



Ethnic Group	Population	Religious Affiliation Percent			Scriptures	Gospel Radio	Jesus Video	Notes
		Non-relig.	Christian	Muslim				
Abkhaz	810,000	17	60	23	whole Bible	yes	no	Orthodox & Sunni, autonomous in Georgia
Armenian	4,600,000	30	70	-	whole Bible	yes	yes	Armenian Orthodox, homeland is Armenia
Avar	501,000	-	-	100	portions	no	yes	Sunni Islam, homeland in Dagestan
Azerbaijani	6,273,000	10	-	90	whole Bible	yes	yes	70% Shia, 30% Sunni, 10 million live in Iran
Balkar	71,000	-	-	100	New Test.	no	yes	Sunni, homeland in Kabardino-Balkaria
Chechen	792,000	37	-	63	portions	no	no	Sunni, fighting for independent homeland
Dargwa	282,000	-	-	100	portions	no	yes	Sunni, homeland in Dagestan
Georgian	3,479,000	18	77	5	whole Bible	yes	yes	Orthodox & Sunni, homeland is Georgia
Ingush	197,000	-	-	100	portions	no	no	Sunni, homeland is Inguishetia
Karachay	276,000	-	-	100	New Test.	no	yes	Sunni, homeland is Karachay-Cherkessia
Kumyk	251,000	-	-	100	New Test.	no	yes	Sunni, homeland in Dagestan
Lak	92,000	-	-	100	portions	no	yes	Sunni, homeland in Dagestan
Lezgi	367,000	-	-	100	portions	no	no	Sunni, homeland in Dagestan
Mingrelian	300,000	-	1	99	none	no	no	Sunni, homeland in Georgia
Nogay	77,000	-	-	100	New Test.	no	no	Sunni, Crimean Tartar in Dagestan
Northern Kurd	102,000	1	-	99	New Test.	no	yes	mostly Shia, also Yazidi & some Sunni
Ossetian	509,000	10	50	40	New Test.	no	yes	Orthodox & Sunni, autonomous in Georgia
Russian	8,645,000	35	65	-	whole Bible	yes	yes	Russian Orthodox

Population data is from National Geographic, February 1996. Other data is from the World Christian Encyclopedia, 2000 ed.

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Ancient Sunni Ottoman, Shiite Persian, and Orthodox Russian civilizations converge in the ethnically diverse and oil rich valleys between the Black and Caspian seas. Resulting conflicts fuel fanaticism, threaten national security, and are finally attracting American military and media attention.

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Jesus can soften hardened hearts and open closed minds that block systemic changes and lasting peace. God uses his people and orchestrates history not to preserve the American dream, but to get the gospel demonstrated and proclaimed in every nation to all people.



RESOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Resource	Contact Info
<i>Online Scriptures:</i> (Azerbaijani, Russian, Kurdish, Armenian)	< www.ethnicharvest.org/bibles >
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<i>Videos:</i> JESUS Film Project Multi-Language.Com	1-800-560-8713 < www.jesusfilm.org > 1-717-738-0582 < www.multilanguage.com >
<i>Scriptures:</i> International Bible Society American Bible Society Scripture Gift Mission	1-800-524-1588 < www.gospelcom.net/ibs > 1-800-322-4253 < www.americanbible.org > 1-877-873-2746 < www.gospelcom.net/asgm >
<i>Books & Tracts:</i> Multi-Language Media Four Spiritual Laws (Avar, Kumyk, Russian) Fellowship Tract League (Georgian, Russian)	1-717-738-0582 < www.multilanguage.com > < www.greatcom.org/laws/languages.html > < www.biblebelievers.com/FTL1.html >
<i>People Profile Videos (Azerbaijan):</i>	1-303-730-4170 < www.CalebProject.org/peoplev.htm >
<i>Online Ministry Resource Directory:</i>	< www.missionresources.com >
<i>Expatriate Christian Fellowship in Georgia:</i> Tbilisi International Christian Fellowship	Point of Contact (David) e-mail: 112101.1451@compuserve.com home phone: 32-33 81, cell phone: 899-58-49 66

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Service and Support	Open Doors Engineering Ministry International Every Home for Christ	1-949-752-6600 < www.sufferingchurch.org > 1-719-633-2078 < www.emiusa.org > 1-800-423-5054 < www.ehc.org >
Monitor Religious Persecution	Voice of the Martyrs Jubilee Campaign	1-918-337-8015 < www.persecution.com > 1-703-503-0791 < www.jubileecampaign.org >
Relief & Development Ministry	World Vision Salvation Army in Georgia Salvation Army in Russia	1-888-511-6598 < www.worldvision.org > Georgia_Region@caucasus.net russia@rus.salvationarmy.org
"Tentmaking" Job Placement	InterServe Mission to Unreached Peoples	1-610-352-0581 < www.interserve.org > 1-888-847-6950 < www.mup.org >
Ministry to Expatriates	World Evangelical Fellowship	1-630-668-0440 < www.worldevangelical.org >
Evangelism & Church Planting	Frontiers Strategic Frontiers of YWAM SBC Int'l Mission Board	1-800 GO-2-THEM < www.frontiers.org > 1-719-527-9594 < www.sfcos.org > 1-888-422-6461 < www.imb.org >

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