

Mahra in Saudi Arabia



The Mahra people are few and they are scattered in three countries, including southeastern Saudi Arabia. They speak their own dialect of Arabic but they are not Arabs. They are semi-nomadic pastoralists who engage in some agriculture part of the year. The men have only one wife and they are Sunni Muslims, although they are probably not as devout as Saudi Arabs. As a society, they have social ranking and are led by a sheikh. They are a cultural minority.

Ministry Obstacles

The chief ministry obstacle is political; they live in Saudi Arabia and two Gulf states that have no freedom of religion. The second obstacle is their faith in the Islamic religious system rather than Christ. The third obstacle is nomadism, which makes it hard to reach them.

Outreach Ideas

Satellite television and radio might be good ways to reach these nomads.

Prayer Focus

Pray that they would tune into Christian broadcasts on television and radio and open themselves to the



🔊 MAE-rah
POPULATION: 24,000
LANGUAGE: Mehri
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

gospel. Pray for Holy Spirit-driven dreams and visions of Jesus. Pray for the few believers to winsomely be witnesses of Jesus and that they would be prepared to answer questions concerning Him and visions and dreams of Him.

SCRIPTURE For the Lord gave us this command when he said, ‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.’” Acts 13:47

PRAY *that the believers in today’s people group become God’s light to their own group and to the nations of the world.*