

2014—Tindi People

How could a soap opera open the door toward Jesus?! Ask *Tadzh-utdin**, a young Tindi university student in the capital city of Dagestan in southern Russia. The Turkish soap opera—the most popular TV show in recent years in Dagestan—for some reason frequently has positive things to say about Martin Luther, the Protestant church reformer. This has opened the door for a Dagestani believer *Alek** to share the gospel of grace with Tadzh-utdin. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to reveal the forgiving grace of Jesus to Tadzh-utdin and his Tindi family and relatives.

The Tindi hail from the high mountains of extreme southwestern Dagestan. The central town of the Tindi people is picture-postcard famous throughout southern Russia. Its multi-tiered levels of homes and winding village streets command a dynamic view of surrounding snow-capped mountains. The distinct Tindi language is spoken in 14 villages in this mountainous region—with more than 10,000 Tindi total living in Dagestan.

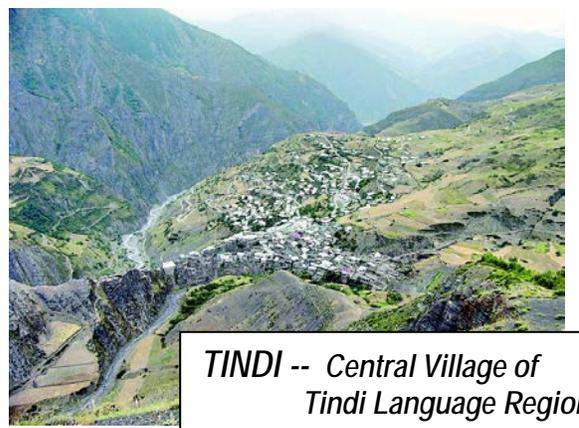
Through the winding hilly streets of the town of Tindi, multiple mosques are visible in various quadrants of the settlement. The Tindi have followed Sunni Islam for many centuries, in conjunction with ancient nature worship of the sun, moon, and other created things. So far, the only spiritual hope for the Tindi has been by trying to do enough by Muslim laws or by trying to appease animistic spirits. How much simpler it would be to turn from sinfulness and receive the gift of grace freely offered through Jesus.

**--names changed*

PRAY that God's Spirit will bring conviction of sin to Tadzh-utdin and the Tindi people—"for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, being forgiven as a gift through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."Romans 3:23-24 PRAY for weariness with futile religious striving, and for joy to break out over the marvelous grace of Jesus.

NAMES OF TINDI VILLAGES:

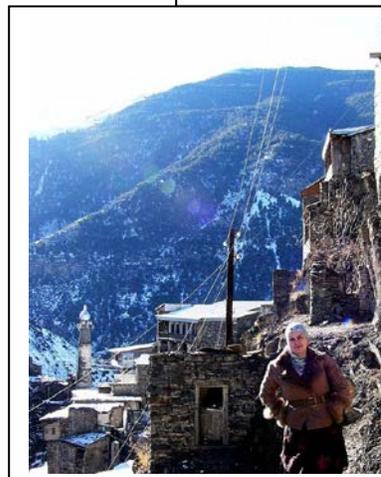
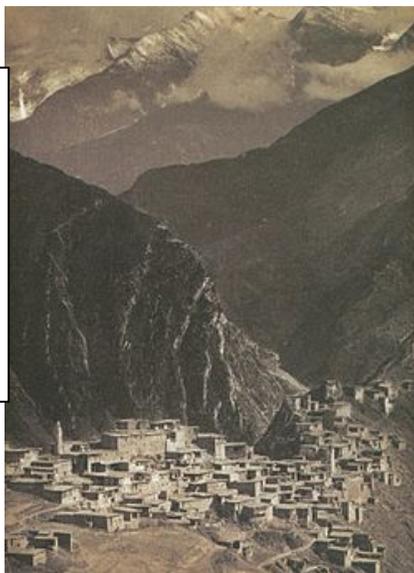
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| 1. Tissu-Akhitli | 8. Tindi |
| 2. Khalif | 9. Mukhar |
| 3. Gada-ichi | 10. Gvanachi |
| 4. Echeda | 11. A-sha |
| 5. Tissu | 12. Angida |
| 6. Sanukh | 13. Gunduchi |
| 7. Tenpa | 14. Akhnada |



TINDI -- Central Village of Tindi Language Region

TINDI VILLAGE

Historical Etching from 1890's



QUADRANT OF TINDI VILLAGE

-- Notice Minaret in Background