

Yao in Zambia



Large Yao kingdoms came into being as mighty Yao chiefs took control of the Niassa province of Mozambique in the 19th century. During that time, the Yao began to move from their traditional home in today's Malawi and Tanzania, which resulted in the Yao populations they now have. The most important result of the great chiefdoms was the turning of the whole nation to Islam around the turn of the 20th century and after the 1st World War. Yao people wear charms in a vein effort to protect themselves from ill health. They often use folk cures rather than modern medicine.

Ministry Obstacles

Islam is a central part of the Yao identity, especially in a location where they are surrounded by Christianized peoples.

Outreach Ideas

There are all kinds of Christian materials in the Yao language that can be distributed to their community leaders.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Yao people in Zambia will put their full trust in the God of the



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POPULATION: 5,100

LANGUAGE: Yao

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Bible rather than in the spirit world and charms. Pray for Yao believers in other countries to take the gospel to the Yao people in Zambia. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to emerge among Yao communities in Africa.

SCRIPTURE And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Revelation 5:13

PRAY *May God's praises ring out forever among this people group!*