

Swahili in the Democratic Republic of Congo



The name Swahili literally means "coast" and is the name given to several people groups that share a common culture (Uswahili), language (Kiswahili) and religion (Islam). Many of the upper-class Swahili now manage small businesses, do clerical work and teach in schools.

Ministry Obstacles

Islam is deeply ingrained in the worldview of the Swahili people. It will be difficult for them to accept other foundational answers to spiritual questions, such as salvation by Jesus Christ, not by human effort.

Outreach Ideas

The Swahili have recently demonstrated an interest in Western culture. For example, in addition to attending Islamic schools, most children also attend non-religious schools to acquire a Western-style education, where they might be open to outside ideas. Also, traditional Swahili folk medicines are no longer the only means of treating those with illnesses. There are now medical clinics in some areas. Believers can demonstrate the character of Christ as they take care of much needed medical issues.



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POPULATION: 55,000

LANGUAGE: Swahili

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for the small number of Swahili believers to take Christ to their community. Pray for an openness to Christ as being the only way to abundant life and eternal salvation. Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint Swahili believers to take the gospel to their people.

SCRIPTURE All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Psalm 86:9-10, ESV

PRAY for many from this people group to understand this.