

Hemshin in Kyrgyzstan



The Hemshin are ethnic Armenians whose ancestors converted to Islam from the 1890s through 1920s. They originally settled in the Hemshin district in the province of Rize, Turkey. Some have migrated to Russia and Kyrgyzstan. Hemshin are well-known for the clever jokes, riddles and stories. Their traditional occupations are cultivating tea and maize, raising livestock and beekeeping.

Obstacles

The country of Kyrgyzstan is hostile to people who follow Jesus, which makes outreach difficult. There are no Hemshin Christian believers in Kyrgyzstan and very few from the Kyrgyz majority follow Christ. A movement to Christ will require the help of those outside the Hemshin culture.

Outreach Ideas

There are full Bible resources in their Armenian language. They are not easily obtained, but it can be done. Ethnic Armenians, whose ancestors were among the first Christians, can go to them with the gospel.

Prayer Focus

Pray that teachers would go to the



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POPULATION: 1,200

LANGUAGE: Armenian, Western

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Hemshin with the inspired word of God. Pray that the Hemshin people would have their spiritual and physical needs met in Kyrgyzstan. Pray for a spiritual hunger that would lead the Hemshin people to the cross and the empty grave.

SCRIPTURE He answered, Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. Jn 9:25

PRAY that the Lord removes the spiritual blindness of today's people group and they begin to see God's truth revealed in Jesus Christ.