

You have the opportunity to make a difference in Southwest Asia. Are you up for the challenge?

Baloch

Iran



“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

— Isaiah 43:19a —



The Baloch people, also spelled Baluch or Beluch, are a group of tribes that speak the Balochi language and profess Islam. An estimated five million Baloch live in the province of Balochistan in southwest Pakistan and in much smaller numbers in neighboring areas of Iran and Afghanistan. The Baloch are traditionally nomads who raise camels, cattle, sheep, and goats and engage in carpet making and embroidery. While some Baloch are still nomadic, nowadays many have a settled agricultural existence or have migrated to larger towns and cities.



Opportunities to Engage

The main opportunity to work with Baloch people in Pakistan is in the city of Karachi where many Baloch live. Karachi is an hour's drive from the border with the province of Balochistan. Currently, there are no opportunities to reside in Balochistan, although this could change in the future as the government continues to invest in the province, creating more economic, business, social and cultural opportunities, as well as providing greater stability.

As Karachi is Pakistan's largest city and financial capital, there are opportunities for people to work in a range of sectors such as business, education, healthcare, technology, IT and engineering. Focus and intentionality would be required to integrate working life and building relationships and connections with Baloch people. Another approach is to partner with local Believers to support them to take the Gospel to Balochis, especially as they experience fewer restrictions on their movement than foreigners and experience fewer cultural barriers.

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

— Isaiah 43:19b —

Ways to Pray

- Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go and share Christ with the Baloch people.
- Pray that broadcasts and digital platforms with Christian content would be made available in Balochi.
- Ask God to guide and encourage people who are translating Scripture and other materials into Balochi.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Baloch towards Believers so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray that God will open the hearts of community leaders and tribal chiefs to the Gospel as way of influencing those who follow them.
- Ask God to strengthen, encourage, and protect Believers who are working to take the Gospel to the Baloch.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a strong local church among the Baloch.



Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of South West Asia? Contact us.
We would love to help you get there!