

Azeris in Armenia



Armenia was the first nation to become officially Christian. It is located between the nations of Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkey, and Jordan. However, there are Muslim Azeris that also live in Armenia. Ethnic violence has erupted between the Muslim Azeris and Christian Armenians through the ages, and recently there was a war. In attempts to maintain their Azeri culture, they usually marry their first cousins.

Ministry Obstacles

The long-standing bitterness between Azeri Muslims and Armenian Christians keeps Azeris from giving Christ a chance to transform their lives. For the Azeris, there is a strong sense of ethnic identity tied to their Muslim religion. To forsake Islam is to the Azeris is akin to betraying their people and joining forces with the enemy.

Outreach Ideas

The Bible and JESUS Film are available in the Azeri language and most Azeris are literate. Opportunities to share these resources by non-Armenians could go a long way. Also, honest Christian businessmen could earn the respect of their Azeri associates and win the opportunity to share Christ.



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POPULATION: 15,000

LANGUAGE: Azerbaijani, North

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to call long-term missionaries to go to Armenia and share Christ with the Azeris. Pray for prayer teams to be raised up to break up the soil through worship and intercession that will draw Azeris to Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE O Lord, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat. Ps 25:1-2, NLT

PRAY for many from today's people group to give their entire lives to God.