

Zaza-Alevi in Germany



Do you know what it's like to not fit in? The Zaza-Alevi people living in Germany do. They consider themselves Muslims but have retained some ancient beliefs, giving them the label "heretic" by orthodox Sunni Muslims. They consider themselves to be Kurdish, but their language is unintelligible to Kurds. The Turks also do not accept the Zaza-Alevi as Turkish. The Zaza people speak German at work, Turkish in their neighborhoods and Northern Zazaki at home.

Ministry Obstacles

Because of being rejected and set apart, the Zaza-Alevi tend to be protective of their language and culture. This is a wall that believers will have trouble penetrating.

Outreach Ideas

The JESUS Film is available in Northern Zazaki, the heart language of the Zaza. German churches can reach out and help the Zaza learn German, enroll their children in schools and settle into their new country.

Prayer Focus

There may be few if any Christian believers among the Zaza-Alevi of



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POPULATION: 31,000

LANGUAGE: Zazaki, Northern

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: vUnreached

Germany. If there are, pray that the Lord would bring them together under the banner of Christ. Pray that the Lord would convict the hearts of the Zaza of their need of the only savior and his forgiveness. Ask the Lord to raise up disciples among the Zaza-Alevi of Germany in this decade.

SCRIPTURE Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 139:23-24, ESV

PRAY that many from this people group will have the kind of intimacy with the Lord that it takes to purge their lives of anything that offends him.

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