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Gilaki in Iran



The Gilaki are one of the Caspian peoples, inhabiting the southern coastal region of the Caspian Sea. The inhabitants of Gilan province have often been the source of resistance and reform movements within Iran. For example, after World War I, the Gilaki demanded national reform and independence for their region. The Apostle Bartholomew may have spent time evangelizing in this area of the world around 50 A.D. Although Christianity was once a strong presence here, now it is extremely weak. Today, the Gilaki are virtually all Muslim.

Ministry Obstacles

Iran is hostile to any kind of overt Christian evangelistic effort.

Outreach Ideas

Scripture portions are available in the Gilaki language, as are other resources such as the Jesus film. But workers are needed to take these to the people. Creative means of access will be necessary to do this.

Prayer Focus

There may very well be no followers of Jesus among the Gilaki people today. If there are some, they need prayer support. Also, pray for those the Lord



POPULATION: 2,913,000

LANGUAGE: Gilaki

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: None

STATUS: Unreached

will soon draw to himself. Pray that scripture and other teaching resources will become available to them. Pray the Gilaki people will increasingly hunger to know forgiveness for their sin, forgiveness that only Jesus Christ can offer. Pray they will not be satisfied with a religion that offers no forgiveness for sin and no power for living.

SCRIPTURE The heavens proclaim His righteousness; every nation sees His glory. Ps 97:6

PRAY *that this will be the year when today's nation sees His righteousness and glory.*