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Northern Uzbek in China



The word "Uzbek" is most likely derived from two Turkic words to form the phrase "genuine man." The Mongol leader who developed this name unified the Uzbek people and converted them to Islam. The Uzbeks' Islamic faith permeates much of their lives. When the Chinese government ordered that all children be educated at Chinese schools, the Uzbeks refused to send their children to schools that taught atheism. The Uzbek are often considered the most devout Muslims and get most of their income from trade in northwestern China.

Ministry Obstacles

Because the Uzbek are committed Muslims, they can become aggressive when challenged on their worldview.

Outreach Ideas

Helping them with needed medical care can be a good way to gently bring the gospel in, pointing the Uzbeks to the perfect Physician. Muslims already understand that Jesus is a healer.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Uzbek followers of Christ will stand firm in an environment that is unwelcoming to anything except Islam. Pray that these believers will be discerning in determining the most



◀ Ooz-beks

POPULATION: 22,000

LANGUAGE: Northern Uzbek

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

effective method of evangelism. Pray that the Uzbeks will turn away from dogmatic Islam and open their hearts to the true prophet, priest and king, the one who desires nothing but a repentant and contrite heart. Pray that their hearts would be softened and for a movement to Christ this decade.

SCRIPTURE You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. Is 62:3

PRAY for this blessing to come to today's people group.