

Mountain Jew in Azerbaijan



The Jews in Azerbaijan believe they are descended from Jews taken captive by the Assyrians and displaced to the cities of the Medes. The Jews from the Assyrian captivity spoke a dialect of Old Persian, upon which the Azerbaijani Jewish Tat language is based. Because of their unique history and culture, the Jews of Azerbaijan have a strong sense of identity. Although they have much in common with other Jews around the world, they have a very distinctive lifestyle. Many of these Jews are Ashkenazim, which means they are descendants of Jews who inhabited the Germanic region of Europe. After World War II, they lived in the Caucasus Mountains of the Soviet Union. Today, they are known as the “mountain Jews” and remain scattered in the mountains of Azerbaijan. Some continue to follow the Law of Moses while others have intermarried with Muslims.



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POPULATION: 15,000
LANGUAGE: Judeo-Tat
RELIGION: Ethnic Religions
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

Ministry Obstacles

Reaching them will require overcoming entrenched religious systems and geographical barriers.

Outreach Ideas

Though their location presents a challenge, Scripture resources are available in their languages. Workers

willing to take these resources to the mountain villages could see much fruit.

Prayer Focus

Pray that they would be open to hearing about their Messiah. Pray for Holy Spirit anointed laborers who will invest themselves in reaching this precious people group.

SCRIPTURE Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!
Psalm 68:4

PRAY May today's people group feel His holy presence when they worship him.