

S'ILTE OF ETHIOPIA

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QUICK FACTS

People Name: S'ilte

People Cluster: Ethiopian

Language: S'ilte

Trade Language: Unknown

Population: 900,000

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for freedom from the spirits that have the people of Ethiopia bound.

Pray for workers who are trained in healthcare and medicine.

Pray for more information to be learned about the S'ilte people so that the workers can be sent more effectively.

Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the S'ilte who will boldly declare the Gospel.

Ask the Lord for communities of Jesus followers among the S'ilte.

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ABOUT THE PEOPLE

The S'ilte people live in one of the 77 woredas, or districts, of Ethiopia. Their particular woreda is in the southwest portion of the country and is named after them.

Islam in Ethiopia dates back to the seventh century, during the founding of the religion, when a group of Muslims were advised by Muhammad to escape persecution in Mecca and flee to Ethiopia. In general, Ethiopian Christians live in the highlands, while Muslims and adherents of traditional African religions generally inhabit the lowland regions in the east and south portions of the country.

In more recent history, a Soviet backed Marxist-Leninist military junta established a one-party communist state in 1974, and the following years were stained with coups, drought, intentionally-inflicted hunger, widespread violence, and genocide.

The nation of Ethiopia has only about one medical doctor per 100,000 people. The main health problems seem to be communicable diseases caused by poor sanitation and malnutrition, and the problem is worsened by the shortage of healthcare workers and medical facilities.

Ethiopia is one of the oldest countries in the world and the second-most populous nation in Africa. Today many people are migrating to urban areas in search of better living conditions. However, the continued urbanization and migration poses a threat to environmental sustainability in Ethiopia. As more migration occurs, food production will decrease. Rather than fixing the problems of degraded land and water resources, people move to cities in hopes of a better life. If nothing is done about the problem, the capacity to grow food will decrease as populations continue to increase, and poverty and health conditions will continue to worsen.

