## Makua, Makhuwa-Meetto in Mozambique



The Makua are a people of Mozambique, Tanzania and surrounding areas who once were major suppliers of iron ore and tools. Those who live on the coast are generally Muslim and those in inland areas adhere to their own African traditional religion. During the days of the slave trade, they were characterized as "barbarians" by Swahili slavers. Today there is a sizeable Makua diaspora. Some live as far away as South Africa.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

On the coast, the major obstacle is Islam. Elsewhere, the problem is that the Church has not made the effort to reach them. They are an unreached people by default.

## **Outreach Ideas**

The Makua people need to be adopted by African churches. They can use culturally appropriate music and dance that would be readily understood and embraced by the Makua people.

## **Prayer Focus**

There are believers among the Makua who can take Christ to their own families and communities. Pray



**■** mah-KOO-ah POPULATION: 1,259,000

LANGUAGE: Makhuwa-Meetto RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete STATUS: Unreached

for them to do this with both boldness and love. Pray that they will persevere. Pray they will be challenged to see Jesus as the Creator who came to bring them to himself. Pray for spiritual discernment and a hunger for Jesus Christ.

**SCRIPTURE** Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; Psalm 146:6, ESV

**PRAY** that God's wonderous works of creation will draw many from this people group to the Throne of Grace.

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