Iraqi Arabs in the UAE



What makes an Arab an Arab? They populate most of the Middle East and 22 countries. The two most common traits that all Arabs have is their language, Arabic, and their shared cultural values. Iraqi Arabs began to migrate to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) because of instability at home. Students make up a large portion of the immigration to the UAE in light of its reputable institutions across the Middle East.

Ministry Obstacles

Iraqi Arabs often identify heavily with Islam, and they automatically reject anything that sounds Christian to them. Breaking down the "walls" that prevent Iraqi Arabs from hearing and receiving the gospel will take much prayer and wisdom.

Outreach Ideas

Sending professional missionaries (doctors, engineers, etc.) who can interact on a personal or professional way will give more opportunities to share Christ with them. They should also show respect for their culture and attempt to learn more about it. In doing so, they can offer an exchange of ideas, giving an opportunity to tell them about Jesus and the salvation He offers.



◀≑ ee-RAH-kee POPULATION: 51,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Mesopotamian

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that Iraqi Arabs would respond to prayers for them to have a curiosity about Christ and that the Holy Spirit would soften their hearts. Pray for a Christ-ward movement among Iraqi Arabs, not only in the UAE but also in Iraq.

SCRIPTURE I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. Eph 3:16-17

PRAY Make this your prayer for today's people group.

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