

Abkhaz in Turkey



The Abkhaz inhabit the disputed region of Abkhazia, which is located on the Black Sea Coast. Even though it is considered a part of Georgia, it is not governed by Georgia. The Russian invasion of the region from the 1810s to the 1860s resulted in a mass expulsion of the Muslims from Abkhaz to the Ottoman Empire. Hence, the people of Abkhaz belong to both Orthodox Christianity (dominant in Abkhazia) and Sunni Islam (dominant in Turkey). The Abkhaz that moved to Turkey adapted the culture of Turkey, and many of them speak Turkish rather than their own language. The Abkhaz language uses the Russian Cyrillic script for writing.



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POPULATION: 166,000

LANGUAGE: Abkhaz

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Ministry Obstacles

Overt Christian witnessing in Turkey is often dangerous and highly discouraged.

Outreach Ideas

The Abkhaz Orthodox Christians who are strong in the faith can gain a vision for reaching their people in Turkey with the good news.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Abkhaz Christians in Turkey, that they will be biblically

strong followers of Christ and for them to be able to stand firm in their trials. Pray for the peaceful resolution of the dispute concerning Abkhazia. Pray for the believers to be discerning in sharing the gospel. Pray that the Lord will work mightily through them.

SCRIPTURE But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)

PRAY for today's people group to learn to worship Christ as Lord and King.