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# NORTH ARABIA

## COUNTRY PROFILE



**AREA:** The size of the Arabian Levant is nearly 750,000 sq km

**POPULATION:** 68 million

**RELIGION:** Arabian Christians  
3.8%

### BACKGROUND

The northern peninsula (Arabian Levant) is comprised of the historically rich countries of Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq. This area is the home of local non-Muslim minorities, among which the ancient Arabian churches are most significant. There are approximately 2 – 5 % Christians in these countries, except Lebanon which has about 31 %. Based on centuries of oppression and humiliation Arabian Christians have taken a reserved and reluctant stance towards the Muslim majority.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

**Persecution of Christians:** In Iraq and Palestine violent attacks on local Christians are increasing. More and more local believers are forced to relocate. The other countries of the region all have varying degrees of restrictions on Christians in place.

ICR supports the persecuted church of the northern Arabian peninsula in many ways through strategic partnerships and concrete and timely aid for people in need.



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## Positive Development

**Today you can help to bring about lasting change to North Arabia.**

A growing number of Arabian Christians are discovering their social and spiritual responsibility as well as love for the many Muslims. This change was initiated through the growing interest Arabian Muslims are expressing in Christianity and are turning to Christ as a result of dreams, evangelistic radio programming, television, and the internet. These local Christians are discovering that they are able to respond to the many questions their Muslim neighbors have. However, the various governments fear for their control and even though they used to be very liberal in the past, they are fighting this openness towards the gospel as proselytism.

## Please pray:

- For unity and a clear witness of local Christians.
- For an increasing number of local Christians to discover their social and spiritual responsibility for their fellow Muslim countrymen.
- For protection and determination for Christians during times of persecution and opposition.



## How will you respond?

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