Arabic-speaking Algerians in France



In Algeria, there is a gray line between the more powerful Arab population and the less powerful indigenous Berber peoples. Originally, North Africa was dominated by the Berber peoples who were once Christians. As centuries went by and with several invasions of Muslim Arabs, the Berbers were "Arabized," and some mixed with and married the Arabs, causing a blend of cultures. The two groups get even more confusing when they migrate to France, where they live and work side by side.

Ministry Obstacles

Traditions are extremely important to the Muslim Berbers. Giving up their Muslim identity and replacing it with anything else would set them apart as "different," resulting in being ostracized by those they care about.

Outreach Ideas

Several mission agencies have focused on the Arabized Berbers living in European nations, but they have had little success. They need new strategies, such as reaching women who traditionally stay fairly cloistered in Muslim families.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Algerians in France will shine



■ al-JEER-ee-uhn POPULATION: 477,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Algerian Spoken

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

with the light of Jesus, drawing others to His throne of grace. Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ among the Algerian Berbers both in Algeria and in Europe. Pray for God to soften the hearts of Algerian Muslims, so they would know that they can never be right with God except by the work of a holy and sinless Savior.

SCRIPTURE The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in Him. Nah 1:7

PRAY Pray that this people group takes refuge in the Lord.