Harari in Ethiopia



ntil recent times the Harari people lived in and near the ancient city of Harar in West Central Ethiopia. Harar is a center for Muslim learning. Most Harari made their living by trade. On market days the Harar buy and sell agricultural and manufactured products with the different peoples who live in the area. Harari parents strongly encourage their children to marry within their group. They speak their language of Harari only among their families and group. Harari women are not required to wear a Muslim dress, and they often take part in business ventures, which is not the norm in many Muslim societies.

Obstacles

Virtually all Harari are Sunni Muslims. They have been Muslims for over 500 years. Most Harari do not make friends with people outside of their group.

Outreach Ideas

Ethiopian believers can build business relationships with the Harari and share the love of Jesus. Medical teams can go to the Harari and help them in practical ways.



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POPULATION: 56,000

LANGUAGE: Harari RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to send Spirit-filled believers to the Harari. Pray the Holy Spirit would create an openness among the Harari for learning about Jesus. Pray the complete Bible would soon be translated into the Harari language.

SCRIPTURE Truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. Jn 5:24

PRAY that today's people group listens to the God's message and believes in the good news of their salvation.

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