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Hindu Mochi in India



Who would think of shoemakers observing a marriage ritual by walking around a sacred fire? The low-status Mochi caste members typically work as cobblers, fashioning leather into shoes, saddles, and other goods. They are almost 100 percent Hindu, worshipping their gods and following rituals of Hinduism.

Ministry Obstacles

Geography and the Hindu religion form major barriers to reaching the Mochi people. Pray the Holy Spirit overcomes these obstacles by drawing Mochi leaders and families throughout South Asia to Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Ask for committed intercessors from Indian churches to lift up the Mochi. Pray for anointed witnesses to reach out to Mochi people selling shoes, leather goods, and other items. Ask that Bible resources already available in the major Mochi languages of Bengali and Hindi take root in the various Mochi subgroups.



POPULATION: 1,943,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Ask for disciple making movements to begin in each Mochi community. Pray that these movements spread throughout South Asia to bring great blessings upon all the Mochi subgroups.

SCRIPTURE In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1:1

PRAY that this people group will be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.

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Buriat in Inner Mongolia, China



The Buriats claim to be descended from either a grey bull or a white swan; therefore, their folk culture features dancers imitating swans and other animals. They share many common traits and customs with Mongols.

Ministry Obstacles

They are Buddhist, though the shaman is a highly regarded member in their culture. Of late a relatively new religion called Burkanism has emerged among them, and many young Buriats are atheist. In sum, they have a number of spiritual directions that take them away from the only Savior.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for a major gospel outreach in Inner Mongolia this decade. Ask God to send loving, bold ambassadors of Christ to the Buriats and other peoples in this region.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Ask God to help the Buriats find their



POPULATION: 170,000

LANGUAGE: Buryat

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

identity in Him. May believers become effective in sharing and discussing Bible stories with their own and other families. Pray for translation efforts.

SCRIPTURE So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Gen 1:27

PRAY that this people group will realize that they were meant to be in God's image, and they need to change their ways to get back to Him.

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Daur in Inner Mongolia, China



The Daur people possibly are descended from a group named “Those Who Hunt Foxes.” They live in clans and speak Daur (somewhat similar to Mongolian) and Chinese. There used to be as many as 300,000 Daur, but their numbers have dwindled as a result of disease and assimilation into other people groups.

Ministry Obstacles

Daur people hold their shamans in high esteem; they consult their shamans for any important decision. They are also Buddhist. There are many other spiritual strongholds.

Outreach Ideas

There are many strong believers in other parts of China that can reach the Daur people by relocating.

Pray for the Followers of Christ

In the 1990s, the Daur were shown the JESUS Film, and more than 1,000 put their faith in Christ. They stood firm in persecution.



POPULATION: 199,000

LANGUAGE: Daur

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

There are portions of the Bible in Daur. Pray for Daur believers to be passionately involved in evangelism and to have a deep burden to see a movement to Christ among their people.

SCRIPTURE “I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” Gen 12:2-3

PRAY for many leaders in today’s people group to seek and find God’s blessings, which He intended to give to them since the beginning of time.

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Solon Ewenki in Inner Mongolia, China



Reindeer are friends and “ships of the forest” for the Ewenki people. They raise reindeer and are the last hunting tribe in some of China’s harshest lands. They live nomadically in easily transportable yurts.

Ministry Obstacles

The Ewenki worship their ancestors, and some still even worship bears. Their shamans are their leaders, and many are Buddhists.

Outreach Ideas

It will take entire Solon Ewenki families to come together under Christ’s banner, and to share His ways with others as they live life as a greater community.

Pray for the Followers of Christ

Pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint Ewenki believers to spread His fame.
Pray for economic survival for the



POPULATION: 35,000

LANGUAGE: Ewenki

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Ewenki, as the reindeer population is dwindling. Portions of the Bible are available in the Ewenki language. Pray that these will be put to culturally appropriate music and shared in Ewenki settlements.

SCRIPTURE Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!” And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. Gen 15:5-6

PRAY that members of today’s people group will understand that they can become part of God’s holy family and experience His goodness.

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Mongols of China



Mongols in Inner Mongolia survive bitter winters and have traditionally lived in yurts (tents), racing their horses and raising livestock. From a very young age children learn to ride and feel at home on the saddle. There might be as many as 60 Mongol subgroups! Many were converted to Christianity between the seventh and fourteenth centuries.

Ministry Obstacles

Shamanism is a spiritual obstacle that needs to be overcome by the faithful prayers of the saints.

Outreach Ideas

Christian broadcasting is available, and the translation of the New Testament is a work in progress. The literacy rate is 71 percent, so the Mongols can be reached with printed materials.

Prayer for the followers of Christ

There are 12,000 known followers of Christ. Pray for a strong church planting movement to rapidly increase these numbers, especially in rural areas. Pray for the Mongol peoples to turn to the power of the Holy Spirit



POPULATION: 5,636,000

LANGUAGE: Peripheral Mongolian

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

rather than that of their shamans. Pray for there to be many from every different tribe of Mongols represented at the throne of Jesus. Pray for the JESUS Film to be made available in Mongol dialects and widely distributed.

