## Kenyan Arab in Kenya



he (Coastal) Kenyan Arabs live in fishing villages along the coasts of Tanzania and Kenya in an area known as the Coastal Belt. They are concentrated in some of the ancient settlements along the coast and in cities such as Mombasa and on Kenya's Lamu Islands. Their culture is still very similar to that of the first Arabs (desert nomads or Bedouins), and refer to their ancestors as the "true" Arabs. Virtually all Muslim, many believe that the Koran provides hope for a better life for now and for eternity.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

Because of their strong adherence to Islam, Kenyan Arabs have been reluctant to accept the idea of Jesus as Savior. They need the JESUS Film and radio broadcasts to be widely available.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Some of the Kenyan Arabs also believe in spirits, so they practice magic to gain their favor. They would welcome Christ's servants who come as his hands to heal the sick and spiritually stricken.

## **Prayer Focus**

The few Christian believers from this



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POPULATION: 16,000
LANGUAGE: Swahili

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete STATUS: Unreached

background need to allow the Holy Spirit to shine brightly among their Muslim neighbors. Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers to the Kenyan Arabs and for persons of peace to welcome them. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Arabs of Kenya this decade.

**SCRIPTURE** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Psalm 8:1

**PRAY** Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great!