

Waigeli Nuristani in Afghanistan



The eight Nuristani people groups are unique amid others living in northeast Afghanistan. Their only common threads may be religion, ethnicity, and remnants of customs pre-dating their collective conversion to Islam little more than 100 years ago. The Waigeli pastoralists and farmers struggle in lush forests of the craggy mountains. Critical infrastructure and services do not exist to aid them, leaving Nuristan as one of Afghanistan's most impoverished areas.

Ministry Obstacles

The Nuristani have a historical distrust of outsiders, a determined independence, in-fighting, and a lingering fear of spiritual consequences. The Waigeli Nuristani people are loyal Sunni Muslims who believe that following religious routine determines the afterlife. The spirits also determine how well they live in daily life.

Outreach Ideas

Current needs are many. Communication is difficult due to remoteness, topography, and even inclement weather. As recently as 2007, reports indicated that healthcare is virtually non-existent, and schools are few in most of Nuristan. The need for roads to bring access for aid and development projects, as well as to bring in food and supplies remains urgent.

SCRIPTURE Glorious are you, more majestic than the mountains full of prey.
Psalm 76:4

PRAY that this people group will realize the eternal majesty and glory of the Lord, and give Him praise.



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POPULATION: 33,000

LANGUAGE: Waigali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray the Waigeli Nuristani would see they do not have to live in slavery to spirits if they put their trust in Jesus Christ. Pray that a movement to Christ will propel a church planting movement that will thrive and bring shalom to their communities.