

DAY 31: MAY 05

Southern Uzbek

There are approximately **3.8 million Uzbeks living in Afghanistan**. Among them, the number of Christians is extremely small—likely well under 0.01%, making Christianity a very rare minority presence within this population.

Afghan (or Southern) Uzbeks descend from multiple migration waves, including **ancient Turkic movements** and later arrivals in the 1920s–1940s from territories of the former Russian Empire and Soviet Union, where political shifts and atheistic state policies affected religious life and contributed to further migration.

They speak Uzbek, a Turkic language, and are traditionally identified as **Hanafi Sunni Muslims**. Today, this identity is often as much cultural and historical as it is strictly religious.



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Scripture

“The gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth.”

Colossians 1:5–6

Prayer Points

- ✓ Pray that God would **break down spiritual strongholds** that are preventing the spread of the Gospel among the Southern Uzbeks.
- ✓ Pray that God would send Christ-centered, **Spirit-filled laborers**—both from abroad and from among the Uzbeks—to serve the Southern Uzbek people.
- ✓ Pray that the gospel would **bear fruit and increase** among the Southern Uzbeks.
- ✓ Pray for a rapid and **healthy multiplication of churches** among the Uzbek people.