

DAY 17: APRIL 21

Balkar

The Balkars are a Turkic people group of about 130,000, living in the mountainous North Caucasus region of Russia. Their culture is shaped by rugged terrain, **strong community bonds**, and historical resilience. They speak Karachay-Balkar, and so far only the New Testament has been translated into their language.

Many Balkars identify as Sunni Muslim, though levels of practice vary. Their collective memory includes **deportation under Stalin**, when the Balkars were accused of collaborating with the Germans and sent to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, where many died. They were allowed to return in 1957, only to find their homeland destroyed or resettled.

Access to the Gospel is limited, particularly in rural areas. There are **less than 0.01% Believers**.



Scripture

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea!”

Habakuk 2.14

Prayer Points

- ✓ Pray that God would **break through walls and reach the broken hearts** of the Balkars.
- ✓ Pray that God would raise up Christ-centered, Spirit-filled “**workers from the harvest**” to work among the Balkar people.
- ✓ Pray for the **translation of the Old Testament** into the Balkar language.
- ✓ Pray that the Balkars would receive **dreams and visions** from Jesus himself.