## Jima Oromo in Ethiopia



The various Oromo people groups are the largest, most widely dispersed groups in Ethiopia. Composed of approximately a dozen tribal clusters including the Jima, these peoples prefer just the term "Oromo" when speaking of themselves. One basic value of the Oromo is tokuma, meaning group identity. The religious, social, political and economic life of the Oromo revolves around this. Most Oromo are Muslim, but there are Christians among certain subgroups.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

The Oromo are strongly tied to a group identity. Missionaries find it hard to convince them to give Christ a chance, as most of them are not willing to run the risk of being ostracized.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Missionaries with electrical engineering backgrounds can build water electricity generators, etc. Doctors and those with science backgrounds can assist in water purification projects and help with medical needs. Veterinarians can help with their livestock.

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray that Jima Oromo believers would

**■ SEE-mah uh-ROH-moh POPULATION:** 3,737,000

LANGUAGE: Oromo, West Central

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

have strength in the Holy Spirit to stay firm in their faith. Pray the Oromo tribes of Ethiopia would be able to provide improved education for their children, and for a rising standard of living. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Jima Oromo people.

**SCRIPTURE** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Psalm 113:3-4, ESV

**PRAY** for peoples from all over the world to discover his glory and mercy.

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