## Azeri in Moldova



hile the origins of the Azerbaijanis, (also known as the Azeris), are unclear, we do know that they have been subjected to numerous invasions throughout their history. The homeland of the Azeris was first conquered by the Persians in the sixth century B.C. Islam was introduced into the area during the seventh century A.D. and has been practiced there ever since. By the eleventh century, Persian influence was overpowered by Turkic influence, which explains the blending of Turkic and Persian aspects of their culture. The Azerbaijanis scattered around the same time as the Turks, between the sixth and the eleventh centuries. A small number of them live in what is now Moldova.

## Ministry Obstacles

Islam has been part of the Azeri identity for centuries. That will not change without the Holy Spirit doing what no man can do.

## **Outreach Ideas**

There are Christ followers among the Azeris in Mondova who can reach their families and communities for Christ.

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray for dedicated, Holy Spirit anointed



**◀**É uh-ZARE-ee POPULATION: 2,100

LANGUAGE: Azerbaijani, North

**RELIGION: Islam BIBLE: Complete** STATUS: Unreached

workers to go to the Azeris wherever they live. Pray for spiritual discernment and hunger among these Shia Muslims. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among Azeri family heads, so they will be willing to listen to the gospel with open hearts and minds. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among Azeris.

**SCRIPTURE** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

**PRAY** that this people group learns to walk humbly with the Lord.