The Kebena were part of the Hadya Kingdom. At the end of the 19th century, Qebena became an autonomous state ruled by an Imam.

The Kebena were originally semi-nomadic. Their economy is based on subsistence farming. They grow wheat, teff, maize, sorghum, oil seed, enset (false banana), chat, coffee and fruits. They depend mostly upon rain for their crops, though there is river water that could be used for irrigation. Their climate is mostly temperate.

They are bordered by the Gurage in the north, the Gurage and Kembata in the east, the Tamaro in the south and the Omo River to the west.

The Kebena Development Association strives to promote the Kebena history, culture and language. There are century old mosques, underground caves, waterfalls, and a battlefield that are potential tourist attractions in the Kebena woreda.

Unlike their southern kinsmen, the Hadya, who are mostly Christian, the Kebena are Muslim.
Prayer Points

➢ Pray for the Ethiopian churches in the diaspora & in Ethiopia to mobilize their people & resources to reach the Kebena for Christ.
➢ Ask God to send people to intercede for the Kebena.
➢ Pray that God will send laborers, especially from the Hadya to reach the Kebena.
➢ Ask God to loosen the hold of Islam upon their lives.
➢ Pray that the effectiveness of evangelistic resources in their language

Information from The Joshua Project at www.joshuaport.net:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kebena

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’” Romans 10: 14 - 15

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