

Gorani in Albania



The Gorani are a folk Islamic people who live in small villages in the rugged mountainous regions of what is now Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia. They were converted to Islam when they were conquered by the Ottomans in 1388. Geographically Gorani are claimed to be nationalized by the country they live in; however, they maintain that they are independent and Muslim. Herding and agriculture are their main form of livelihood. Their hard life, war and determination to maintain their folk Islamic identity has caused many, especially the young, to migrate to other countries.



Ministry Obstacles

Gorani's have experienced discrimination and have a strong folk Islamic identity and are not receptive to followers of Christ. Their geographic location contributes to making it hard to reach them.

Outreach Ideas

They need faithful followers of Christ to develop friendships with them so they will trust God's servants to show them the way to unknown blessings in Christ. They also need to access the JESUS Film and other gospel resources.

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POPULATION: 35,000

LANGUAGE: Serbian

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for Gorani believers to have joyous and victorious lives in Christ. Pray that the Gorani would be open to knowing God through His voice found in His Word. Pray for their family heads and community leaders to lead the way to a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE How the king rejoices in your strength, O Lord! He shouts with joy because you give him victory. Ps 21:1, NLT

PRAY that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.