

Omani Arabs in Oman



Omani Arabs were among the first people in the Middle East to accept Islam. Most Omani people belong to the Ibadi sect of Islam, one of the religion's oldest and most traditional branches. Ibadi principles of puritanism (including reverence for the text of the Koran) and idealism have greatly influenced Arabs in neighboring countries as well. Omani Arabs are averse to change in general, especially when they think it could threaten cultural traditions.

Obstacles

The Omani Arabs are strongly committed to Islam. To follow Jesus in this environment would be difficult, as it would break their traditions of “puritanism.”

Outreach Ideas

English language schools and hospitals are great options for missionaries coming into Oman. Missionaries can train for teaching English and nursing in their home countries before going on the field.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the few followers of Christ among the Omani Arabs to find each



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POPULATION: 2,255,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Omani Spoken

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

other, and fellowship together. Pray they would be faithful witnesses. Pray that a strong movement to Jesus would bring whole Omani families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessings.

SCRIPTURE Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
- (Luke 24:45)

PRAY *the minds of this people group will be opened to understand God's word by the Spirit Himself.*