Kabyle Berbers in France



he word "Berber" is a derivative of the word that the Romans gave the Kabyle Berbers, meaning "barbarian." The Kabyle Berbers mostly inhabit the rugged mountainous area of northern Africa. They are very family oriented, so their lives center around family traditions and activities. When job opportunities dwindled in their North African homeland, many immigrated to France. Originally, the men would immigrate, live in dormitory-like structures, and send their paychecks home to their families. Now, entire families have immigrated to France, but their opportunities for employment have dwindled with France's struggling economy.

Ministry Obstacles

France has severely restricted immigration due to COVID-19. Some family members have not been able to join their employed family member but remain isolated and alone in North Africa.

Outreach Ideas

Language study always presents an opportunity for outreach. Often, it is only the employed male in the family who can speak French. There is a real opportunity for believers to reach out to Berber women who need language skills to thrive in the work world. The children will learn French in school, but the women are the most difficult to reach.



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POPULATION: 714,000

LANGUAGE: Amazigh

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: vUnreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for a people movement to Christ to come about as these vulnerable people find that Jesus offers comfort and hope during difficult times. Pray for Berber women to be open to invitations from Christian women to join them in fellowship and hospitality. Pray for the children to be invited to Christian events where they can hear the gospel.

SCRIPTURE Yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! Hab 3:18

PRAY this people group learns to rejoice in the Lord and His salvation.