language to be recorded and shared with family, neighbors and friends. May a complete form of your story, the Bible, be available to the Baiku Yao soon. May Baiku Yao art forms like song, embroidery and clothing design also be used to tell stories about you.



DAY 24 MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

LEARN

“My vision was too small,” said a believer who was discipling Sally. “I disciplined Sally for an entire year before she got baptized. Even if I did this for 20 years, that’s only 20 disciples. What if I made disciples, who each made disciples, who went on to make more disciples? How many more souls could one person reach?” This shift in thinking has had a remarkable impact on this believer. Now she thinks not only about one-by-one change, but multiplicative growth—not only what works for the teacher and student today, but also how to disciple so that the gospel legacy propels forward.

GOD SAYS

“The things you have heard me say...entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

2 Timothy 2:2, NIV

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28:18-20, NIV

PRAY

Lord, please send faith-filled laborers, who think on the scale of a 30-, 60- or even 100-fold harvest among the Baiku Yao! Build relationships and lifestyle habits that will enable them to abide in you, obey you, and be disciples worth reproducing. Grant salvation and build your church, that your glory be made known among more and more nations, O God!



DAY 25 EFFECTIVE SEED AND LEAVEN

LEARN

For the Baiku Yao, a few ground soybeans added to hot water can make several meals. A little goes a long way. In the same way, each time believers regularly visit Baiku Yao friends, a little more Gospel seed is sown and this leaven of the kingdom continues to work through their hearts. May this love and truth work its way in Baiku Yao hearts to produce a harvest of heavenly proportions!

GOD SAYS

“What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”

And again he said, ‘To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.’”

Luke 13:18-20

PRAY

God, thank you for your kingdom, and how it grows from a mustard seed and spreads like leaven. May your seeds planted in one household provide refuge for an entire village! Strengthen and send believers to show love to the Baiku Yao. Cause the Baiku Yao to experience the kingdom of God through the love of your children.

A group of children, mostly of Asian descent, are smiling and holding small, colorful globes. The globes show maps of the world with various colors and a compass rose. The children are wearing red shirts. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and a green table in the foreground.

THE FUTURE CHURCH TO COME

DAY 26-30

**“GOD HAS HUGE PLANS FOR THE
WORLD TODAY! ...EVEN NOW HE IS
PREPARING AND EMPOWERING HIS
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REVIVAL TO THE UTMOST ENDS
OF THE EARTH.” -DAVID SMITHERS**



DAY 26 PERSECUTION

LEARN

Young Baiku Yao believer Felicia shared stories of Jesus with her best friend. At first the friend followed Jesus and together they shared with their families, but suddenly she distanced herself and stopped talking with Felicia.

In another home, believers were visiting Baiku Yao believer Jack. Jack has several superstitious objects in his home. Even though local brothers and sisters have shared that Jack doesn't need to trust in superstition anymore, he resists removing these objects and says "It's just what we Baiku Yao do. It's strange if we don't. It's only a tradition." This is a small glimpse of the pressures young Baiku Yao believers face.

GOD SAYS

"You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved...Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

Matthew 10:22, 40

PRAY

Lord, may Felicia, Jack and other new Baiku Yao brothers and sisters endure to the end. Give them your special presence in times of persecution. Provide all they need to stand strong and abide in you during trials from their community. Like we saw among believers in the Book of Acts, use these trials to draw the lost to yourself. Assure them you will never leave them, nor forsake them.



DAY 27 LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LEARN

A handful of Baiku Yao profess faith. They don't live near each other, and they are grappling with the basics of following Jesus: prayer, sharing their relationship with God with others, persecution from family, knowing His word and loving people.

GOD SAYS

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one

John 13:34-35

"Faith, hope, and love abide...but the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

PRAY

Lord, as you build your church among the Baiku Yao, grant them your love, love for you, and love for others. Illuminate the few believers to shine brightly among their people. Let their community see that because of their love, that they are Jesus' disciples and different than before.



