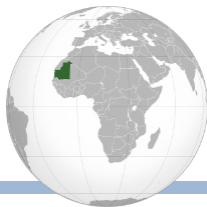


Tuaregs in Mauritania



Tuaregs are known for their distinct culture, dress, and fine craftsmanship. Though they are Arabized Berbers, their ancestors were once Christian. Their ancestors fiercely rejected Islam until they were won over by Sufi Islamic mysticism. Today, they espouse a mixture of Sunni Islam and folk religion and do not fully practice the "pillars" of Islam, including the month of fasting. Only the men wear veils, and women may have some leadership roles. Their indigo clothing colors their skin, so they are known as "blue people." They speak a distinct dialect of Arabic.

Ministry Obstacles

There is very little gospel witness in Mauritania. Almost everyone agrees with Sunni Islam there.

Outreach Ideas

Concentration in refugee camps ends nomadism, yet it opens opportunity to show the JESUS Film and gospel recordings, and meeting needs. Their form of Sufi Islam allows for the supernatural, so it's possible that believers can introduce them to the miracles of Jesus.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the few Tuareg believers will



POPULATION: 127,000

LANGUAGE: Tamasheq

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

take advantage of refugee status to study Scripture, and use their time to bring about a large and healthy church planting movement. Pray that all Tuaregs will be able to safely exit the refugee camps and that they will be safe from health challenges. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among them in Mauritania.

SCRIPTURE Everything He does reveals His glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. Ps 111:3

PRAY *for many from this people group to find this God whose righteousness never fails.*