## Syrian Arab

## Who are the Syrian Arabs?

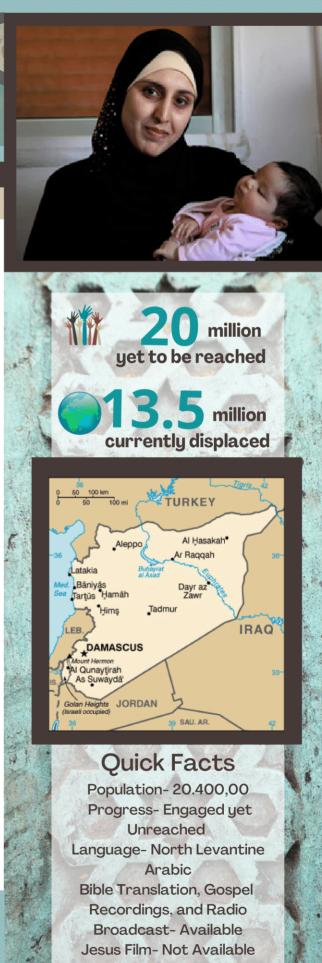
They are people with an ancient and rich history dating back to the 2nd Century. They are of Levantine Semitic roots meaning they are of the original peoples of the Levant area which includes Iraq, Jordan, Palestine, Isreal, and Lebanon. They adopted Levantine Arabic after they were conquered by Muslim armies in the 7th Century. They are people of great generosity and hospitality, and they are people who are hurting.

With the civil war now in its tenth year, an estimated 11.7 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. 6.7 million people are internally displaced. An additional 6.6 million are refugees in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, North Africa., throughout Europe and North America.

The conflict in Syria remains one of the largest humanitarian crises worldwide. Attacks on healthcare are a hallmark of the crisis. The UN estimates that nearly half of the health facilities in Syria are either partially functional or not functional at all. More than 1 in 3 schools are damaged or destroyed. Essential basic



services such as health, shelter, food, education, water, and sanitation are widely lacking. More than 465,000 Syrians have been killed in the fighting, over a million injured, and over 13 million have been displaced.



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

- Pray and ask for peace in this war torn land.
- Ask for Him to intervene and bring a stop to children being forcibly recruited by all sides to serve as soldiers, human shields, and executioners.
- Ask that He would draw the children to Himself.
- Ask for protection of Syrian refugee women and girls who are forced into exploitive marriages or prostitution in neighboring countries, as well as displaced children who are forced into street begging.
- Pray for those who have been displaced to find Jesus as their sure foundation.
- Pray for a swift end to the civil war, and for people of peace to rise up to places of leadership.





## **Engage**

We are actively recruiting workers to engage with Syrian Arabs. Our prayer is that God will open more widely the door for us to send teams into the country. Will you be on one of those teams?

As a result of many years of war, the Syrian Diaspora is spread throughout the globe. Could God be calling you to engage them in another country?

We advise all people wanting to go to Syria to learn Arabic fluently so that they can reach out to Syrian Arabs in their heart language. There are several opportunities to learn Arabic pre-field, as well as many Arabic language schools in the Middle East.

Candidates with a good grasp of Arabic, as well as knowledge and experience in working with traumatized people will be a great asset to their team.

Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of the Middle East? Contact us.

We would love to help you get there!