

Maliar Pashtun in Pakistan



Life has become increasingly more difficult for the Maliar Pashtuns, who mainly work as farmers in the Potohar region of Punjab and the Peshawar Valley of Pakistan. Deforestation, overgrazing and extensive agriculture have made soil resources more vulnerable to floods, which make the soil less fertile. A number have moved into Pakistani cities where they work as vendors with little hope to get out of poverty, and a few have emigrated to England. Maliars follow the Pashtun way of life and firmly adhere to Islam, rejecting efforts by believers to reach them with the gospel.

Ministry Obstacles

Being intimidated by feelings of insecurity, poverty, illiteracy, political oppression, combined with deep-rooted Islamic beliefs has restricted the Maliars from being open to the claims of Christ.

Outreach Ideas

The need for assistance in the area of soil conservation and new training skills in farming could be an opening for trained Christ followers to enter the Maliar rural regions as God's messengers. Others can be reached in England by committed trained believers.

Prayer Focus

Pray that God would uphold faithful, committed long term Christ followers in



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POPULATION: 276,000

LANGUAGE: Hindko, Southern

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

the areas of development, education, business, healthcare and other professional areas to work among the Maliars to help them thrive economically and spiritually. Pray that Christian resources would be available to Pashtuns in their languages and dialects. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Maliar people this decade.

SCRIPTURE The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

PRAY that today's people group looks to the Lamb of God, Jesus, to have their sins taken away.