

# CAPRO MISSIONS People Group of the Week:

## *The Omani Arabs*

The Omani are an Arab people that are mainly found in the Arabian Peninsula in their home country of Oman. They are about 2,819,700 in population. They are Arabs but have a distinct culture and way of life that is uniquely Omani.

### Language(s):

They primarily speak a dialect of Omani Arab. There are 16 Indigenous languages total in Oman. There is no translated Bible in Omani Arabic however there is in standard Arabic which they also speak.

### Country(s):

There homeland is the Sultanate of Oman found on the south east point of the Arabian Peninsula bordering Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and the UAE. They are a benevolent absolute monarchy and since 11 January 2020, Haitham bin Tariq Al Said has been the current sultan.

### Religion:

Islam is the state religion and the Ibadi sect is predominant. Churches and church activities for the expatriate communities are permitted, but proselytizing Muslims is forbidden. There are less than 2% that adhere to any Christian faith and less then 1% Evangelical Christian. The Annual Evangelical Growth Rate is 5.9% (Global Rate = 2.6%).

## *Prayer Points*

- Praise point: Last year our missionaries started a faith journey with an Omani family, and one of the girls in that family professed Christ and the family was tolerant – which is very rare. Thank God for this rare opportunity and pray that the whole family will come to Christ.
- Covid-19 has surely taking a toll on the economy of the country, which was already suffering because of the lower oil price. In addition, there is an increased push for nationalization of jobs. So, we really don't know what will happen to our business platform we use to be here. We have already lost a lot of business. Please pray for God's protection and guidance at this time.
- Also Pray that this move for nationalization will work supernaturally in our favour.
- Pray for job security for our CAPRO partners in the country and other Christians. Pray that they will not lose heart or grow weary but that they will find strength in the Lord.

