



# Iraq

**Population:** 38,654,000

**Christians:** 258,000

**Main religion:** Islam

**Reason for Bible desert:** Religious persecution, refugee crisis

Conflict in Iraq has driven thousands of Christians from their homes. When ISIS invaded the area around Mosul, they announced that believers must convert to Islam, pay a fine, or prepare to die. Many fled, leaving behind everything they owned – including their Bibles. Now, in the refugee camps, they are searching for the reassurance of God's Word. And as more refugees hear the Gospel, new believers are joining mature Christians in the search for Bibles.

## Pray for Iraq

- Pray for comfort for those who have lost their homes and family members to ISIS
- Pray that refugees can return home soon now that many cities have been liberated
- Pray that more people will seek out God's love in the face of violence and hatred

