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# Tatars in Russia



**T**atars are descendants of Mongol, Bulgar and other peoples, and are predominantly Muslim. Russian domination of Tatars began when Czar Ivan the Terrible conquered the Tatar Khanate in 1552, and long periods of forced Russification have since occurred. Since the late 1980s there has been a resurgence of Tatar nationalism. Tatars have a long, if interrupted, history of resisting both imperial Russian and Soviet domination, and this has included resistance to the Orthodox Church's attempts to convert them.

## Ministry Obstacles

The past history of ill treatment from Christian Russia is not easily forgotten.

## Outreach Ideas

Christians need to live among the Tatar and befriend them, learning their language.

## Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to send them qualified teachers and pastors, and that it will be more important to



**POPULATION:** 5,416,000

**LANGUAGE:** Tatar

**RELIGION:** Islam

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

them to follow Christ than gain community approval. Pray for the Tatar people to increasingly desire to find out more about Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih), and that this desire will be satisfied. Pray for workers.

**SCRIPTURE** Lord, through all the generations you have been our home!  
Ps 90:1

**PRAY** Pray that today's people group will make the Lord their "home" forever.