Yahia Bedouin in Morocco



he Yahia Bedouins live in Saharan Morocco. Men tend to the camels while the women and children care for the sheep and goats and gather brushwood for fires. Women spin and weave clothes and tent fabrics. Their clothing is vibrant red and orange with multi-colored beads, with some silver jewelry and semi-precious stones. Their diet comes mainly from their herds: milk, yoghurt and butter, accompanied by rice. They only eat meat on special occasions. Bedouins are renowned for their hospitality and courage as well as oral poetry traditions, recited by the men. Nowadays the younger generation is leaving traditional nomadic life, moving to and working in cities, thereby significantly impacting their culture.

Ministry Obstacles

Their nomadic lifestyle in a harsh geographical environment creates an additional challenge to those who won't share this lifestyle.

Outreach Ideas

As the younger generation move to urban areas, outreach opportunities will become easier. Local believers can find opportunities to reach them using the Yahia language. Believers can use social media, films, radio, and TV in their language.



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POPULATION: 115,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Algerian Saharan

RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray their changing circumstances would create a new openness for them to know the love of Jesus. Pray for a massive movement to Christ among the Bedouin peoples this decade. Pray for dignity and justice for the Bedouin peoples who are often marginalized and discriminated against by the wider society.

SCRIPTURE The twenty-four elders sitting on their thrones before God fell with their faces to the ground and worshiped him. And they said, "We give thanks to you, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is and who always was, for now you have assumed your great power and have begun to reign. Rev 11:16-17

PRAY for today's people group to worship the true God for his great power and sovereignty over the universe.

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