

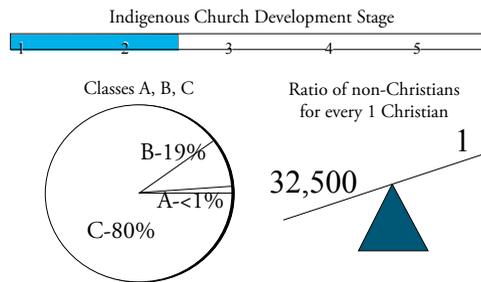
Muslim Egyptian Arabs



Quick Facts

Population: 67,000,000
 Egypt: 64,500,000
 Libya: 500,000
 Sudan: 350,000
 Saudi Arabia: 300,000

Religion: Islam
Believers: 0.003%
Scriptures: NT, OT
Ministry Tools: JRGT
Church Status: 2
Mission Status: 2
MS Subgroups: 20+



Class A- Are members of a Culturally Relevant Church
 Class B- Have close access to a CRC, but have not yet joined
 Class C- Have no reasonable or close access to a CRC

the pre-Islamic believers, and they are opposed to upsetting the delicate harmony they maintain with their Muslim conquerors. It is not uncommon for Coptic leaders to report missionary activity to the authorities. Around 15,000 Coptics convert to Islam every year.

How to Pray:

✞ Praise God for the steady trickle of believers from Islam in Egypt, many of which have been called through dreams and visions. Pray for more supernatural revelations from God!

✞ Pray for revival to come to the ancient Coptic church, and for boldness in proclaiming the gospel.

✞ Pray for more open doors in demonstrating the love of Christ through community development and urban poor ministry.

✞ Pray for religious freedom and protection from Islamic extremists and terrorists groups.

✞ Ask God to bless the effective witness of Christian tourists in Egypt.

✞ Pray for good response to radio and satellite broadcasting of the gospel.

Every year 580,000 Muslim Egyptian Arabs die without Christ.

Identity: The Muslim Egyptian Arabs are a mix of the original inhabitants of Egypt and the Arab conquerors who invaded North Africa in the 7th century A.D. They speak four major Arabic dialects, the most influential of which is Cairene Arabic.

Lifestyle: Almost all of the country's population live in towns and villages along the Nile river. Despite this plentiful supply of water, 36% of the country is without access to safe drinking water. A third of the population live below the poverty line, and the city of Cairo has become known as the Calcutta of the Arab world. The condition of the urban poor in Egypt is abysmal.

Customs: Circumcision for boys is mandatory and is usually celebrated around the seventh year. In upper Egypt, the circumcision of girls is also practiced. Women retain their family identities after marriage, keeping their

original names, family ties and legal rights. A girl's older brother is her protector for life, ensuring her chastity before marriage and well-being afterwards. Marriages are usually arranged.

Religion: The Egyptians were one of the first peoples to be Islamicized and Arabized. Today Islam is thoroughly ingrained within every aspect of Egyptian society. A strong undercurrent of Islamic fundamentalism is growing and threatening to shift the balance of power towards the implementation of Shariah law. Egyptian Arabs are at the forefront of contemporary Muslim missions, sending out thousands of missionaries around the world to strengthen and spread Islam.

Christian Outreach: Christian ministry to Muslims in Egypt is expanding and bearing fruit, but is hampered by two major forces: Islamic extremism on one side and Coptic Christianity on the other. The Coptics are the remnants of