

Domari Romani in the UAE



The Romani Domari (Gypsies) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are made up of two groups, the Ghorati and Nawari. Originally coming from India, most of them roam in small caravans throughout the UAE. They often camp outside of urban locations where they attempt to earn a living through manual jobs, begging or selling trinkets. A few provide street entertainment through their music and dancing. They face discrimination and rarely manage to advance out of poverty. They speak their traditional Romani language blended with Arabic words. Romanis value their family units and help each other when the need arises. They have their own form of justice in which council members decide the verdicts for members who break their social code. Although most in the UAE are culturally folk Muslims, some have become Christians.

Ministry Obstacles

Their wandering form of life, fear of persecution, mistrusting outsiders and a lack of ability to understand words presented to them in the Bible all provide obstacles.

Outreach Ideas

There are some believers among them in the UAE who can lead others into a movement to Christ. Believers can provide them with gospel recordings and radios.



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POPULATION: 70,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Gulf Spoken

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that every effort to reach the Romani people would be blessed by God so they will accept His truth and direction and rejoice in knowing they are loved by Him. Pray for the Romani Domari to be blessed physically and spiritually in the UAE.

SCRIPTURE We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 2 Cor 10:3-5

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to give new believers among today's people group victory their spiritual battles.

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