

Romani in Afghanistan



The Romani originated in northern India and fled to what is now Afghanistan to escape Muslim invaders, but later they became Muslims themselves! As is common among tribal peoples, their name, “Rom,” means “human.” In general, men make goods and women sell them; it is a matriarchal society. They adopt the religion of the nearby majority people. Most Romani of Afghanistan speak two languages, their Domari language and Afghan Persian.

Ministry Obstacles

Nomadism works against evangelizing them, as does their low literacy rate, which limits ways to take them the gospel. They are often unwelcomed and distrusted, and they lack citizenship. Afghanistan is closed to missionaries and evangelism.

Outreach Ideas

They need “tentmakers,” medical workers, and literacy teachers to point the way to Christ. They need personal evangelism and radio broadcasts in their heart languages.

Prayer Focus

Pray for tactful boldness and love among believers. Pray for spiritual growth and the development of leadership. Pray for



POPULATION: 11,000

LANGUAGE: Domari

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

radio broadcast of Bible stories. Pray that they would become increasingly open to believers within their community. Pray the Afghan government’s refusal to recognize them with citizenship will open them to Kingdom citizenship. Pray that God would send them dreams and vision of Christ that will lead them to movements.

SCRIPTURE Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies. Ps 107:2

PRAY for this people group to call out to the Lord to redeem them from sin, their main enemy.