

Kist Vainakh Chechens in Georgia



In the 1700s, ethnic Vainakh Chechens from Caucasian Chechnya came to be called Kist by the Georgians. In time, they adopted Georgian surnames and learned Georgian along with Chechen. Today, there are six Kist towns. After two centuries, they still preserve much of their original culture and traditions. They are a very small Muslim minority group in western Russia.

Ministry Obstacles

They lack a critical mass of Jesus followers. The vast majority are Muslims, not open to the gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Friendship evangelism by Georgian Christians and Scripture distribution in Georgian might be effective to reach them for Christ.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Georgian churches will see a need to evangelize the Kist people and act on that need. Pray that the Kist people will become spiritually hungry, will begin questioning Islam, and begin to seek salvation in Jesus



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POPULATION: 9,400

LANGUAGE: Chechen

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

as they try to cope with modernity. Pray for an interest in the New Testament and Jesus as more than a prophet. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide these people into a movement for Christ. Pray they will understand the gospel and their need for faith in Jesus.

SCRIPTURE For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. Psalm 31:10

PRAY that this people group will understand that sin drains and destroys, but the Lord offers forgiveness and spiritual refreshment.