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Day 5

TURKMEN SEARCH FOR HOPE



Turkmenistan

Have you heard of the country of Turkmenistan? Many people haven't! It's a small country in Central Asia and the people who live there are called Turkmen.

Life in Turkmenistan is very hard and many people have to travel to other countries to find work. They are desperate to take care of their families. Missionaries help them find jobs and food, but the most important thing they do is tell them about Jesus. Some Turkmen who move to other countries hear about Jesus for the first time.

When a Turkmen becomes a Christian, though, life can become even more difficult, because people are not free to follow Jesus in their country. When people tell others that they believe in Jesus, they risk losing jobs, being rejected by family, and being mistreated.

"People are coming to faith," says Anthony Bingham*, an IMB worker in Central Asia. "But coming to faith means you are signing up for a rougher life."

*pseudonym used

Fun Fact:

There's a melon that grows in Turkmenistan that is so juicy and sweet that the country celebrates a national holiday around it – Melon Day every August.



Activity.

Unscramble the following words that the Turkmen people need.

O P E H

P L O G S E

U S S E J

L B E B I

Time to Pray

Draw a ☀ in the box after you pray for each request.

Pray that the Turkmen people will not be afraid to follow Jesus.

Pray that missionaries will be faithful to tell Turkmen how to have hope in Jesus.

Pray that the people will find work and be able to support their families.

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