## Yazidi in Germany



eliefs borrowed from Zoroastrianism (worship of sun and fire); Hinduism (reincarnation and caste system); Judaism (all the prophets and angels); Christianity (they associate Easter eggs and infant baptism with Christianity); and Islam (saint veneration, fasting and ritual prayer) make up the religion of the Yazidi. They have been persecuted and misunderstood by Muslims controlling them for centuries. In 2014 many of them fled the persecution by ISIS in Iraq and Syria, finding refuge in such places as Germany, where almost all the Yazidi from Turkey now live, especially in Niedersachsen and Nordrhein-Westfalen.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

Yazidis are sometimes hostile to any attempt to convert from their religious beliefs. Leaders have stepped in at times to try to prevent the preaching of the gospel to members of the group.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Outreach currently underway to meet the physical, emotional and educational needs of this group has resulted in a response to the gospel demonstrated in a compassionate manner.

## **Prayer Focus**

A handful of Yazidi have come to faith in Christ. Pray they will be free to practice



**◀** yah-ZEE-dee POPULATION: 51,000

LANGUAGE: Kurdish, Northern RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete STATUS: Unreached

their faith, as the Yazidi have historically persecuted and even stoned to death those who convert. ISIS sympathizers have attacked the group even in Germany. Pray for true peace among these displaced and traumatized people.

**SCRIPTURE** I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. Ps 9:1, NLT

**PRAY** for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.