

Northern Pashtun in the United States



The Pashtun have been called the largest Muslim tribal society in the world. They are found in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and now many are living in the United States. There is a large Afghan diaspora in Fremont, CA. They are very famous for their restaurants and exotic markets. Other US states where they have settled include Virginia, New York, and some of the northeastern states. Why have they come to the West? Plagued by instability, endemic corruption and on-going violence, many tens of thousands of Afghan Pashtuns have migrated in search of jobs and opportunities they no longer have in their original homelands.

Ministry Obstacles

Keeping their culture and identity is extremely important to Pashtuns. Embracing Jesus Christ as their Savior must not interfere or threaten their cultural identity.

Outreach Ideas

Reaching the Pashtuns soon after they arrive in the US is key in reaching them for Christ. Offering them hospitality, inviting them to Christian homes for special occasions can give them a real sense of friendship in hopes of introducing them to mankind's "best friend" Jesus who wants to bless them. Radio programs in their language can be another tool for reaching them.

SCRIPTURE Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3

PRAY that many in this people group are born again and enter into the Kingdom of God.



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POPULATION: 151,000

LANGUAGE: Pashto, Northern

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ among the Pashtun diaspora that will spread far and wide! Pray for the American church to strengthen efforts to reach the unreached Pashtun and other unreached people groups in their midst. Pray for spiritual hunger among the Pashtuns in America.