

## 2014—Chechen People

Over a meal of the Chechen national dish Malika wiped her tears as she told the story of her recent job search. A Russian-Armenian family needed a full-time house cleaner, and Malika came highly recommended. But when they found out about her Chechen ethnicity, the family refused to discuss the job further. As a widowed mother of five children, Malika's hope for a \$1400 per month job was shattered, and she wondered why she bothered to come to Moscow. You see, Chechens as a people are widely hated by the majority Russian population.

Then she remembered how free she is in Moscow to fellowship with other people from Muslim background who follow Jesus. She knows she has true freedom from the bondages and consequences of life under Satan's authority—that's how she describes her family heritage of witchcraft and pagan worship hidden within her former Sufi Islamic community. When the Wahhabis came to "violently correct" the religious practices of her village, Malika knew she had to get out.

Malika's life parallels the life of Ruth, and she knows that her true "Kinsman Redeemer" is only found in the life, message, and community of Jesus. Of 1.4 Million Chechens, hundreds of thousands are living as internally displaced (in Russia, but not in Chechnya) or as diaspora (outside of Russia).

*Presently, of the 1.4 Million Chechens, there are 100-200 known Chechen believers living in many scattered places, few inside Chechnya. PRAY for these widely scattered Chechens who follow Jesus to find or build faith communities. PRAY for the Russian and European church to grow in maturity of fellowship with believers of Muslim background. PRAY for competent ministries to reach out to diaspora and displaced Chechens. PRAY for breakthroughs of Jesus' grace even inside Chechnya. "For with God...nothing shall be impossible"—Luke 1:37 PRAY Matt.9:36-38 for the Chechen people.*

### **NAMES OF MAJOR CHECHEN TOWNS:**

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| 1. Groznyy     | 4. Itum-Kale | 7. Gudermes       |
| 2. Urus-Martan | 5. Sha-li    | 8. Nozhai-Yurt    |
| 3. Sha-toi     | 6. Vedeno    | 9. Achkhoy-Martan |

### **NAMES OF CHECHEN VILLAGES (not all):**

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Khu-landoi       | 21. Kharse-noi     | 41. Kular-ii        |
| 2. Kiri             | 22. M'Varandii     | 42. Alkhan-Yurt     |
| 3. Bu-nee-al        | 23. Sel'menta-uzen | 43. Ata-gi          |
| 4. Nokh-chi Keyoi   | 24. Ulus-Kart      | 44. Chechen-Aul     |
| 5. Maka-zhoi        | 25. Cheeshki       | 45. Belga-toi       |
| 6. In-kot           | 26. Duba-Yurt      | 46. Germen-chuk     |
| 7. Dai              | 27. Chiri-Yurt     | 47. Mesker-Yurt     |
| 8. Sa-noi           | 28. Goi-skoe       | 48. Berkha-toi      |
| 9. Sharo-Argun      | 29. Rashni-Chu     | 49. Ageesh-ti       |
| 10. Be-noi          | 30. Shala-zhi      | 50. Elistan-zhi     |
| 11. Ve-duchi        | 31. Orehkovo       | 51. Dargo           |
| 12. Khacharoi-Ekh'k | 32. Ba-moot        | 52. Sa-ya-san       |
| 13. Koka-doi        | 33. Assanovskaya   | 53. Zan-dak         |
| 14. Bu-garoi        | 34. Serno-vodsk    | 54. Kosh-keldii     |
| 15. Gu-khoi         | 35. Samashki       | 55. Azamat-Yurt     |
| 16. Guchum-Kale     | 36. Novi-Sharoi    | 56. Bra-gun-ii      |
| 17. Bor-zoi         | 37. Valer-EEK      | 57. Vinogradnoe     |
| 18. Khara-choi      | 38. Geki           | 58. Pravo-berezhnoe |
| 19. Yalkhoi-Mozh'k  | 39. Meske-tii      | 59. Na-gor-noe      |
| 20. Galai-tii       | 40. Dzhu-gurtii    | 60. Komarovo        |



ABOVE -- New Mosque in modern, rebuilt Groznyy, the capital of Chechnya.

BELOW -- Mountain Village in Southern Chechnya

