

## 2014—Rutul People

What do the mountains of southern Dagestan, the coastal city of Derbent, northern Azerbaijan, Moscow, China, and Ohio all have in common?? In each place, people are praying for the grace of Jesus to break through to the historically Muslim Rutul people who live in 17 mountain villages in southern Dagestan and in several locations across the border in northern Azerbaijan. Does the Lord work through prayer? Yes.

- Ten years ago a Christian friend met a Rutul businessman in the city of Derbent in southern Dagestan and began praying for the Rutul people.
- A few years later a pastor in Ohio took the challenge to begin praying for the Rutul people until God raised up a whole church to carry the torch for them. About that same time, linguistic research developments in northern Azerbaijan opened up more doors of relationship to the Rutul.
- In 2010 fifteen Christians in a house church network in China, after a month of prayer and fasting for Caucasus peoples, felt led to commit themselves to praying Matt.9:36-38 persistently on behalf of Jesus to the Rutul people.
- Now, in the past two years a Rutul mother and son in the capital city of Dagestan came to Jesus. And in the spring of 2013, a young Rutul man working for a construction firm in Moscow, gave his life to Jesus through the influence of a fellow worker. These three are the first known believers in Jesus among the Rutul.

Will you join, will your church join, in PERSISTENT PRAYER for the 30,000 Rutul people of southern Dagestan that a Jesus movement will begin to spread out from these three among the families and clans and villages of the Rutul people?

*“Jesus, seeing the multitudes, distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd... implored His followers, ‘PRAY—[for the Rutul people]—to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send out laborers into the harvest.’ ” Matthew 9:36-38*

### NAMES OF RUTUL VILLAGES:

#### In Rutul Region in Southern Dagestan:

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Ikhrekh     | 10. Shi-naz              |
| 2. Arablinskii | 11. Una                  |
| 3. Mikrekh     | 12. Rutul (central town) |
| 4. Dji-likhur  | 13. Kufa                 |
| 5. Vrush       | 14. Khnukh               |
| 6. Kina        | 15. Borch                |
| 7. Lu-chek     | 16. Khnovh               |
| 8. Am-sar      | 17. Ki-che               |
| 9. Kala        |                          |

#### In northern Azerbaijan:

1. Sheen
2. Da-shuz
3. Ki-she
4. one quadrant in Town of She-ki



**RUTUL LANGUAGE REGION**  
Left & Center- Village of SHI-NAZ

Picture on Right:  
Village of KHN OVH