## Laz in Germany



The Laz (or Mingrelian) are in danger of being absorbed into the much larger Turkish people. The Laz homeland is northeastern Turkey and Georgia. A small group of Laz have migrated to Germany. Young Laz people are learning German and Turkish but often not the language of their grandparents. It is doubtful that the Germans see the Laz as different from the Turks. The Laz people speak German at work and school and Turkish with their neighbors. The Laz, like other Turkish peoples in Germany, often take jobs considered undesirable by the Germans.



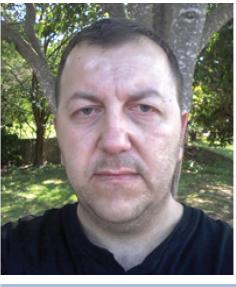
The Laz have been Sunni Muslims since the time of the Ottoman Empire. Islam is an integral part of their identity.

## **Outreach Ideas**

German churches and individuals can build redemptive relationships with the Laz. Respecting the Laz culture and language would provide an opening to share the gospel.

## **Prayer Focus**

A tiny fraction of the Laz in Germany follow Christ. Pray these few



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POPULATION: 1,000 LANGUAGE: Laz

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

believers would resist the pressure to return to Islam and grow in the Christian faith. Pray the Lord would raise up disciples among the Laz of Germany in this decade. Pray the Lord would create a hunger for truth and the word of God among the leaders of the Laz community.

**SCRIPTURE** Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! Psalm 141:2, ESV

**PRAY** Thank him for making your prayers as precious as an incense offering. Thank him that in praise, there is his presence.

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