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# Jabal Nafusah in Libya



Lying southwest of Tripoli, the rocky Jebel Nafusa Plateau rises to an elevation of about 3,000 feet. A unique aspect of Nafusah villages is the famous troglodyte houses. These are underground homes carved vertically or horizontally into the soft limestone and marls (a mixture of clay, sand and limestone). Although most Libyans are Sunni Muslims, the Nafusa belong to a tiny Islamic sect called Ibadaya. Ibadaya originated in the seventh century when disputes arose concerning how religious leaders should be chosen. The Ibadis withdrew from mainstream Islam and relocated in several countries. Ibadism was received enthusiastically in several northwestern African countries as a vehicle for opposing the Sunni (orthodox) Muslims and the Arab conquerors.

## Ministry Obstacles

Libya is currently experiencing much turmoil and the dangers are many.

## Outreach Ideas

Pray the growing number of Christians among the Berber peoples would become strong enough to reach all of the tribes of North Africa with the gospel.



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POPULATION: 203,000

LANGUAGE: Nafusi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

## Prayer Focus

There are growing numbers of believers among the Berber peoples of North Africa, and there may be a few believers among the Nafusah people. Pray for all peoples in Libya at this time. Pray for a stable and effective government that will be able to protect the people and provide stability in the country.

**SCRIPTURE** How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them living according to the truth, just as the Father commanded. 2 Jn 1:4

**PRAY** for this people group to learn to walk in the truth and to obey the commandments of God.