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# Iraqi Arabs in Iraq



The Arabs have for years formed about 70% of the total population of Iraq, the majority being of the Shiite branch of Islam and living in southern Iraq, with the Sunni's living primarily in central Iraq. Social life is important to Arabs. They like to share a daily coffee time by sitting on the floor and drinking coffee from cups without handles. The Apostle Thomas is said to have brought Christianity to Mesopotamia. The ancient Church was centered in and spread from the Assyrian city of Arbel, located in the north. The Christian Church has been a part of Iraqi culture since that time.

## Ministry Obstacles

Iraq is presently in turmoil. This offers both obstacles and opportunities for the Arabs to learn more fully of who Jesus truly is.

## Outreach Ideas

Sustained prayer is needed for the Arabs of Iraq, to prepare them to really understand the Gospel message. Gospel radio, television, Christian websites, and personal witness will all be useful as Arab hearts are prepared to hear and receive.

## Prayer Focus

Pray for the Iraqi Arabs who know and follow Jesus Christ. Pray for protection for their faith, and for their families.



**POPULATION:** 16,045,000

**LANGUAGE:** Mesopotamian Arabic

**RELIGION:** Islam

**BIBLE:** New Testament

**STATUS:** Unreached

Pray the Lord will encourage them and give them fruit from his Spirit: love, joy, and peace. Pray for peace and stability in Iraq, that the government will be able to maintain order. Pray the various factions within the Arab community will give up hatred and revenge against each other. Pray the current disorder will prepare them for the Gospel of peace that Jesus offers.

**SCRIPTURE** Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever. Ps 73:25-26

**PRAY** for many from today's people to know that they must have no other God but the Lord.