Baharia, Wahati in Egypt



Baharia is the name of an oasis located in north central Egypt, roughly 370 kilometers from Cairo. There are many villages in the oasis, and the people are known as the Wahati. The oasis has changed drastically since an asphalt road connecting Baharia to Cairo was finished in the early 1970s. Electricity and the internet are now available.

Ministry Obstacles

Being Muslim, the Baharia believe that Allah determines their eternal salvation. Some believe that spirits determine their daily lives, so they use charms and amulets to appease them. Others look only to Allah, but none look only to Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Visiting the Baharia Oasis requires some effort as it is fairly remote. Antiquities (tombs, mummies and other artifacts) draw tourists, who bring much needed revenue to the area. Believers can bring the good news as they visit sites of interest.

Prayer Focus

It is unlikely there are followers of Jesus in the Baharia Oasis, but there might be a few. Pray for any



■ bah-ha-REE-uh
POPULATION: 32,000

LANGUAGE: Arabic, Eastern Egyptian Bedawi

RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

believers in the area to have easy access to gospel recordings in their language. Pray the Lord would open the spiritual eyes of imams (Muslim prayer leaders) as they study the Koran to look to Jesus. May the Son of God reveal himself to many in dreams or visions.

SCRIPTURE The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. Isa 61:103a

PRAY for these blessings for today's people group!

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