

Khvarshin in Russia



The Khvarshin people living in the southwest mountains of Dagestan in Russia have lived a hard life for decades. From 1944-1957, the Soviets forcibly relocated them out of their mountain homeland and into the lowlands of Chechnya. In the years following, they were allowed to return, but those who did found their villages in ruins. Though some houses have been rebuilt, many ruins still remain – a testament to the hardships they have endured. The Khvarshin are considered to be Sunni Muslims since they adopted Islam centuries ago though in practice, they maintain the traditions of animism and shamanism.

Ministry Obstacles

The 4,000 Khvarshin have their own unique language, but it is not widely known. In addition, mountain villages may not be easy to reach.

Outreach Ideas

There are ways to get radio and TV messages to these remote people. In the spring of 2017, heaven rejoiced as the very first member of the Kvarshin entered the kingdom of God. Pray that through the transformation of one, the Khvarshin people would come to know the God of heaven, who sees them, knows them, and calls them home.



POPULATION: 4,200

LANGUAGE: Khvarshi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Khvarshin would find peace, refreshment and economic recovery from the God whose name is Jehovah Jireh, the provider. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Khvarshin people this decade.

SCRIPTURE Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.” Is 6:5

PRAY that there will soon be a heart-felt understanding of personal sin and the need for God’s redemption among this people group.