

Northern Kurds in Germany



It may be surprising, but there are unreached people groups in Germany. The Northern Kurds migrated from Turkey and Iran, fleeing the wars between Ottoman Turkey and Tsarist Russia. In the early 1950s, Germany had a labor shortage, and they allowed temporary "guest workers" from Turkey to enter. Among the peoples from Turkey, there were Kurmanji-speaking Kurds, otherwise known as the Northern Kurds. Although some Northern Kurds farm, most live in German cities and have access to houses, medical facilities, schools and political opportunities.

Ministry Obstacles

Conforming to their strong Muslim traditions, Kurds are resistant to religious confrontation and change. To them, Islam is one of their cultural anchors that they can keep in marginally Christian Germany. They also view Islam as the religion that brings about social justice.

Outreach Ideas

As many Kurds are urbanized, Christ's ambassadors can become schoolteachers and health workers in Kurdish neighborhoods. This can be a platform for reaching these unreached Kurds.

Prayer Focus

Very few follow Christ. Pray for these few believers to reach out because of love for those without a gospel witness. Pray that the Holy Spirit would stir the



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POPULATION: 546,000

LANGUAGE: Kurdish, Northern

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

hearts of Kurmanji-speaking Kurds in Germany so that the Lord can show them the limitations of man-made traditions and religious customs. Pray that God would convict their hearts of the true prophet, priest, and King, leading to a movement to Christ. Pray that God will convict their hearts of the true prophet, priest, and King, leading to a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE The time is surely coming, says the Sovereign Lord, when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the Lord. Amos 8:11

PRAY *that the Bible becomes available to this people group. Pray that they listen to and obey the words of the Lord.*