

Somalis in Saudi Arabia



Somalis originated in the horn of Africa, so they are very close to the Arabian Peninsula. Today, many live in Saudi Arabia, and most of those in Saudi Arabia live in urban centers. Traditionally, they are herders, and the more affluent have camels as well. The Somali men consider themselves "warriors," often leaving the women in charge of the herds so that they can train to become more effective fighters since fights are common, especially between different clans. They are Muslims, and they believe in evil spirits that bring sickness by possessing their victims.

Ministry Obstacles

Ministry obstacles include major illiteracy, inability to reach some because of their nomadic lifestyles, and strong allegiance to the Islamic religious system.

Outreach Ideas

Outreach opportunities could involve literacy training for adults as well as for children; however, their language did not have written script until 1972, so few can read. Oral and visual means of sharing the gospel would be more effective with the Somalis.

Prayer Focus

Pray that this would be the decade when



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POPULATION: 73,000

LANGUAGE: Somali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

there is a massive spiritual breakthrough among Somalis in Saudi Arabia and Somalia. Pray for a spiritual hunger among Somalis that will drive them to seek and find the only Savior. Pray for Christ's ambassadors to reach the Somalis in both Saudi Arabia and Somalia.

SCRIPTURE God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now He commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to Him. For He has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man He has appointed, and He proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead. Acts 17:30-31

PRAY for today's people group to repent of their sins and to believe in the God of the Bible.

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