

Northern Pashtun in Afghanistan



Pashtun kings and emirs (local leaders) ruled Afghanistan from 1747 to 1973, until they were overthrown by the Soviet communists. Since then, the country has been in conflict. The Pashtuns organized the mujahedeen (freedom fighters), and they overthrew the Russians. To maintain power after their victory, Pashtuns founded the Taliban (radical Islamists), which joined Al Qaeda. Unfortunately, the conflict between the Pushtun-based Taliban, especially among the Northern Pashtuns, and the Afghan government (made up of other tribal groups) has not resolved, resulting in ongoing bloodshed.

Ministry Obstacles

The Pashtuns are dedicated to Sunni Islam, and they strongly reject Western values, especially anything they view as anti-Islamic. Pashtun families believe that any member of their family who embraces the Savior brings them dishonor, and there are almost always severe repercussions.

Outreach Ideas

Outreach tools like the internet, radio, JESUS Films and steadfast prayer by believers can go a long way toward making sure they have the chance to hear that Jesus is Lord of lords. This needs to be undergirded with worldwide prayer, so the Lord will intervene in



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POPULATION: 2813,000

LANGUAGE: Pashto, Northern

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Northern Pashtun lives.

Prayer Focus

Pray that every possible opportunity to reach the Pashtuns would give them the chance to know the truth of the gospel. Pray that this would be the decade when an unstoppable movement to Christ begins among the Northern Pashtuns.

SCRIPTURE Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

PRAY *for the Lord is to help today's people group to understand that apart from Him they can do nothing of spiritual and eternal value.*

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