



Afar - Djibouti

 AH-far

The Afar (or Danakil) claim to be descendants of Noah's son, Ham. They live in the East African countries of Djibouti, Ethiopia and Eritrea. The Afar of Djibouti live either along the coastline bordering Ethiopia, or in a portion of the Danakil Desert that stretches across Ethiopia into Eritrea. Djibouti is sometimes called "a valley of hell" because it has one of the hottest, driest climates in the world and suffers from drought. Most Afar are nomads who herd sheep, goats, cattle and camels. Some are fishermen. Market day is important to the Afar and some travel great distances to buy and sell necessities. A man's wealth, however, is measured by the size of his herds. They are a proud people who emphasize strength and bravery.

Ministry Obstacles

Early in their history, the Afar were heavily influenced by the Islamic religion and today, Islam is still held in great esteem, yet many pre-Islamic beliefs and customs are also prevalent. There is mounting political tension regionally.

Scripture Focus

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, Psalm 103:3


Prayer Focus

Pray that this people group will flee to the Lord who alone can forgive sin.

Ask the Lord to bring forth a movement to Christ among the Afar. The few Afar believers are isolated and face social pressure to return to Islam. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give them the strength and courage to hold on to their faith in Christ. There are radio broadcasts that can reach the Afar if they would only listen and heed Christ's call. Ask God to miraculously make those the first broadcasts they hear each day and that they would listen with open hearts.



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People Name:	Afar
Pronunciation:	AH-far
Country:	Djibouti
10/40 Window:	Yes
Population:	348,000
World Popl:	2,940,000
Main Language:	Afar
Main Religion:	Islam
Scripture:	Complete Bible
Online NT:	Yes
Jesus Film:	Yes
Audio Recordings:	Yes
Christ Followers:	Few, less than 2%
Status:	Unreached
Progress Level:	

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