## **Adyghe in Turkey**



he Adyghe, also called the Circassians, were once the dominant ethnic group in Russia's northwest Caucasus. The Russian conquest of the region and the Great Revolt between 1825 and 1864 resulted in a mass exodus of the Circassians, one of the greatest mass exoduses in modern history. The displaced Circassians moved to Turkey and to many parts of the Ottoman Empire, including the Middle East. Nearly one and a half million Circassians abandoned their ancient homeland, leaving behind scattered remnant communities.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

It's very difficult to access the Adyghe people in Turkey.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Christian television, radio, and websites are valuable tools to reach these people. Adyghe people have easy access to these avenues of communication.

## **Prayer Focus**

There are very few Christian believers among the Adyghe people of Turkey, and they live in an area that is hostile to Christian presence. Pray that they



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POPULATION: 355,000

LANGUAGE: Adyghe RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

will live without fear, grow strong in their faith, and remain as Spirit-filled witnesses. Pray for peace in the troubled Caucasus region. The remigration of the Circassians to the Caucasus is underway. Please pray for better conditions for those returning to their homeland.

**SCRIPTURE** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. (1 Peter 4:12)

**PRAY** that the hardships that God allows in the lives of believers in this people group do not discourage them.

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