

# PANORAMA NEWS

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## Who is PAN and What is PANorama News

**PAN** (*Pushtun Advocacy Network*).

### PAN History

PAN was organized in 1995 when a small group of people, who were interested in the Pushtun, gathered for the first time. Soon other churches and organizations were invited who had the same desire to reach the Pushtun through incorporating times of prayer, strategy and networking on behalf of this strategic people group.

### Vision

To see the establishment of an indigenous church among the Pushtun and Afghan peoples, so all have the opportunity to understand the gospel and respond.

### Purpose

PAN exists to network local churches, field workers, individuals and organizations. PAN's purpose is to facilitate the development of relationships that will

encourage prayer and the sharing of information and resources with the goal of

helping to establish the church among the Pushtun People



### PANorama News

In an effort to keep those who are interested in reaching the Pushtun People informed, PAN has produced this Quarterly Newsletter to "keep the connection." This Newsletter will be sent to friends and those interested in this ministry. If you do not wish to continue to receive this quarterly just drop us a note on the website [www.pashtuns.org](http://www.pashtuns.org), we will take you off the list. We trust that you will enjoy upcoming articles.

### PAN Conference — Register Today at [www.pashtuns.org](http://www.pashtuns.org)

PAN this year will be joining with CCA (Concerned Christians for Afghanistan) in a week of focus on Afghanistan. The first few days of this week is sponsored by PAN and will be focused on reaching the Pushtun People. The end of the week will be sponsored by CCA and will focus on the peoples of Afghanistan in general. In this time of uncertainty and security challenges in Afghanistan, you won't want to miss this update and look to the future. Connect with the website for more information [www.pashtuns.org](http://www.pashtuns.org).

### Prayer Opportunities

- Security for those ministering among the Pushtun People.
- Wisdom for the Leaders of the countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Strength and hope for new believers among the Pushtun People.

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Conference  
July 27 - 29

Retreat Center in KY

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# Why attend a PAN Conference?

***PAN's mission is to facilitate the development of relationships that encourage prayer, sharing of information and resources in establishing the church among the Pashtun people.***

In this day and age there is no lack of the number of conferences one can go to. So why would I take my vacation time and hard earned money to attend a PAN conference? Learning about what is happening in Afghanistan and Pakistan is more than a National Geographic exposition on different cultures and peoples; it's an opportunity to see the hand of God at work to reach a unique people group that is being called out to bring Him glory by worshipping and serving Him. Scripture tells us that God is calling out his people from every tribe, tongue and nation. In the country of Afghanistan there are still large groups of people who have never had the opportunity to hear his Word proclaimed nor to hear about the life that Jesus came to give. Therefore, when I go to a PAN conference and meet with workers and believers from that land I expect to see and hear how God is working in the land. These are God sightings for me, and they are just as inspiring as the scenery at the Grand Canyon. Learning how God is building His Kingdom amidst much oppression inspires me in my own daily walk. I also expect to hear about opposition to God's work. The conference gives me a chance to meet and hear from workers throughout the land. Their reports remind me that the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy. The devil has a strong foothold in this land and among the people he has kept captive for so many years. At the conference I learn about how evil continues to run rampant in the land and how lives and dreams are being destroyed. You can see the weariness that comes from facing such oppression in the faces of the workers and believers who live in the land. These workers are

just ordinary people like you and me who choose to walk by faith into one of the darkest regions of our world. They remind me of those saints in Hebrews 11, "who by faith seek to conquer kingdoms, administer justice and gain what was promised." They are my heroes, ordinary people who preserve because they see the invisible God and dare to dream God's dreams for the Pashtun. They often come to PAN conferences broken due to their encounters with much sadness, injustice and evil. Something happens at these conferences when they realize they are not alone in this battle for the gospel. There, at these conferences they meet others; individuals and churches who want to engage with them, who want to learn and pray with them for justice to prevail and for God's Kingdom to come. The partnership and networking that is developed during the conference time brings many dividends of mutual encouragement, synergy and renewal which help all of us to press on in spite of opposition and oppression.

Luke 4 gives us an idea of Jesus' mission statement. He was sent to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind and release for the oppressed: To proclaim the time of the Lord's favor. Two thousand years later I think He is still actively working in those areas of the world that need His justice the most. Regardless of our gifting or abilities we can each play a part in seeing His Kingdom come to the Pashtun by working to develop relationships that encourage prayer, sharing of information and resources in establishing the church among the Pashtun people. It is a huge privilege to be able to work alongside the Lord Himself and other co-workers to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor.

**Submitted by JFW**