

Kaitag in Russia



Some of their towns are built so high in the mountains that they can seldom be reached except by helicopter! The estimated 21,000 Kaitag/Dargwa speaking people live in a picturesque region of southwest Dagestan. Kaitags follow a Sufi form of Islam combined with local tradition. Some seek protection from evil forces by wearing charms, and a few use a form of black magic. They are known for their unusual embroidered textile art form developed mainly with designs from nature though very few still make these. Most now earn their living by herding animals and growing herbs and spices. They are loyal and friendly, and they love music tradition.



POPULATION: 21,000

LANGUAGE: Dargwa

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Ministry Obstacles

The Kaitag people are very resistant to change and maintain strict adherence to their Sufi Islamic way of worship.

Outreach Ideas

The Kaitag people have embraced Sufism, a form of Islam that involves a heart response to Allah. Perhaps believers who have learned the language and musical forms can present teachings from the Bible through culturally appropriate music.

Prayer Focus

Pray that God will work in the hearts of believers and thrust them out to reach the Kaitag people. Pray that this will be the decade when the Kaitag people accept the grace, peace and Kingdom values from the Lord. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

SCRIPTURE Even an ox knows its owner, and a donkey recognizes its master's care—but Israel doesn't know its master. My people don't recognize my care for them. Is 1:3

PRAY *that many from this people group will know their master and heed His voice.*