

Are you ready to be a voice crying out in the wilderness to make a way for the Lord?



Iraqi Sunni Arabs

Who are the Sunni Arabs of Iraq?

The Sunni Arabs of Iraq make up approximately 29–34 percent of Iraq's population. Sunni Arabs dominated the country's government and economy throughout the 20th century. Following the end of Saddam Hussein's regime, the balance of power shifted. Since then, Sunnis have been trying to reclaim relevance and influence in the country, which is sharply divided by sectarian conflict.

In spite of the sectarian conflicts, there is a new voice emerging from the country's youth. Young people between the ages of 19 and 29 make up the majority of Iraq's population and they have led recent movements trying to bring together Iraqis as one people united by something deeper than the sectarian division. They are bound together by the shared loss due to decades of conflict, disappointment in lack of education and public services, high unemployment, and a struggling economy. Many are pointing back to their cultural heritage in order to reclaim unity for the future. The youth movement is ready for a new era.



 **3.97 million**
Yet to be reached
 **~4 million**
Iraqis currently displaced



Quick Facts

Population- 3,970,000

Progress-Engaged yet
Unreached

Language- Mesopotamian
Arabic

Bible Translation, Gospel
Recordings, and Radio
Broadcast- Available



Despite the fact many do not feel the youth movement has the power and influence it needs to succeed, they have the numbers to make themselves heard, and hope that the rest of the country agrees that a change is needed and will work to rebuild a better Iraq.

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

— Isaiah 43:19 —

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness;
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God...
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed."
— Isaiah 40:3,5 —



Pray

- Ask the LORD of the Harvest to send out workers into this ready harvest field.
- Ask the LORD to raise up team leaders with a heart for these people.
- Pray for deep healing of these traumatized people through Jesus the Messiah.
- Pray for the few Iraqi cultural Christians who live in the area, that the Lord would give them strength, forgiveness, deep healing and would ignite a fire in them to reach their neighbors with the good news.



Engage

The earliest civilizations of ancient Mesopotamia were located between the two rivers of the Euphrates and the Tigris in modern-day Iraq. Though it was once known as the 'cradle of civilization' and the birthplace of writing and literature, today Iraq's culturally rich history is often forgotten by the outside world. It is now known as a war-torn country that has struggled to find peace. It has had little respite from war since 1914, and still today there continues to be sectarian violence.

After decades of war, the people seem beaten down and with little hope for a peaceful future. There is a sense of weariness and despair in the country and yet so many seem hungry for the gospel. The current laborers are unable to follow up on all the responses from media outreach as well as from their personal relationships. The need for more laborers is great. There are less than 20 workers to reach the 38.5 million Arab Sunni and Shia in Iraq. The handful of workers in the area are all saying, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few." The country is in a period of growth and rebuilding and there are many opportunities for visas with NGOs in teaching English, trauma care, business development, and even archeologists.

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The Lion of Babylon depicted on the Ishtar Gates of Babylon.