Afghan Tajiks in Afghanistan



When does a Tajik speak Dari instead of Tajik? When he lives in Afghanistan! The Tajiks make up about one-fourth of Afghanistan's population. Originally a tribal group, they abandoned strict organizational structure long ago. However, cultural traditions are guarded and observed—traditions that survived centuries of invasion by forces ranging from ancient Arab hordes to recent Taliban fighters.

Ministry Obstacles

The Tajiks in Afghanistan have been Muslim for many hundreds of years. Though they acknowledge Jesus as an honored prophet, they do not view Him as the only way to God.

Outreach Ideas

Because the Afghans do not have a high literacy rate, the gospel can probably best come to them using oral means. A few possibilities are videos, recordings, radio, skits, and stories from Scripture.

Prayer Focus

Pray for followers of Jesus in Afghanistan to be effective in demonstrating how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities. Pray for the handful of believers among the



■ AHF-gahn TAH-jeek
POPULATION: 10,831,000
LANGUAGE: Dari
RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete STATUS: Unreached

Tajiks of Afghanistan. Pray for their protection, and that they will be full of the fruit of God's Spirit - love, joy and peace. Pray for peace in Afghanistan, for a stable government and for improved living conditions. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Tajiks of Afghanistan.

SCRIPTURE The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Ps 19:7, NLT

PRAY that this people group will find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.