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## Joshua Project

### Hazara in Afghanistan



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#### Ministry Obstacles

Spiritual opposition is only one aspect of the difficulties in reaching them. Physical and material needs are others. Compassionate, creative ministry is needed.

#### Outreach Ideas

Ongoing prayer is necessary to prepare the hearts of a majority of Hazara to understand and believe the good news about Jesus.

#### Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the small numbers of Christian believers among the Hazara – for them to remain strong in their commitment to Christ and to faithfully strengthen one another through fellowship.

#### Pray for All Hazara

Pray the Lord's Spirit will move among these outsiders in the Afghan culture, giving many more a desire to learn of Christ. Pray individual Hazara have at least one opportunity to hear clearly who Jesus is.

Joshua Project is a Christian ministry gathering data to facilitate and encourage church planting among unreached people groups worldwide.

People	Hazara
Country	Afghanistan
10/40 Window	Yes
Population	3,981,000
Language	Hazaragi
Religion	Islam
Bible	Portions
Christ-followers	Few, less than 2%
Status	Unreached
Progress	

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