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# Azeri Turks in Istanbul, Turkey



The Azeris or Azerbaijanis in Turkey straddle the Turkish and Persian worlds! Their language is Turkish-based, but their religion is Persian: Shi'ite Islam. Most speak Azerbaijani and Turkish, two similar languages. The Azeris feel at home in Turkish society. They live mainly in Igdir, where they are the largest people group and also in Kars, where they are the second largest group. Most Azeris came to Turkey in the first half of the twentieth century. Since the early 1990s many more came for financial reasons.

## Ministry Obstacles

The Azeris have very little contact with any Christian believers.

## Outreach Ideas

There are believers in nearby Iran, some of whom are Azeris, who can be Christ bearers. Pray for them to make contact with the Azeris in Turkey and begin to plant churches among them.

## Pray for the Followers of Christ

Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate and enlighten Azeri hearts with the knowledge of Christ.



**POPULATION:** 590,000

**LANGUAGE:** Azerbaijani, South

**RELIGION:** Islam

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

## Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that God will give Azeri elders dreams and visions, leading them to Jesus Christ. Pray they will open the door for Christ to permeate Azeri communities. Pray for a full Azeri Bible translation, and for it to be widely distributed and read.

**SCRIPTURE** Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord. Ps 27:13-14, NLT

**PRAY** for many leaders from today's people group to put their confidence in the goodness of God and wait faithfully for His deliverance.