## Hazara in Afghanistan



an you name a Muslim people who have been persecuted by other Muslims within their own country? The Shia Hazara of Afghanistan have been the recipients of attacks by Afghan Sunni Muslims for centuries. At one time the Hazaras formed half the population of the nation whereas today they make up only about one tenth. Some Hazara have settled in cities, but the majority still carry on their traditional, nomadic lifestyle of seasonal migration with their herds of goats, sheep, cattle and horses.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

The areas where the Hazara live are difficult to reach in summer and nearly impossible to enter in winter. Also, if a Hazara person becomes a follower of Christ, their community will see them as a traitor to their people and treat them as such.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Teams of medical professionals can visit the Hazara and encourage them to allow the Great Physician to heal them.

## **Prayer Focus**

A tiny fraction of the Hazara has become believers. Pray they find



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POPULATION: 3,891,000
LANGUAGE: Hazaragi
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

fellowship with others and they will grow in the Holy Spirit together. Pray for peace in Afghanistan and that Hazara parents will be able to provide for their children. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Hazaras this decade.

**SCRIPTURE** Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait. Lam 3:21-24

**PRAY** that soon members of today's people group will embrace the love and compassion of the Lord. Pray that they become part of His portion.

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