

Talysh in Azerbaijan



When political leaders decide where borders lie, they often do not take into account the people who actually live in the land. Most Talysh people reside in southeastern Azerbaijan and northeastern Iran near the Caspian Sea. Smaller groups live in Russia and Kazakhstan. The Talysh are primarily farmers and craftsmen. They are especially known for weaving rugs, making jewelry and working with silk and felt products.

Ministry Obstacles

The Talysh have been Muslims for over 1,000 years, and Islam is an integral part of their identity and culture. Becoming a believer in Christ could easily result in persecution by family and community.

Outreach Ideas

Medical teams and humanitarian aid workers can help meet the physical needs of the Talysh. Christian radio programs in the Talysh language could encourage people to want to learn more about Jesus and the Bible.

Prayer Focus

Ask God to give the tiny number of Talysh believers opportunities to share the gospel with their friends and families. Pray the Lord would raise up



POPULATION: 75,000

LANGUAGE: Talysh

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Talysh pastors who can teach the Bible. Pray for greater freedom to proclaim the gospel in Azerbaijan. Pray that the newly printed Talysh New Testament reaches the right people. Pray that each Talysh person gets the opportunity to hear about Jesus and that there will soon be a movement to Christ among them.

SCRIPTURE Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey His commandments will grow in wisdom. Ps 111:10

PRAY for fear of the Lord and wisdom to come to this people group.