## Iran



Population: 80,946,000 Christians: 800,000 Main religion: Islam Reason for Bible desert: Religious persecution

The Islamic-majority nation of Iran has been closed off to the Gospel for years. In fact, just a few decades ago, it was estimated that fewer than 500 Christians from a Muslim background lived in this country. Today, though, the Iranian church is growing – there are at least 800,000 Christians – and people are begging for Bibles! However, Bible distribution and evangelism are considered punishable offenses, so many Christians have never even held a Bible.

## **Pray for Iran**

- Pray for strength for Muslim-background believers who face persecution.
- Pray for the Iranian church to continue growing at a rapid rate.
- Pray for the safety of those who secretly distribute Bibles to Iranian Christians.



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