

Ziban Bedouin in Algeria



Since the Arab Conquest in the seventh century, the Ziban Bedouins have roamed the vast Saharan Desert of Algeria in small family clans. They are a strong nomadic people who know how to find water in the desert for their animals. They live in tents made from woven goat hair. Being Muslim, many maintain the daily ritual of praying five times a day. If they break the rules of their society each clan selects a sheik to determine whether or not they are guilty. If a person is found guilty, they use the laws of the Koran as their guide. They consider it to be below their dignity to be forced to live settled lives and become farmers. However, many Ziban are being forced to adapt to a more sedentary life, especially as their region becomes dryer.

Ministry Obstacles

Their nomadic life and strong sense of independence enhanced with their Islamic identity have made them unwilling to accept outside ideas.

Outreach Ideas

Committed believers need to lovingly explain the life of Jesus to them in their Hassaniyya language, show them the JESUS Film and provide



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POPULATION: 20,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Algerian Spoken

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

them with gospel recordings of the Bible.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to send dreams to Ziban elders. Pray that leaders and individuals of the Ziban clans will be reached so they can lead their people to the Lord.

SCRIPTURE I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.
-Eph 3:9, NLT

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to move among the Ziban Bedouin this year.

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