## Mari Baloch in Pakistan



In Muslim cultures, heritage is a heavily weighted element of one's identity; who one descends from commands much respect. It is significant, then, that the Baloch trace their ancestry to Hazrat Ameer Hamza, the uncle of the prophet Mohammed. While they are a single people group, the Baloch are broken into over 100 tribes. The Mari Baloch occupy an arid portion of northeastern Balochistan, Pakistan. The Mari Baloch live according to their tribal customs and wear traditional clothing. The men dress in long shirts and loose pants, while golden ornaments such as bracelets and necklaces are very important to women. Their traditions and teachings are passed down orally, sometimes through a mother's lullaby.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

The remote location of the Mari Baloch can make them more difficult to reach in a physical sense, while the fact that they are an Islamic group makes them difficult to reach spiritually.

## **Outreach Ideas**

The oral traditions of the Baloch



POPULATION: 115,000

LANGUAGE: Balochi, Western

RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

might provide an opening to reach into their culture. Jesus was a storyteller, and the stories of His life can be passed on verbally.

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to thrive among the Mari Baloch people this decade.

**SCRIPTURE** He made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. He keeps every promise forever. Ps 146:6

**PRAY** that God's wondrous works of creation will draw many from this people group to the Throne of Grace.