Sarikoli Tajik in China

Residing in the Pamir Mountains, the Sarikoli Tajiks have kept their language and culture fairly isolated. The land is harsh, so this agricultural community grows only what they can eat and practices small-scale animal husbandry. Sarikoli Tajik families are composed of multigenerational households, with strict roles and traditions. For centuries, they have lived in tribal and clan structures with the tradition of following Shia Islam. Like the Uyghurs and Kyrgyz, they have been victim to the Chinese government's crackdown on ethnic and religious minority groups.

Ministry Obstacles
There are few believers among the Sarikoli Tajiks, and they do not have many ministry resources. Their language is not written and differs from the Tajik language, so they must use the Uyghur language to communicate to outsiders. Nearly all Sarikoli Tajiks adhere to the Shia sect of Islam.

Outreach Ideas
Agricultural development workers who are equipped with the understanding of Christ would have an opening with the Sarikoli Tajiks.

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POPULATION: 45,000
LANGUAGE: Sarikoli
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Translated needed
STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus
Pray that soon-to-be Christ followers will continue to seek the knowledge of the true God. Pray that Sarikoli Tajik hearts will crave their key role in God's redemptive plan. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

SCRIPTURE Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the Lord say, "The Lord will never let me be part of his people." And don't let the eunuchs say, "I'm a dried-up tree with no children and no future." Is 56:3

PRAY *that many from today's people group will put all their hope in the Lord.*