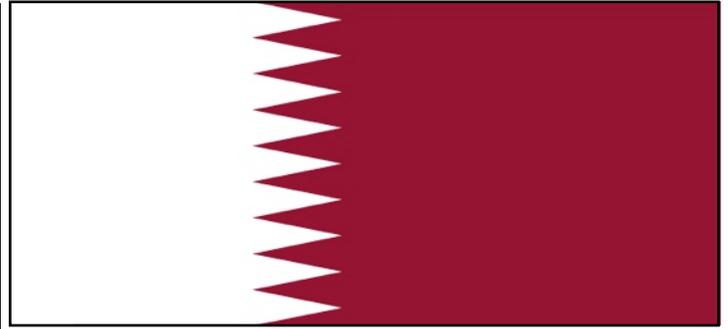


Qatar

- The capital city of Qatar is Doha.
- Most of the people in Qatar practice the religion of Islam. About 9% are Christian.
- The official language of Qatar is Arabic but English is commonly used as a second language
- Qatar is a desert nation. They only get about two inches of rain per year!
- There are a lot of oil and gas reserves in Qatar, causing them to be one of the wealthiest nations in the world.
- The same ruling family, the Al Thani family, has ruled Qatar since the mid-1800s.
- Qataris eat olives, cheese, and yogurt for breakfast.
- Most Qatari women, especially older ones, wear the “thoub”, a long black coat, which covers the entire body, and a “hejab”, a black head covering through which only the eyes, nose and mouth are visible. Underneath the thoub, women often wear Western-style clothes.
- Marriages are arranged in Qatar and girls marry young. The groom’s family has to pay a bride-price to the bride’s family before the wedding.
- Soccer, camel-racing and falconry are popular pastimes.



Story: Qatar’s Church City

The people born and raised in Qatar are nearly all Muslim. They practice a very strict form of Islam called Wahabbi. Sharing the gospel with a Muslim is strictly prohibited and anyone caught doing this can face up to ten years in jail. The few Qatari Christians that exist do not let their own beliefs or that of other Christians be known, for fear of persecution.

There is little opportunity to become a Christian in Qatar but many young people who travel to the west to attend college become Christians. They then make the decision to stay instead of going home because they are afraid of the consequences.

There is an area outside the capital city of Doha where the government has provided land for approximately 10,000 Christians to worship. This area is called “Church City” and is the site for many different church fellowships. But these Christians are all expatriates. That means they have come from other countries.

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Most of them are from Asia. They have come to work as laborers, nannies, domestic servants, and whatever else they can find to do.

We are thankful for the churches that have been allowed to open recently, but we long and pray for the day that Qataris can worship alongside the expatriate Christians, without fear of punishment and persecution.



Recipe: Algeemat

2 cups of flour
2 tablespoons of powdered milk
1 large spoon of sugar
1 large spoon of yeast
2 large spoons of custard
1/4 spoon of saffron
1/4 spoon of cinnamon
2 cups of milk
1 cup of warm water
A pinch of salt
Cooking oil
Syrup

Put all of the ingredients into a bowl (except for the cooking oil) and mix to produce a dough-like substance.

Leave to rise for about an hour.

Roll the dough into small balls.

Fry the balls in a pan of oil until they are golden color and crisp.

Drain, cover in syrup, and they are ready to eat!

Activity: Al Ghomaid

Boys enjoy playing the “Al Ghomaid” game, in which one boy is blindfolded and has to catch one of the others, who try to avoid him and make noises to confuse him. When the blindfolded boy catches one of the other players, that boy is then blindfolded, and the game starts over again.



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