

Hazara in the UAE



The Hazaras in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are originally from central Afghanistan, and their Asian facial features and Shi'ite form of Islam makes them stand out in both countries. Persecution has shaped and defined the Hazaras in Afghanistan, particularly over the last 200 years. More than half were massacred in 1893. In recent decades they have been physically attacked and denied political power, though they are among the largest minorities in Afghanistan. Under these circumstances, many have fled to the UAE. Most of the people of the UAE are non-citizens, including the Hazaras. Some Hazaras are unskilled workers, while others have high-paying jobs. There are many notable Hazaras who are well educated.

Ministry Obstacles

The Hazaras are Shi'ite Muslims in a Sunni Muslim land, the UAE. Though this country has more religious tolerance than others in the Persian Gulf region, it would be difficult to evangelize the Hazara people without running into obstacles from Muslims.

Outreach Ideas

Radio broadcasts and mailed gospel materials might work in an environment where the gospel must come under the radar screen.

SCRIPTURE ... to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me. Acts 26:18

PRAY for God to send spiritual light and truth to this people group.



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POPULATION: 101,000

LANGUAGE: Hazaragi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Hazaras to find safe refuge and good jobs in the UAE. Pray for the Hazaras in the UAE to have the chance to hear about Jesus and respond to His invitation to become part of the Kingdom of God. Pray for a church planting movement among the Hazaras in the UAE.