

Shahari in Saudi Arabia



Speakers of the Shehri language reside in southwest Oman, on the border with Yemen, which is a mountainous area. Historically, this area was the largest producer of frankincense in the world. The people are said to be increasingly bilingual in Dhofari Arabic, and the Shehri language is marked as threatened by the Ethnologue. A small number live in Saudi Arabia.

Ministry Obstacles

Ministry obstacles include their nomadic lifestyle, illiteracy, and their lack of access to gospel materials. Additionally, there is tremendous community pressure for the Shahari people to remain true to Islam.

Outreach Ideas

Outreach opportunities would include mobile health care units that can serve these nomads. The young people are seeking to improve their lives by moving to cities, so they might be reached in urban centers. Outreach workers could help the Shahari people manage their water resources while telling them about the One who promised living water.

Prayer Focus

Pray for mission groups to specifically



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POPULATION: 43,000

LANGUAGE: Shehri

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

reach out to the young people in cities and start disciple making movements among them. Pray for the youth of these tribes to be able to make needed adjustments to the rapidly changing world in Saudi Arabia. Please pray for gospel radio broadcasts to become available in Dhofari Arabic.

SCRIPTURE My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Psalm 84:2

PRAY *that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who have this kind of heart for being in the presence of the loving Lord.*