## Middle Eastern Turkmen in Syria



The Turkmen have deep roots in Central Asia, but a small number of them live in Syria. Though most are Sunni Muslims, some are part of the Alawite religion. The Sunnis among them blend in well with the Syrian Arab majority and even marry into their families. The Alawites, by contrast, are sometimes mistaken for Gypsies and rejected by the Syrians.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

There is no Christian tradition among the Turkmen, either in Turkmenistan or in Syria. Islam is all they know and all most of them ever want to know. But God has a remnant and we will pray for them to be revealed soon.

## **Outreach Ideas**

It is possible for Turkmen who have internet connection to download and view the JESUS Film and gospel recordings. It might be necessary for anyone who reaches out to them to develop a way to speak to the Alawites among them in a way they can understand.

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Syrian church to become unified in Christ's purposes so that



■ TURK-men
POPULATION: 298,000
LANGUAGE: Turkish
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

they can and will go to the Turkmen among them. Pray for the Turkmen people of Syria to respond to the limited witness and grow disenchanted with Islam. Pray that they would see faith in Jesus as an acceptable alternative to the spiritual answers they have embraced for generations.

**SCRIPTURE** Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, which had the power of death. Heb 2:14

**PRAY** for today's people group to escape the power of death and the devil and to flee to Jesus Christ.

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