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## The Nile Delta Region

The Nile Delta is a fertile farming region in Egypt that extends from the northern edge of Cairo to the Mediterranean Sea. As one of most densely populated areas of Egypt and the Middle East, the Delta is home to approximately 32 million people living in several large towns and thousands of villages. The local population increases by about 500,000 people each year. Covering 14,000 square miles, this small area is home to 12% of the world's native Arabic speakers. (The total population of the 22 countries of the Arab world is 323 million, but only 272 million have Arabic as their native tongue.)

The people of the Delta range from the poor, rural and

uneducated to the wealthy and urban who have advanced degrees from western universities. There are several universities in the Delta, but the overall literacy rate is low. Despite urbanization, most Egyptians in the Delta are farmers. Egypt is one of the world's top rice producers, almost all of which is grown in the Delta.

The overwhelming majority of the people in the Delta are Muslims. However there is a significant minority (about 3%) who identify with the Coptic Church, which traces its origins to Mark the Evangelist, the writer of the Gospel. A tiny minority of Christians in the Delta are Evangelicals. For more info see: <http://www.peopleteams.org/niledelta>

### Also pray for ...

- ▶ Pray for the numerous Egyptians living in the UK. Many of them are Christians. Pray for them to be strengthened in their faith and to be effective witnesses to Muslim Egyptians and others. It is amazing to think that people from Egypt believed in the Messiah even on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2).



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for boldness for all believers (both current and new believers) resulting in the Gospel being shared thousands of times daily.
- ▶ The Delta is filled with a spiritual atmosphere of fear, confusion, fanaticism, and magic. Pray that people will get to know the real Jesus, despite any errors they may have been taught.
- ▶ Pray for entire families to come to Christ so that they will devote their homes, as well as their hearts, to the Lord.
- ▶ Pray for people to listen to and watch the Christian radio and satellite broadcasts which can be heard in the Delta.

