



Swahili in Zambia

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 upper-class Swahili manage small businesses, do clerical work, and teach in schools. Those living in cities sometimes own plantations that provide both their income and their food supply. Most lower-class Swahili are farmers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Swahili in Zambia identify with Islam; however, many of their traditional pre-Islamic beliefs and practices still exist. The Swahili have folk explanations for natural occurrences. By African standards, the Swahili are economically prosperous, and this prosperity can render God “unnecessary” in their minds.

Outreach Ideas

Through interest in Western culture, access to televisions, and increased economic and social involvement, Christian workers can meet and engage with Swahili speaking people.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to give the relatively prosperous Swahili people the humility



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POPULATION: 50,000

LANGUAGE: Swahili

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

to come as beggars to the only one who can save them from sin and spiritual death. Ask God to raise up Christian businessmen who will boldly share Christ with the Swahili. Ask the Lord to raise up a network of strong local churches among the Swahili.

SCRIPTURE Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:5-6

PRAY for this people group to understand the vastness of the Lord’s faithfulness and righteousness. May they be drawn to Him.

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