

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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EXPLORING NEW MINISTRY

ONE TREASURE FOUND

NORTHERN CAUCASUS - Sharra's supernatural powers had earned her a reputation. She was one of several Muslim women in the region to engage in Folk Islam: a blend of superstition, paganism and witchcraft with Muslim practices.

Although Sharra's powers were unusually strong, she hungered for something more. During a compelling dream, Allah (the Arabic word for God used in the Arabic Bible) spoke to Sharra, explaining, "You have searched for me, but you are missing the truth." Allah urged her to find the "bigger Qur'an" (the Bible).

Days later, a book fell from a co-worker's lap and Sharra eagerly asked, "What is this book and where can I get it?" Her co-worker brought her to a Bible study, where she received a copy of the Holy Injeel (Bible), poured over its pages, and became a follower of Isa (Jesus).

In her dream, Allah had warned Sharra that although Isa would protect her from evil, she would face persecution from her family and friends. After accepting Isa, Sharra suffered attempts on her life and torment from Satan, who tried to coax her back to him while she walked to church. However, Sharra remained faithful to Isa. And after seven years of struggle, her family embraced her once again.



The Caucasus Mountains rise majestically between the Caspian and Black seas at Russia's most southern border.



One Worthy Calling

When ITeams explores new ministries, we lead with our ears. It's natural to see needs and envision helpful ministries, but God calls us to see with HIS eyes and ask, "Lord, what are You doing here and how can we join You?"

Exploration is underway in the Northern Caucasus region, a landmass the size of Pennsylvania in which 5 million Muslims from 40 distinct ethnic groups make their home! Although Protestant and Orthodox churches dwell in the major cities, these peoples have little witness to Jesus in their own cultures and languages.

-Sam, ITeams USA

LESS THAN 0.0002% OF PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS, MAKING THE NORTHERN CAUCASUS ONE OF THE MOST UNREACHED AREAS OF THE WORLD.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

We are currently forming a team for the Northern Caucasus! We need persevering Christians with practical skills (i.e. teachers, counselors, and other professionals) who are willing to be a light in this dark place. If your heart is being moved, please inquire about a vision trip.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

ITEAMS USA GENERAL FUND

A gift to the general fund enables ITeams USA to explore new ministries and ministry locations, so that unreached people groups such as those in the Northern Caucasus region can hear about the love of Jesus.



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A higher purpose.*

ONE DRASTIC CHANGE

Some visit fortune-tellers to try to divine the future. Others worship their ancestors and pray to them for advice. In the Northern Caucasus region it is not uncommon for Muslims to turn to Folk Islam, interweaving folk magic elements such as curses, amulets, spells, interaction with spirits, and other forms of witchcraft with their Muslim faith.



The prevalence of Folk Islam and scarce knowledge of the gospel create a vast need for hope.

When Muslims chose to follow Jesus, their participation in Folk Islam must be addressed.

Jhanna, a vibrant woman living in the Northern Caucasus, experienced terrible problems with blockage in her sinuses. She planned to undergo surgery to ease the intense discomfort. Prior to the operation, Jhanna renounced her involvement in witchcraft, and her sinuses opened—fluid began to spill from her nose during the prayer!

Yet another remarkable act of providence touched Jhanna's family. Jhanna's mother-in-law struggled with incontinence for eighteen years. Although a Christian already for some time, she received healing immediately after she abandoned her association with folk magic.

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