

# DAY 18: APRIL 22

## Karachays

The Karachays are a Turkic people of over 260,000, most of whom live in the mountain regions of the North Caucasus in Russia, with smaller communities in Turkey. They **share close cultural ties with the Balkars**. Their collective memory includes deportation under Stalin, which continues to shape their worldview.

Until the late 17th century, they followed a synthesis of pre-Christian traditions and Christianity, today they primarily identify with Sunni Islam though levels of practice vary. **Traditionally semi-nomadic**, they moved seasonally between mountain pastures and lower winter settlements.

Their society is organized in over 30 clans, with strong customary law shaping family life, hospitality, and conflict. **Access to the Gospel is very limited**, and believers make up less than 0.01%.



## Scripture

*"As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me."*

Psalms 55.16

## Prayer Points

- ✓ Pray that God would **break down spiritual strongholds** hindering the spread of the Gospel among the Karachays.
- ✓ Pray that God would **heal the wounds of the past** and set hearts free through Christ the Healer.
- ✓ Pray that God would **open doors and send workers** from outside who find access.
- ✓ Pray for a **multiplying church-planting movement** that even the rural and mountainous terrain cannot hinder.