

Tajiks in Tajikistan



Tajikistan is the poorest of the five former Soviet "Stan" countries. Most Tajiks are farmers and shepherds. Seasonal grasses create suitable pastures for raising sheep, goats, cattle, camels, and horses. They also practice a remarkable system of terraced, mountainside irrigation so that wheat and barley can be grown at the higher, dry altitudes. An increasing number of Tajiks have moved to the cities over the past 50 years. Poetry plays an important part in Tajik culture. It is read at important celebrations and often sung. Even the Koran has been put to music.

Ministry Obstacles

These Muslims have been abused by the Russians, and they equate the Russians with Christianity.

Outreach Ideas

Believers can help the Tajiks learn new job skills and provide startup money and training to start small businesses. Most of all the Tajiks need to hear and comprehend the good news about Christ.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Tajik believers will live such holy lives that others will desire to have the same spiritual riches found only in



POPULATION: 7,118,000

LANGUAGE: Tajik

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Christ. Pray that Tajiks would not judge Christianity as a "Russian religion," but see their own need for salvation and the forgiveness of their sins from a sinless savior. Ask God to raise up more long-term missionaries. Ask the Lord to raise up a disciple making movement among the Tajiks in this decade.

SCRIPTURE Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants. Ps 89:14

PRAY that today's people group will seek and find His righteousness and justice. Pray that they will be thankful for His unfailing love.