

# Somali in Ethiopia



The Somalis scatter their population across the Horn of Africa, but many live in Ethiopia. In this neighboring country, they mostly live in the SRS (Somali Regional State), which borders their homeland. However, deep grievances over uncounted atrocities that continue between Ethiopians and Somalis remain embedded in their culture. The SRS contrasts greatly from other Ethiopian states in its different language, segregated social system and justice efforts.

## Ministry Obstacles

Christianity can be associated with Ethiopia, where Orthodox Christianity is the dominant religion. At times, Ethiopian Somalis have suffered human rights abuses by Ethiopian forces, so they have resisted Christian teaching.

## Outreach Ideas

Being that the entire Bible and many Christian resources have been translated into Somali, experts in reconciliation and a deep understanding of East African issues can introduce Christian thought and strategies for forgiveness and healing. A mere handful of Christian Somalis live in the SRS. Pray that they will allow Christ to show his forgiveness for oppressors through them,



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POPULATION: 7,280,000

LANGUAGE: Somali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

and that they will lead a movement for him in the SRS and beyond.

## Prayer Focus

Pray for loving and culturally sensitive workers to be thrust out to the Somalis. Pray for spiritual openness that would lead to a Disciple Making Movement for Somalis in both countries.

**SCRIPTURE** Then I (God) will return to my place until they admit their guilt and turn to me. For as soon as trouble comes, they will earnestly search for me. Hos 5:15

**PRAY** *that the troubles of this people group cause them to seek the Lord and find Him.*