



CULTURAL FAITH, NO BELIEF

Russians of Cyprus

After the fall of the Soviet Union, many Russians migrated to Cyprus for sunnier weather and economic opportunities. Today, Russians in Cyprus balance maintaining their cultural identity and assimilating into local life. Most consider themselves Christian because they were born into the Orthodox Church, but about a third do not believe in God at all. Since the start of the war with Ukraine, life has become increasingly difficult for Russians living outside their homeland, and many have felt the need to hide their Russian identity to avoid discrimination.

*Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. **Isaiah 55:3***

LET'S PRAY

Pray for Russians to embrace the gospel and find their identity, not in the Orthodox Church or their nationality, but in Christ.

ACTIVITY

A Simple Gift, Showing God's Love

Though many Russians do not yet believe the gospel, God loves them with an everlasting, sacrificial love. He has demonstrated this "in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Give someone a gift today, maybe a flower, a picture you've made, or a word of encouragement, remembering that God's love cannot be earned. It's a free gift.