Kumzari in Oman



he Kumzari are in northern Oman at the northernmost part of the Musandam Peninsula. They live primarily in the seacoast town of Kumzar and also in Khasab and Diba. Kumzari houses are built extremely close together. In fact, the only gap among the crowded houses is a narrow drainage channel for the village. The Kumzari are entirely Muslim, but they have their own type of folk Islam which combines Islam with their pre-Islamic practices. They believe in a she-devil who casts shadows and walks around in rags, carrying a basket. She is believed to cause miscarriages in pregnant women. They also are said to believe in monstrous creatures of various kinds.

Ministry Obstacles

The Kumzari can only be reached by boat or plane.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for Christian radio to become available widely throughout Oman and even in the language of the Kumzari people. Pray the people would learn of these broadcasts and that the Lord would give them understanding as they listen.



√ kum-ZAR-ee POPULATION: 5,100 LANGUAGE: Kumzari RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

It is very unlikely there are any followers of Jesus today among the Kumzari people. Pray the Lord would remember this small people group living in an isolated part of Muslim Oman. They need to hear of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. Revelation 3:15-16

PRAY that believers in this people group become passionate in their zeal for the true God and His Son.

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