Karaite Jews in Poland

The Karaite community dates to ancient Persia. This group of Jews claims to be non-Palestinian and non-rabbinical; hence they managed to avoid anti-Jewish pogroms and the Holocaust. Not all Jews have accepted them as Jews. Although most live in Israel today, a few remain in Poland, where the live in cities. Karaites are Torah-only Jews. In this, they parallel ancient Sadducees. Nonetheless, they are Sabbath-keeping separatists who practice ritual cleansing. Unlike traditional Jews, they trace their Jewishness through the father.

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POPULATION: 200
LANGUAGE: Polish
RELIGION: Ethnic religions
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Ministry Obstacles
Thanks to the Nazi Holocaust, they are closed to the gospel. Also, their Torah-only philosophy closes them to the New Testament. Their belief that the concrete in Scripture is just metaphor, closes them to prophetic fulfillment of messianic prophecies.

Outreach Ideas
Friendship evangelism may work. Because there is some limited Jewish-Gentile marriage, such may open them to the gospel through marriage counseling. Messianic Jewish witness may work.

Prayer Focus
Pray for spiritual openness among the Karaites. Pray that Christian witness will be seen as an act of love, not an act of anti-Semitism. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the Karaite community into firm faith in Jesus Christ as messiah.

SCRIPTURE In the path of your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul. Isa 26:8

PRAY *that many from this people group will trust the Lord, obey him, and glorify his name through their actions.*