

Narisati Nuristanis in Afghanistan



The Nuristani people groups are unique amid others living in Afghanistan – so unique they cannot be viewed through a single lens. Their only common threads may be religion, ethnicity and remnants of customs pre-dating their collective conversion to Islam little more than 100 years ago. Most Nuristani subsist as farmers and herders but in this remote and difficult to access region where steep, narrow paths challenge even mules and transport is mostly on foot. Some of the men are employed by logging or illicit gem mining enterprises. There are several Nuristani peoples, one of which are the Narisati.

Ministry Obstacles

A lack of adequate infrastructure keeps potential missionaries away from the Nuristani peoples.

Outreach Ideas

Developing a sense of group cohesiveness may take decades to achieve, but a remark from a Nuristani individual offers promise: "We are facing injustice in Afghanistan but hopefully the new generation of Nuristan will make it a heaven for tourists, not a haven for terrorists." Their region is noted for beauty. If they can someday develop a tourist industry, believers can potentially take Christ to these people who are half-heartedly Muslim.



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POPULATION: 148,000

LANGUAGE: Kati

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for Christian believers to go to the Narisati people. Pray for the Lord to reveal Himself to Narisati leaders through dreams and visions. Pray for a spiritual hunger that will not be satisfied by anything other than Jesus Christ. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Narisati Nuristanis.

SCRIPTURE And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Acts 4:29-30

PRAY for boldness and love among the workers who go to today's people group.

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