

Lyuli in Kyrgyzstan



The Lyuli are a Romani people who live in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. They make their living as entertainers, peddlers, jewelry producers, and tailors. Many are nomadic moving from place to place looking for work. They face discrimination by other people living in Kyrgyzstan who see them as thieves and beggars. The Lyuli live in poverty. Their children often do not attend school. Many Lyuli lack official documents. Some Lyuli have become permanent residents in cities and work in menial jobs. The primary language of the Lyuli is Tajik. Many resources are available in Tajik including a complete Bible and the JESUS Film.

Ministry Obstacles

The Lyuli see themselves as devout Sunni Muslims. They do not want to associate with anyone outside their clan. Many Lyuli are unable to read and write so the good news will have to be shared in oral or visual form.

Outreach Ideas

Believers from other Romani groups can come to the Lyuli to tell them about the Lord. Teachers can help the Lyuli learn literacy skills.

SCRIPTURE The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. Isa 9:2

PRAY for God's light to shine brightly among this people.



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POPULATION: 5,100
LANGUAGE: Tajik
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to send loving workers to the Lyuli of Kyrgyzstan. Pray that Lyuli parents would be able to provide for their children. Ask the Lord to make the Lyuli open to receiving the gospel.