

Chamalal in Russia



The Chamalal live in 28 villages in the mountains of Dagestan and Chechnya. They are both rural and urban, and marriage and family are important to them. They are Sunni Muslims, and proudly so; however, their Islam is tainted with folk beliefs. They are closed to outsiders, and there are no known Muslim-background believers among them.

Ministry Obstacles

Terrain, isolation, and religious and ethnic pride are mountainous obstacles between them and Jesus. So, too, is the lack of Scripture.

Outreach Ideas

Terrain may be partially overcome by towns attracting rural Chamalals. There can be Christian believers in these towns. Christian linguists can preserve their language in writing and translate the Bible into it. They can also use audio recordings.

Prayer Focus

Pray that urban Dagestani believers will purposely connect with Chamalals and that Dagestani congregations will adopt the



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POPULATION: 9,800

LANGUAGE: Chamalal

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

Chamalals and purposely and prayerfully reach out to them. Pray for Christian linguists to work among them. Pray for openness to Dagestani believers seeking to reach them. Pray for any who are won to return to rural areas with the gospel.

SCRIPTURE May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! Psalm 29:11

PRAY *for new believers among this people group to be blessed with strength and peace.*