



Dahalik in Eritrea

How would you like to live in a land labeled as “horrible?” The Dahalik Islands in the Red Sea get their name from the Arabic words meaning horrible place. It was only in 1996 that linguists determined that the Dahalik had a separate language from the nearby Afar people. The Dahalik make their living by fishing, and herding goats and camels. On a positive note, the clear, warm waters off the islands offer some of the best scuba diving in the world.

Ministry Obstacles

There are few if any believers among the Dahaliks. Being Muslim is part of the Dahalik personal and corporate identity. Dahalik is an unwritten language, and no Bible resources are currently available in Dahalik.

Outreach Ideas

Linguists can produce an alphabet for Dahalik and teach the people how to read and write it. Most of the Dahalik people speak either Arabic or Afar. The JESUS Film is available in both languages.



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POPULATION: 3,100

LANGUAGE: Dahalik

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to send workers to the Dahalik to share the good news with them. Pray the Lord leads linguists to produce a written Dahalik script and that gospel resources would be created for Dahalik. Pray for just and lasting peace in Eritrea and Ethiopia as ethnic violence plagues the region.

SCRIPTURE And I said: Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! Isa 6:5

PRAY that there will soon be a heart-felt understanding of personal sin and the need for God's redemption among this people group.

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