Rashaida in Eritrea



The Rashaida are a Bedouin people, who populate either side of the Red Sea and came from a major tribe in mainland Arabia about 150 years ago. They are a nomadic people who live in tents made of goatskin, and they are herdsmen, raising primarily goats and sheep. Since many do not read, they memorize in great detail the pedigree of their animals, keeping mental records of their herds over seven or eight preceding generations of the flock.

Ministry Obstacles

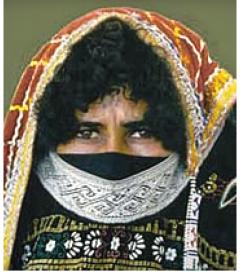
A nomadic lifestyle makes it especially difficult to build relationships with people.

Outreach Ideas

The gospel message needs to come to these people orally, using stories from Scripture, videos, recordings and similar means. Bridges of friendship need to be built.

Prayer Focus

There may be a few followers of Christ among the Rashaida community. Pray for them to become loving ambassadors of Christ to their families and communities.



◀ ruh-shah-EE-dah POPULATION: 51,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Hijazi Spoken

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Audio online STATUS: Unreached

Pray Rashaida families would be able to live peaceful lives. Pray for stability and prosperity in Eritrea. Pray for bold and loving workers to go to the Rashaida people to build God's Church in Eritrea and beyond.

SCRIPTURE That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning." Joel 2:12

PRAY that this people group turns to the Lord and repents of their sins.