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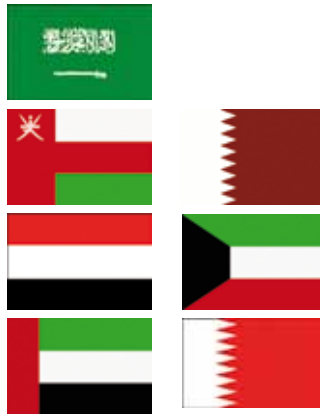
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ARABIAN PENINSULA

COUNTRY PROFILE



AREA: An area of approximately 3 million sq km

POPULATION: 58 million

RELIGION: Muslim 99.9%

BACKGROUND

The Arabian Peninsula is the largest peninsula of the world, the cradle of humanity, and the birthplace and centre of power of Islam. This vast desert country holds the largest oil fields of the world. But not all inhabitants of the country participate in this immeasurable wealth. It is an area of the world with some of the greatest conflicts, social, ethnic, and religious injustice and bondage. The Arabian Peninsula is home to thousands of proud and warring tribes who value their clanship and family honor above their national identity. Conservative Islam and the Arabic language band most of the tribes together. Non-Muslim minorities and especially women are severely repressed in an area where "might makes right" and "survival of the fittest" rule. The Arabian Peninsula needs our prayers and support.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain form the centre and south portion of the peninsula. These countries form the heartland of Islam and the home to Islam's two holiest shrines in Mecca and Medina. Here Islam rules with absolute sovereignty and tolerates no other religion. The death penalty threatens all who even want to consider Christianity. Foreign Christians (professionals from the West, Indian and Filipino laborers or domestic workers) have to live out their Christian faith in secret. Being a follower of Jesus is viewed as something foreign, un-Arabic, and the few secret indigenous Christians are persecuted as traitors.



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Positive Development

Today you can help to bring about lasting change in the Arabian Peninsula.

As of late there is a growing interest in the gospel among the local population. Only in recent years has the modern media provided Arabs that used to live in isolation with access to the world. Since then the discontent with Islam has been growing. The economic depression that followed on the heels of the events of 9-11, along with the increase of terror, violence, and extremism following the two golf wars have heightened this sense of discontent.

Please pray:

- For peace in this part of the world and for the salvation of its people
- For courage for the many expat Christians to be bold witnesses for Jesus
- For locals that are searching for the truth that they will not be dissuaded
- For protection, growth, and freedom for Arabs that are secret followers of Jesus

News: As of April 1st, 2009 evangelistic broadcasting in Arabic is running 24/7 and having a great impact!



How will you respond?

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