Orma in Kenya



The Orma are semi-nomadic herders who live in the semi-arid bushlands of southeastern Kenya. They are the southernmost representatives of the once powerful Oromo (Galla) nation of Ethiopia and northern Kenya. They are increasingly in conflict with the neighboring Pokomo people. The Pokomo are farmers or fishermen who live along the Tana River. The Orma are herders and need access to the river to water their herds. All of life for the Orma focuses on the welfare of their cattle and other livestock. The Orma are nearly all Muslim who converted to Islam three or four generations ago.



Apathy among Christians in Kenya is one of the major obstacles in reaching every people group in that nation. Fear of opposition also keeps believers from reaching out to their non-Christian neighbors.

Outreach Ideas

Kenyan believers from other tribes can be sent to reach the Orma people with the gospel.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the few Christian believers among the Orma people would reach



● OR-mah
POPULATION: 96,000
LANGUAGE: Orma
RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament
STATUS: Unreached

their people. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Orma people. Pray for adequate rainfall for the Orma people and for their livestock. Pray for peaceful relations with neighboring tribes.

SCRIPTURE We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you. Jeremiah 14:20

PRAY that soon leaders among this people group will repent of their sins and lead others to do the same.