MANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS

HE WOLF WILL LIVE WITH THE LAMB,

the leopard will lie down with the goat,

the calf and the lion and the yearling together;

AND A LITTLE CHILD WILL LEAD THEM.

THE COW WILL FEED WITH THE BEAR.

their young will lie down together,

ISAIAH 11:6-7



MAGHREB

North Africa is "the west" for the Arab World.



AGGERS

POPULATION

CITY: 3.5 MILLION METRO: 5 MILLION





"BETWEEN THE DESERT & THE SEA" -LT

Based in Algiers, Lilias Trotter saw with "heart sight"

She gave up artistic fame to share Jesus with Arabs in Algiers and out to the 7-10 unique unreached people groups in the mountains, the most remote inland villages, and even the Sahara Desert. A century later, still a strategic place of influence, the capital city hosts Arab and Amazigh (Berber) who come from all over Algeria for work, education, and opportunity. It is a modern, coastal city with a pleasant Mediterranean climate. The people are warm and hospitable, and carry the easy, relationship-oriented North African vibe, even in the busy capital city. Algiers maintains many influences from the French colonial period: modern infrastructure, architecture, business practices, education, well-planned public spaces, and the French language.

The socio-political and religious complexities here are endless. Algeria is continually balancing economic ties with Europe and loyalty to the Muslim east. Many still have unhealed scars from the violence of the 90's. An elite of unelected business leaders and generals hold power behind the scenes. And dispute with Morocco over Western Sahara has closed borders, crippling much needed trade and increasing costs.

Algerian Arabs are one of the 30 largest unreached PGs in the word. Yet just a handful of treasure bearers are here in this bustling metropolis, working to start businesses. Will you come see God's promises here with "heartsight" - as Lilias did?

PRAY FOR: Accessibility & receptivity of gospel
God's will to be done in newly elected government



THEY WILL NEITHER HARM NOR DESTROY ON ALL MY HOLY MOUNTAIN, FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

IN THAT DAY THE ROOT OF JESSE WILL STAND AS A BANNER FOR THE PEOPLES;
THE NATIONS WILL RALLY TO HIM,

and his resting place will be glorious.

ISAIAH 11: 9-10

Specific Issues for workers

For many years, French Christians, and workers were present in the capital, but most were forced to leave after Algeria won its independence from France in the 1960s. A few remained until the early 1990s, when the rest left due to the brutal Islamist 'civil war'. Some have started to return in the last ten years, but residency is much more difficult to obtain in Algeria than in Morocco or Tunisia. There are so few expatriates in the country, workers stand out and need authentic residency roles. There is potential for language instruction, consulting services, factories, engineering, or upper educational instruction in English. A business that blesses the local economy and can provide work for Algerian people will be more favorable.

It is also prudent to be humbly aware that before the French in the 19th century, there was Ottoman rule, and before that the Romans (200 bc) and Phoenicians (1000 bc). While Algeria has absorbed and adapted to the Invading cultures, at heart, they are a proud and independent people. They have ambivalent feelings about the various influences, but are boldly proud of their own heritage. The Amazigh (indigenous) view the millenium of Arab dominance as one that has subjected them to marginalisation in their own country. Humility, flexibility and resilience are essential traits needed here.

WAVES OF BELIEF

and persecution

The **Kabyle** (Berber) people live in the nearby region of Kabylie. A powerful wave of the Holy Spirit has moved among them and a true multiplying movement of discipleship has happened. These believers have access to places westerners do not - and they are gaining a heart to go, even to Arabs and as far away as Libya. They are ethnolinguistically distinct from Arabs, but most speak Arabic.

- Praise God for the counter-cultural unity between Arab and Amazigh (Berber) believers. True peace is found in Jesus!
- Pray that reconciliation efforts by Kabyle toward Arabs would be a
 poignant contrast to the typical hostility in a way that draws them to
 the reconciliation of God, in Christ.
- Pray for courageous faith and boldness in the face of increasing persecution (the current wave began in 2017)
- Pray for the 20 churches that were forcibly closed to receive protection under the new