

Tihami Arabs in Yemen



The Tihami is the narrow western coastal region of Yemen on the Red Sea and home of the Tihami Arabs. In addition to poverty, literacy is one of the problems in the Tihami. In some villages there is little more schooling than memorization of the Koran. One prevalent tradition in all of Yemen is qat, a mildly narcotic leaf that is chewed for hours at a time. Qat holds a strong grip on Yemeni culture. The predominate culture in the Tihami centers around Islam, but sometimes tradition or cultural customs supersede Islamic law. Hospitality and generosity are highly valued among these people.

Ministry Obstacles

The Tihami Arabs live in Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Both countries are very hostile to Christian witness.

Outreach Ideas

The Tihami Arabs need easy access to resources like the JESUS Film and audio Bibles in their language, Taizzi-Adeni. Radio broadcasts can also help.

Prayer Focus

Pray that those disillusioned by all the problems in Yemen would search



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POPULATION: 4,547,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Taizzi-Adeni Spoken

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

until they find the Truth that can set them free. Pray for a growing interest in Jesus among all the peoples of Yemen. Pray they will begin searching for forgiveness for their sin and for power to live this life. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Tihami Arabs.

SCRIPTURE Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Ps 23:4, NLT

PRAY *Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.*