

Pomak in Greece



The name Pomak means, "people who have suffered." The Pomaks are a Slavic people who live in the Balkan region of southern Europe. Some consider them to be a subgroup of the Bulgarians since they speak a Bulgarian dialect, have Bulgarian physical features, and have cultural practices like the Bulgarians. They are distinguished, however, by their non-Bulgarian names and their devotion to Islam rather than to Orthodox Christianity. In Greece, the Pomak economy is based on agriculture. Raising animals such as cows, goats and sheep is also very important. Pomak women are renowned for their excellent weaving abilities. Many Pomaks also earn their income as migrant workers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Pomaks in Greece are virtually all Muslim, and their religion makes up an integral part of their ethnic identity. They are guarded against other spiritual input.

Outreach Ideas

All kinds of Christian materials, including a complete Bible, are in Bulgarian. The JESUS Film and the Magdalena film can allow Jesus to speak for himself. First, someone needs to distribute them in Pomak communities.



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POPULATION: 30,000

LANGUAGE: Bulgarian

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that family-based movement to Christ will soon transform Pomak society, blessing them spiritually and economically. Pray for Pomak decision makers in Greece to open their communities to Christ's ambassadors.

SCRIPTURE For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Psalm 135:5

PRAY *that they will understand that there is no god as great as God, the one who gives us all we need.*