

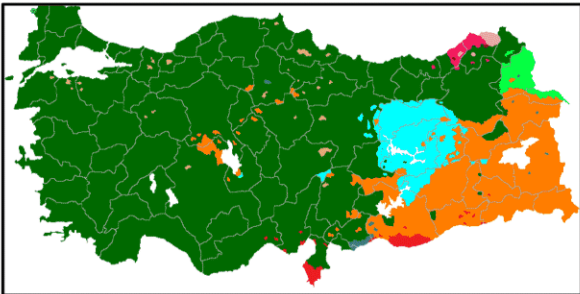
You have the opportunity to impact the Turkey/Balkans. Are you up for the challenge?

Conservative Sunni Turks



*"It is **too small a thing** for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the **nations**, that my salvation may **reach to the ends of the earth.**"*
— Isaiah 49:6—

Map of Turkish population (green) in Turkey



This Sunni Muslim group is the culturally dominant sector of the population in both numbers and influence. For example, the government has a Ministry of Religious Affairs which controls and dictates the religious curriculum in the mosques and teachings throughout the country.

For Orthodox Sunnis in Turkey prayers are the most important of the 5 pillars, and they place a high value on religious duties such as sacrifices. Theologically they are the opposites of liberals because they place such a high value on the Mosque, tradition, the Quran, and traditional conservative values. They are the religiously devout Turks who already believe in God, a religious text, spiritual disciplines, and are very passionate followers. They are less westernized and very traditional.

Quick Facts

Population: 35,000,000

Global Population: 35,000,000

Progress: Unengaged

Language: Turkish



Opportunities to Engage

Very little work is being done to engage with this incredibly important group. Presently we have one team focused specifically on reaching religious conservatives. One MAL, devoted for years among the religious conservatives, serves as an advising practitioner. People who are committed to DMM and working with the religious devout communities in Turkey are welcome. If someone has woodworking skills, or website and tech skills, there is a team that is engaging the religious devout through this business. There is also a need for educators, or long-term students, to study or work in the eastern part of Turkey which is very difficult to sustain identity and long-term residential status.

If you feel like you can relate more with religious people more so than secular, then this is a group you will feel more comfortable with and equipped to engage. There is also a team in the Black Sea region that is working among the religiously devout, with opportunities to join as a student, teacher, or various business opportunities.

"To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (all are in modern Turkey), who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure."

— 1 Peter 1:1-2 —

Prayer Points

- Pray that God would send more workers that feel called to engage with the devout population in Turkey.
- Pray for help in understanding how to properly engage this group of influential and resistant people.
- Ask the Lord to cause a dissatisfaction in their current religious conviction, not that God would remove it, but redirect it towards Jesus.
- Pray that God will raise up faithful intercessors who will ask the Lord of the harvest to break up the hard ground and soften the hearts of the conservative Sunnis of Turkey.



Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of the Turkey/Balkans?

**Contact us.
We would love to help you get there!**