Karakalpak in Uzbekistan



The name "Karakalpak" comes from two words: "Kara" meaning black and "Kalpak" meaning hat. They refer to themselves as Qaraqalpaqs, while the Uzbeks call them Qoraqalpogs. Karakalpaks are followers of the dominant Sunni sect of Islam. It is probable that they adopted Islam between the 10th and 13th centuries. Karakalpaks are well known for their devotion to their religion. Some adhere to Dervish orders that stress an emotional response to Allah.

Ministry Obstacles

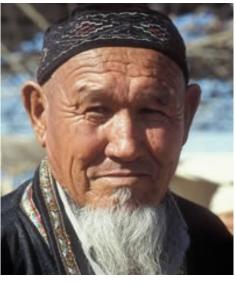
The Karakalpak have been Muslim for centuries and their identity is tied to their religion. It will be difficult for them to put their identity in Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Loving ambassadors of Christ need to take Christ to the Karakalpak people. Perhaps culturally appropriate songs and skits would work well for taking them the gospel.

Prayer Focus

Pray for a Karakalpak church to emerge, spreading from household to household. At this time, we know



■ kar-ah-KAHL-pahk POPULATION: 756,000 LANGUAGE: Karakalpak RELIGION: Islam BIBLE: Complete STATUS: Unreached

of no Karakalpak believers in Uzbekistan. Pray for the blessings of Jesus Christ will reach the Karakalpak community. Pray for many to put all their faith in his blood atonement and resurrection.

SCRIPTURE If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting. (2 John 1:10)

PRAY that todays' people group rejects false teachers and false doctrine.