



THE YEMENI IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. ~Psalm 119:87

Hope in Heartbreak

Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country, continues to face severe conditions due to the on-going civil war. There is little to no water or livelihood there, and most everybody wants out. Many hope for a better life across the Gulf of Aden in the Horn of Africa. Unfortunately, what they find are similar situations: war, poverty, distress, and hopelessness. In the midst of this heartbreak, however, many who have been able to afford to leave Yemen are coming into contact with Jesus followers and are open to the Gospel! **God seems to be doing the miraculous among the Yemeni** who happen to encounter Truth through His people laboring in these countries. You could join them. Would you go and work among the Yemeni in Africa? They could hear the Gospel for the first time and finally find hope.

The saying goes: the grass is always greener on the other side. For Yemenis, their economic situation is not likely to change if they emigrate, but they could have a chance to hear about the Hope of the world! They are waiting to hear Truth... from you.

The flower of Yemen:
-COFFEE ARABICA BLOSSOMS-



Hope in the Lord's Promises

Yemen was like a beautiful flower, and although the civil war and political situations have destroyed much in the past several years, the people are still beautiful and immensely hospitable-- a characteristic of our great God! When commercial flights were closed for seven years, this was a huge blow to their hospitality and freedom. But in May 2022, the first commercial flights flew in and out of Yemen again. What a sign of hope! How the Lord wants to redeem and restore what was lost, even while the war continues. The Lord promises to use what is meant for evil and turn it for good, and this is apparent in the spiritual climate of the Yemeni people today. There seems to be an unprecedented openness to the Gospel among the Yemeni diaspora in the Horn of Africa.





...We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...

~2 Corinthians 4:8~

Hope in Jesus

In Yemen, there are regular power cuts, military shows of force, and injustices of every kind. Khat, a plant with addictive and harmful properties, is being used more and more as people try to cope with their situations. Young boys are strongly encouraged to join the war, and women are suppressed in education, economics, and society. Outside their shanties, Yemenis cook their food by burning trash they find in the streets. Many are leaving their rural homes because of the warring around them and moving to the cities in hopes for peace and a job. But many live day-to-day, and others often go without. The water situation is dire; with such a low water table, water is almost impossible to access locally, so they are trying to ship water in from other countries. These hardships accompany the beautiful smiles and open hearts of a people who live simply and want a better life for their children. They want sustained peace and an end to the fighting, so they look to nearby countries to provide them their simple dream.

When they come to the Horn of Africa, where they had heard a better life awaited them, they are faced with a host of new challenges. They are not greeted with open arms, as racism of all sorts is prevalent across the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. Their hearts are hurting, weary, and broken... and Jesus knows just how to touch this sort of need. One proximate worker has described God's work among the Yemeni as simply having to pick the 'fruit' off the ground!

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE AMONG THE YEMENI?

- Hard working **young people willing to do relief work** among refugees (60% of Yemeni are under 25 years old)
- **Trauma counselors** who speak (or are willing to learn) their language
- Medical nurses & **medical help of all kinds** (severe acute malnutrition in children, cholera, and much more)
- **Entrepreneurs** (those willing to have a business to provide jobs to these hopeless Yemeni in a new land)
- **Discipleship makers** (although they are skeptical of foreigners, their spiritual openness is unprecedented)
- and **more...** what do *you* have to offer?



Pray

- *May Yemeni hearts be continually open to the Gospel in the midst of their heartache.*
- *May Yemeni encounter Jesus followers who will boldly share the hope, joy, and peace of knowing the Living God!*
- *May more laborers go, for the harvest is RIFE!!*
- *May God reach into traumatized, fearful hearts and bring His healing, peace, and presence.*
- *May vibrant, passionate groups of believers form and spread throughout those who fled and then back into the inaccessible regions of Yemen.*