Zanzibari

Unreached & Unengaged People Group in Tanzania

Spice Islands

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Since as early as the 1st century, Zanzibar has been an important trading post between Africa, the Middle East. and India. It became a major hub for trading ivory and spices (cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, and black pepper) as well as a key port in the Arab slave trade. All of this made the islands a target of foreign empires such as Portugal, the Ottomans and Great Britain.

In 1964, Zanzibar merged with the United Republic of Tanganyika and the new country was renamed the United Republic of Tanzania.

Population



Zanzibar 1.5 million Tanzania >56.7 million

Language

Swahili Official language United Republic of Tanzania

Religion







Demon possession and manifestation is a normal part of many people's lives. They often seek out an Imam or Sheha (elder of the community) who will give them "protection" from evil spirits.

Livelihood

Zanzibar's economy is estimated to be 80% tourism. Other industries are fishing, farming and the buying & selling of imported goods.

About half the population lives below the poverty line.

Healing & Hunger

A young man was struggling with a heart condition, so a team member asked to visit his home and pray for healing. He and his parents gladly invited the team member to visit. After explaining why we pray in Jesus' name, the team prayed for both parents who had minor health issues. Both were healed instantly!

As they began praying for the young man, he immediately started manifesting. The demons were cast out in Jesus' name. The man sat up, his heart rate was normal and the spirits gone.

Praise God, the young man and his mother have been hungry to learn more about Jesus, their healer. They are eager to share with others!

Engaging with God

Healing and deliverance are key components to opening hearts. Christians in Zanzibar are originally from Tanzania or neighboring East African countries.



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