

Afar in Eritrea



The Afar are a nomadic, Muslim people who live Ethiopia, Eritrea and Djibouti in northeast Africa.

They reside and work in one of the harshest, most desolate deserts in the world. The Afar take care of goats, camels, sheep and cattle. A man's wealth is measured by how many animals he owns. After a 30-year war, Eritrea gained independence from Ethiopia in 1993. However, independence has not brought peace. There has been constant warfare between different ethnic groups in Ethiopia and Eritrea. As rainfall is sporadic, famine is common among the Afar.

Ministry Obstacles

Islam is an integral part of Afar culture. To become a follower of Christ will bring persecution from one's family and community. Ministry to nomadic peoples is particularly difficult.

Outreach Ideas

Medical and veterinary teams can bring modern medicine to the Afar and their animals.

Prayer Focus

A tiny church exists among the Afar. Pray that the Lord would protect his



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POPULATION: 296,000

LANGUAGE: Afar

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Afar church and cause them to share the gospel with their family and neighbors. Ask the Lord to send loving workers to the Afar in Eritrea. Pray that a just, lasting peace would come to the Horn of Africa. Pray that the Lord would lead the Afar to tune to gospel radio programs.

SCRIPTURE And one called to another and said: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! Isa 6:3

PRAY that many from this people group will experience and respond to God's holiness.