

Chechens in Turkey



After Chechnya declared their independence from Russia in 1991, Russian troops have repeatedly invaded the Chechen homeland to regain control. Especially during the last 30 years, Chechens have attempted to find peace in other countries like Turkey, where they have a large community in Istanbul. Those who live in Turkey have found peace, and they live among the Turks, who speak a similar language. Today Chechens in Turkey work in oil refineries and breed fine-fleeced sheep.

Ministry Obstacles

Throughout their history, there have been conversions to Christianity, but the last time this happened was during the 17th century. It is highly unlikely that there are Chechen believers in Turkey, so if they hear the gospel in that country, it will need to come from those outside their community. About 83 percent are Muslim, and the remaining are secularized.

Outreach Ideas

It will be very difficult, but believers can much more easily reach Chechens in Istanbul than in Chechnya. Perhaps someone can discreetly take the JESUS Film and other gospel materials to them in their relatively new homeland.



POPULATION: 112,000

LANGUAGE: Chechen

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for believers to take Christ to the Chechens in Turkey. Pray for a spiritual interest on the part of Chechens' leading their elders to allow people to share Christ with their people. Pray for an undying movement to Christ among the Chechens.

SCRIPTURE Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Ps 32:10

PRAY *for many from this people group to notice this stark difference and turn to the Lord.*