

Zaza-Dimli in Turkey



Dimli means "of Dailam", and it is likely these people are descendants of Dailamites (residents of a mountainous southwestern region of the Caspian sea called Dailam). They have been fierce warriors, focused on conquest. The Dimli differ from the Kurds in two ways: language and religion. They have a distinct dialect, and are seen as heretics by the Kurds, who are Sunnis. The Dimli follow Alevi Shiite religious traditions.

Ministry Obstacles

There is a need for Scripture and other language-based resources in the language of the Zaza-Dimli.

Outreach Ideas

Gospel radio broadcasts will be helpful, but sustained prayer is needed for the Zaza-Dimli.

Prayer Focus

Pray the few believers among the Zaza-Dimli will grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and communities. There are few if any followers of Jesus among this people group, but pray for those



POPULATION: 1,740,000

LANGUAGE: Zazaki, Southern

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: None

STATUS: Unreached

that will soon be evident. Pray that Zaza-Dimli believers will be well grounded in Scripture, and will be zealous to grow in the faith. Pray for these people to live peaceful lives, establishing good relationships with the Turkish government and other ethnic groups.

SCRIPTURE Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord; praise His name. Each day proclaim the good news that He saves. Ps 96:1-2

PRAY Let many from today's people group sing a new song of praise to the Lord.