

HIMBA - Namibia



The Himba practice bilateral descent, with wealth being inherited mainly through the maternal line (typically from the maternal uncle to a nephew) while status is passed patrilineally. Every person is a member of both their maternal (*eanda*) and paternal (*oruzo*) clans.

All Himba marriages are arranged by kin and a small bride price is paid (typically one cow and two sheep). However, in some cases couples fall in love and then go to their families for permission to marry.

Fertility is still relatively high among the Himba and a large family size is preferred.

Ways to Pray

- The team had the last two of their consultants checking sessions virtually, over Zoom. Outside of this, the community testing sessions that have taken place have all taken place under tough conditions brought about by COVID-19 restrictions.
- Please pray for the COVID-19 situation to improve, so the consultant and the team can be able to have a face to face meeting soon. Also pray for God's protection over the translation team and their families.

.....so is my word
that goes out from my
mouth:

It will not return to me
empty,
but will accomplish what
I desire and achieve the
purpose for which I sent
it.

Isaiah 55:11