

Morocco's unengaged

EMPTY EAST

Home to **2 million people**, as varied as the land that hosts them

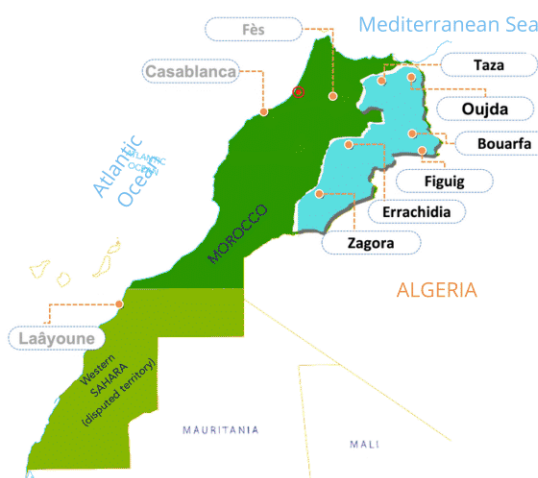
*"You have searched me
AND LORD, Janos Korum
you know me..."*

"You perceive my thoughts from afar ..."

*"...YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH
ALL MY WAYS..."*

*you hem me in
BEHIND AND BEFORE...*

PSALM 139:3-5



The easternmost region of Morocco is **ABUNDANT** with cultures and languages, but is chiefly **empty of gospel proclamation**. Hemmed in by the Atlas Mountains in the west and the 800 km border with Algeria, it stretches **from the fertile Mediterranean to the Sahara sands**.

The major cities of Errachidia and Oujda, as well as smaller towns like Taza, Bouarfa, Figuig, and Zagora serve as centers of trade and community for nearby desert dwellers. Unlawful cross-border commerce continues despite official closure 30 years ago, while political peace with this eastern neighbor remains elusive.

"THE MOROCCAN INTERNET"

Distinct indigenous dialects are spoken, as well as the common language of Moroccan Arabic <Darija>. The economy is likewise dynamic, and as the middle class grows, roughly as many Mercedes as donkeys are used for transportation. Oujda and Errachidia are relatively modern cities with reputable universities and strong-minded students who fearlessly protest for justice and causes they believe in. The Empty East is well-connected through social media.

The weekly souk (market), serves as the heart of every community, where floods of Moroccans of all walks of life mix, from the tent-dwelling nomad to the prosperous businessman, day workers to the bourgeois to the homeless, the young and the old. The exchange here of ideas, gossip, and news of the country and the world serves as "the Moroccan internet". Fridays are devoted to prayer at the mosque (attended by most men), followed by a delicious couscous meal with family - restoring and strengthening the most vital connections



99.99% MUSLIM - GREATLY UNDERENGAGED

"You lay your hand upon me. such knowledge is too wonderful for me." v.6

POSSIBILITY

Although there are few foreigners in the region, it is possible to get residency visas particularly in the larger cities.

Although it will not be easy,

God will open the door for those whom He has called, even to the smaller cities and communities spread throughout the east of Morocco. He has all authority.

PEOPLES & LANGUAGES

MOROCCAN "DARIJA" ARABIC

TAMAZIGH (MIDDLE ATLAS)

RIFFI (COASTAL NORTH)

TASHELHIYT (SOUTHEAST SOUCI)

ZENATA (SOUTHEAST)

FRENCH (TRADE)

MSA (WRITTEN/OFFICIAL)

A modern railway system in the north and public transport and roads **CONNECTING** the region make transportation possible throughout the Empty East. The proximity to Europe affords unparalleled ease of travel for western tourists which is helpful for short-term vision, survey, and prayer trips. Strong connections to social media are wide open doors for resident workers to both sow Gospel seeds and to identify open hearts and fertile soil.

RESIDENCY

Almost any business that employs nationals, benefitting the people socially, intellectually, and economically, may be welcomed. A strong business model which provides reason to be out in the surrounding villages would be useful for touching the unengaged places.

Morocco is no longer offering residency visas for foreign NGO's, but Moroccan associations exist. One might open a for-profit Health and Wellness facility with exercise classes, health education, and social activities for women. Adventure tourism, computer programmers, designers and trainers, and call centers could all be business platforms to bless this region. Engineers of all kinds have opportunities to partner with experts here. The universities and other schools open doors for foreign language (English, Spanish, French, German) teachers and specialists.

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

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PRAY FOR BELIEVERS

A small, but sturdy body of young believers is growing, but cannot reach the entire region.

"If I rise...

...ON THE WINGS OF THE DAWN;

IF I SETTLE ON THE

far side of the sea.

EVEN THERE YOUR HAND WILL
GUIDE ME, YOUR RIGHT HAND WILL
HOLD ME FAST." V.9-10



"FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING;
YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER
IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.

I praise you

BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY
AND WONDERFULLY MADE;

Your works are wonderful!

HOW PRECIOUS TO ME
ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, GOD!"

PSALM 139

Do you think God has shaped you to bring his good news to Morocco?