

# Qizilbash in Pakistan



**T**he main difference between Qizilbash tribes and other Turkic people is that they are Shia Muslims. Therefore, the name Qizilbash is usually applied to them only. Though they are no longer a cohesive group of people, they hold on to their ethnic pride. Those who live in either Turkic countries or Pakistan are a religious minority since their neighbors are Sunni Muslim. Sometimes there is violence against Shia Muslims in Pakistan. In Pakistan, they are often urban professionals: doctors, teachers, engineers and lawyers.

## Obstacles

The Qizilbash regard their rulers as divine figures and are considered by orthodox Shias as fanatics. This builds even more of a wall between themselves and the Christ who came to save all nations.

## Outreach Ideas

Perhaps Christ followers can provide the JESUS Film, songs and skits for Qizilbash families. These can offer a way for them to hear why Jesus is truly the only way, the truth and the life.

## Prayer Focus

**SCRIPTURE** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Acts 2:28

**PRAY** the Lord makes known to today's people group the true path of life. Pray they learn to rejoice in God's presence.



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**POPULATION:** 5,300  
**LANGUAGE:** Dari  
**RELIGION:** Islam  
**BIBLE:** Complete  
**STATUS:** Unreached

Pray for the Holy Spirit to open Qizilbash hearts to Jesus as the only one worthy of their devotion. Pray for dreams and visions for Qizilbash leaders that will point the way to Jesus Christ. Pray for them to follow up with Bible studies, leading to praying fellowships. Pray for disciples who will make more disciples.