

## Iran

**Population:** 91.57 million

Main religion: Islam

Reason for Bible scarcity: Religious persecution

The Islamic-majority nation of Iran has been closed off to the Gospel for years. In fact, just a few decades ago, it was estimated that fewer than 500 Christians from a Muslim background lived in this country. Today, though, the Iranian church is the fastest-growing church in the world. There are at least 800,000 Christians — and people are begging for Bibles! However, Bible distribution and evangelism are considered punishable offenses, and converting to Christianity is becoming more and more dangerous. Many Christians have never even held a Bible.

## **Pray for Iran**

- Pray that evangelists would be bold in sharing the Gospel
- Pray for the people of Iran to have open hearts
- Pray for the salvation of Iranians who have heard the Gospel
- Pray for the safety of those who secretly distribute Bibles to Iranian Christians



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