DAY 28 FEED MY SHEEP

LEARN

God desires to build his church among the Baiku Yao and for Baiku Yao sheep to join his flock. It is heart breaking that there is currently no one dedicated to feeding and tending Baiku Yao sheep. A few non-Baiku Yao believers are caring for the holistic needs of a handful of Baiku Yao families, but those with this pastoral heart are too few.

GOD SAYS

"I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

John 10:15-16

Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" Peter replied, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus then instructs, "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep. Follow me."

Adapted from John 21:15-19

PRAY

Lord, glorify Christ through the building of your church among the Baiku Yao. Send the Holy Spirit, your Word, and your people to nourish Baiku Yao believers. Strengthen, quicken and protect efforts to produce resources that will feed the Baiku Yao spiritually. Pour out signs, wonders and all spiritual gifts upon Baiku Yao believers. Raise up Baiku Yao believers who will feed and tend to your sheep.



DAY 29 FROM MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS TO BENDED KNEE

LEARN

For centuries, the Baiku Yao have walked along winding mountain paths to reach one another's villages. Going from one village to another might require an hour to drive on winding roads, but only twenty minutes to walk—if one knows the trail between the mountains. When being guided through one such trail, a visitor exclaimed, "This place is so beautiful!" Yet, jaded to the breathtaking beauty of creation surrounding him, the Baiku Yao guide responded, "It's nothing. It's normal." The time has come for the Baiku Yao to see His glory through creation!

GOD SAYS

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation."

Isaiah 52:7, NIV

"For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; and the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!"

Psalms 95:3-6

PRAY

Lord, nature is full of your glory! We praise you for it! Open the eyes of the Baiku Yao, that they will see nature and wonder about the one true creator God. May the mountain trails be walked by beautiful feet that carry the gospel to Baiku Yao villages. Call the Baiku Yao to finally see God for who He is and worship Him.



DAY 30 BAIKU YAO HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

LEARN

“Can I tell you a story?” a brother asked a Baiku Yao believer. After telling the story of Jesus calling Peter out onto the water, this brother asked, “What do we see about God in this? What do we learn about humans?” After further discussion, everyone lifted up their thanksgivings and needs together in prayer. This was one of the first times this Baiku Yao brother met with other believers to sing, study and pray together.

GOD SAYS

“The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants...these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer...for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples”.

Isaiah 56:6-7

PRAY

God, thank you for designing us to fellowship with other believers. Set up regular, multiplying gatherings like this in every Baiku Yao village. Transform these gatherings into churches and houses of prayer that will embody the glory of Christ before the whole village. May Baiku Yao believers gather together to plead for your harvest among all people groups as well.

THANKS

With gratefulness and anticipation, we thank you for praying for the Baiku Yao! On the day we stand before his throne, we will see more glory given to Him from all peoples because of your time spent praying. Hallelujah!

YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH, WHAT'S NEXT?

1 *Stay tuned* and pray regularly for efforts to reach the BaiKu Yao.

Contact us at prayforthebaikuyao@gmail.com to learn what they are.

2 *Pray through* this guide with your household or small group (before meal times or while sharing prayer requests works well).

3 *Pass this* prayer guide on to other people.

Sign your name on this page, give this guide to a friend, and invite them to take part in God reaching the world, too.

4 *Introduce* your church to the BaiKu Yao.

Contact us at prayforthebaikuyao@gmail.com for helpful resources.

5 *Keep learning* about God's work in the nations.

Read stories of God at work (<https://www.frontierventures.org/blog>).

See if there is a "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" course available to you (<http://perspectives.org/>).

6 *Welcome people* from different nations into your life.

Check out more creative ways at 6 Ways to Reach God's World (<https://omf.org/us/6-ways/>).

7 *Send others* to go.

Who do you know that God has called to physically go reach the nations? Pray for them, encourage them, and give to their needs.

8 *Go* yourself.

Go on a prayer walk among unreached peoples in Asia. Contact us at prayforthebaikuyao@gmail.com to explore opportunities.

9 *Do you* want to help more, but not sure how?

Let us know at prayerforthebaikuyao@gmail.com. God bless you in your journey with our Father and His mission to all nations!

PASS IT ON!



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