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## HEART CHECK

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## THE MANDATE

*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20*

## THE MEDITATION

Lord, we are citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20). Our hearts belong to another world, a faraway city, the New Jerusalem. We want to be with you! Our treasures are there (Col. 2:3). We pray, "Come quickly!" Lord Jesus. However, you have left us here – as *ambassadors*.

We rarely see ourselves in such stately terms. We feel more like pilgrims, passing through. We do not imagine that we look like royal ambassadors. Nevertheless, we, in fact, are your ambassadors. Forgive us for not representing you well. Forgive us, for shrinking back from our role as your representative people. Forgive us for being timid and often silent.

In so many places in our cities, no one represents your kingdom – in some cases, sadly, you are misrepresented. Before councils and hearings, before boards and committees, to business owners and bankers, to the influential and powerful – we fail to consistently and intentionally represent you. We Christians have ignored this role. Moving from our homes to our divided churches, we have chosen quiet, withdrawn lives – far too quiet. We have allowed whole cities and states, indeed, a nation to forget you.

Ambassadors. We have heard that some have introduced themselves to city leaders, to folks on their block, to fellow merchants at the Mall or businesses located in their neighborhoods. We have heard of preachers who have decided to 'pastor their community' and not just their congregations. Such actions seem "out of the box!" to us. What would it take for us to become an ambassador people? Tell us, to whom have you sent us? To whom are you sending me?

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**INTERCEDE FOR...**

**MONDAY**

**Finding the Unreached**

Pray for the fiercely independent Shuar people. They are a collage of several indigenous tribal groups in the SE portion of the Ecuador rainforest region. Their notoriety is that of being a tribe of head-hunters, which Ecuador made illegal.

**TUESDAY**

**Nurturing New Believers**

The group remains resistant to assimilation. Ninety percent are still immersed in animism – only a small percentage have had any authentic connection with Christianity. Once nomadic, now they are more permanent. They initiate their young into the tribal religions by administering a natural hallucinogenic.

**WEDNESDAY**

**Investing**

Only in the last century, were Bible portions available, and only in 2010 was the Bible translated to their language. There is an Audio Bible now for the illiterate. And the Jesus Film has been translated into their language.

**THURSDAY**

**Sending**

Recently, missionaries have been making inroads. There are intentional efforts to reach this group of 41,000 people found only in Ecuador. Pray for Church of God connections. Their animistic superstitions run deep – they connect deaths with invisible spirit darts. They do not know a God of grace and mercy.

**FRIDAY**

**Harvesting**

The Shuar have been fiercely resistance to outside influence. They allegedly poured melted gold down the throat of the governor who tried to impose the tax. Pray for open doors, light for their hearts, a tender heart, a harvest among these people.



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