

POPULATION
1.25 million
Fès-Meknes region:
4.3 million



99.99%
MUSLIM



strategic

CONNECTED



With its tantalizing fusion of spices and colors and influences, it is no wonder Fès (Fez) is widely regarded as **the center of traditional Moroccan culture and language**. In the 13th century, the city developed into an intellectual center and a hub for Islamic education, earning its name as the Athens of Africa and still boasting the world's oldest functioning educational institution. Fès remains a **spiritually influential city** for the entire country.

Step back in time through the Blue Gate into the medieval labyrinth of the Fès medina. The world's largest car-free urban center is teeming with life! Vendors, locals, and tourists crowd the medina's 9,500 alleys. Aromas of fresh mint tea and fragrant spices mix with sounds of locals and vendors haggling over prices, friends telling stories, the braying of a donkey, and the rhythmic pounding of copper artisans. Some 200K, of the 1-million residents of Fès, live within the old city. Outside the gates, life is fairly modern. Education is prized. Family and religion are a priority. People are both welcoming and warm, but simultaneously wary to trust, even each other. They do not know the firm foundation of Jesus. They pursue righteousness in the only ways they've known how, but most do not know the straight path of God, in Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. But...

God is on the move!

"The nations will see your righteousness and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow."

ISAIAH 62:2



MAGHREB

North Africa is
"the west" for
the Arab World.



Could God be calling you to his people in North Africa?

"Pass through, pass through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway!
Remove the stones.
Raise a banner for the nations."

ISAIAH 62:10



THAT
THEY
MAY
HAVE
LIFE

ECONOMY

Unemployment is a big problem, even for the many educated young adults. Covid has further disrupted the economy. God is using this time of sickness and humility to soften hearts.



OPPORTUNITIES for engagement

Although Morocco no longer allows visas for foreign NGOs, there are many creative opportunities for business, especially those that contribute to the local economy and provide jobs for local people. Some ideas are tourism related business, expat services, export, specialty shops/restaurants, software and tech consulting, engineering, call centers, health and medical consulting, and even Retirement (independent income) can provide residency.



SOCIETY

Fès is culturally conservative and relationally interconnected, both in-person and social media. The Amazigh (indigenous people of North Africa) live peaceably with the Arabs, but it has not always been so. Amazigh means "free/ noble people" but since fleeing to the mountains during the Arab invasion, they have struggled to maintain freedom and nobility. A few independence revolts have failed. Although they lack official power, their influence is present throughout the tastes and sounds.

PRAY WITH US

For Believers: Revival and unity among local MBBs, and boldness to joyfully take the gospel to the outlying areas; for humble, faithful local leaders. For an outpouring of the Spirit.

For workers: continued partnership between orgs.

For multiplication: bold seed sowing and online receptivity. For a fellowship within walking distance of everyone in Morocco.

Prophetic Words/Pictures

"walls are cracking"

"floods of water & light"

"Anointing oil over mountains"