Siwa Berber in Egypt



The Siwa people mostly live in the Siwa oasis, a very remote, arid desert location in the far west of Egypt, close to the Libyan border. They live in a compact, walled town and in several outlying villages. The people are culturally closer to the Berbers of Libya than they are to Egyptians and have their own language, Siwah. Wealth distinctions are very important to the Siwa.

Ministry Obstacles

The Siwa oasis is in a very isolated area, and the residents have been somewhat cut off from broader society for hundreds of years. All embrace Sunni Islam. Although the Siwa observe Islamic fundamentals, many pre-Islamic traditional beliefs persist.

Outreach Ideas

Tourists visit the Siwa Oasis, as it has some interesting features. This practice offers some interesting possibilities insofar as bringing the gospel to these people. One way to reach the youth is to help them acquire useful business skills.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to call loving servants to



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POPULATION: 25,000

LANGUAGE: Siwi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

go to Egypt and share Christ. Pray that the doors of Egypt will soon open to workers and evangelistic tools. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of Siwa Berbers and Egyptian leaders towards the gospel. Ask the Lord to raise up a network of strong local churches among Siwa Berbers.

SCRIPTURE I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Psalm 34:1

PRAY May many from this people group praise him at all times!