

Maldivians in the Maldives



Most of the Maldivians are fishermen, merchants and boat builders who take advantage of their position in the center of Indian Ocean trade routes. Despite their trade travels, the Maldivians have been influenced little by the outside world. Each inhabited island has its own chief, and no one may leave or come onto the island without the chief's knowledge. Islamic law is the law of the land, marriage with a non-Muslim is illegal, and all the children bear Arabic names. Ironically, however, the Islamic religion is only a ritualistic tradition that most people nominally follow. Many Maldivians embrace folk beliefs.

Ministry Obstacles

Access to the Maldives is quite restricted, and any kind of Christian witness is prohibited. Maldivians have never been open to the gospel of grace; they cling to various forms of Islam.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for the gospel of Christ to become easily available via radio, television and the internet. Pray that the Lord would raise up witnesses to go and show them the way to the cross.



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POPULATION: 499,000
LANGUAGE: Maldivian
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that the people of the Maldives would soon be delivered from fear. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Maldivian people that will spread from family to family.

SCRIPTURE Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD God, when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. Amos 8:11

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