SCRIPTURE The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise Him—my father's God, and I will exalt Him!
Ex 15:2

PRAY that members of today's people group will look to the Lord alone for strength and victory.

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Oroqen Mongolians of Inner Mongolia, China



The Oroqen Mongolians are spread over a vast mountain range area in northeast Inner Mongolia. For generations they have lived in tents covered by tree bark in the summer and deer skins in the winter. They are excellent hunters and fishermen, and some raise reindeer.

Ministry Obstacles

Shamanism has a hold on the lives. Their tendency towards drunkenness and violence have hampered evangelism efforts.

Outreach Ideas

They do have an 84 percent literacy rate, so they can be reached with printed materials; however, they have no scripture. They need one gospel book to be translated for them to learn about Jesus.

Prayer for the followers of Christ

There are only 30 known Christian believers. These few need to be led by the Holy Spirit to share their good news with family members and neighbors. Pray for spiritual hunger that will lead Oroqen people



POPULATION: 11,000

LANGUAGE: Evenki

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

to Jesus Christ.

Pray for a church planting movement to grow in this remote region.

Pray for at least one gospel of the New Testament to be translated into their language and widely distributed.

SCRIPTURE Who is like you among the gods, O Lord—glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders? Ex 15:11

PRAY that today's people group will understand that glory, holiness and power come only from our Lord and king.

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Torgut Mongolians in Inner Mongolia, China



Torgut Mongolians live in a fertile verdant area of grasslands which receive ample rainfall. Folk dancing is their favorite pastime. They claim to be Tibetan Buddhists; however, they practice shamanism. There are no known believers and no church among them. There were efforts by missionaries during the 1900's.

Ministry Obstacles

Ninety-five percent of them have never heard the gospel. There are no known believers; they have no scripture translations, no JESUS Film, no gospel recordings, and no Christian broadcasts available. Pray for Christian materials to be translated.

Outreach Ideas

Dancing that tells the story of the gospel message might be a way to get the interest of these people who love dancing.

Pray for the Entire People Group

They need the closest known



POPULATION: 194,000

LANGUAGE: Kalmyk-Oiryat

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

believers to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask for an intervention of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Spirit to be preparing the hearts to receive the good news with rejoicing.

SCRIPTURE I know now that the Lord is greater than all other gods, because he rescued his people from the oppression of the proud Egyptians. Ex 18:11

PRAY that non-believers among this people group will be convinced to follow the Lord because of His miracles.

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Xiang Han Chinese in China



Did you know there is a people group in China that has a writing system that is only understood by their women? They call themselves the Xiang, one of the Han Chinese peoples. The Xiang worship the spirits of dead communist leaders that once ruled China.

Ministry Obstacles

The Xiang take great pride in their fighting abilities. They are independent to the point of rejecting outside ideas, including those coming from Christ's followers.

Outreach Ideas

Martial artists who know Jesus might be able to establish contact with this people group. Ask the Lord to raise up the right people to go to them.

Pray for the Followers of Christ

We do not know if there are any from this people group that follow Christ. Pray for a movement to Christ among this people group, precious in God's sight. Ask God to show them



POPULATION: 39,520,000

LANGUAGE: Xiang Chinese

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

that Jesus Christ is the sovereign, risen Savior, the only one who is truly worthy of worship. Pray for spiritual openness and a hunger for true righteousness, especially among their leaders.

SCRIPTURE You must not have any other god but me. Ex 20:3

PRAY for this people group to understand and obey this essential and central command.

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Waxiang Han Chinese in Hunan Province, China



The Waxiang live scattered throughout the beautiful Hunan Province. Though they are a mixture of several ethnic groups, officially the Waxiang are considered to be part of the majority Han Chinese Nationality.

Ministry obstacles

This people group believes in ghosts and spirits. Many are also Daoists. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in their communities.

Outreach ideas

The Waxiang Han Chinese take pride in their unique language which is related to the Miao cluster of languages. Perhaps there is an open door for linguists who know Christ to establish a beach head among them and translate for them.

Pray for the entire group

As far as we know there are 500 followers of Christ among the Waxiang Han Chinese, but they are too scattered to form their own fellowship. Pray that the few



POPULATION: 375,000

LANGUAGE: Waxianghua

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: None

STATUS: Unreached

Waxiang believers will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to take Christ to every Waxiang community. Pray that they will develop a hunger for the true Savior, Jesus Christ. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among them in the 2020s.

SCRIPTURE You must serve only the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness. There will be no miscarriages or infertility in your land, and I will give you long, full lives.
Ex 23:25-26

PRAY *that many from this people group will serve the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.*

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Iu Mien in China



How would you like to be mistaken for someone else? That is the dilemma of the Iu Mien people. They have distinct clothing and language from the other people groups in Hunan Province. They have historically been engaged in conflict with the Han Chinese, especially over the opium trade, and they lost these battles. That is why they now live high in the mountains. They worship Pan Hu, their patron ancestor deity and other ancestors and spirits.

Ministry Obstacles

Their geography makes contact difficult. Their distinct language does the same, as do mutual attitudes of distrust between them and Han Chinese believers.

Outreach Ideas

Due to mutual suspicion, it is best that non-Han or even foreigners reach them.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the Iu Mien people will



POPULATION: 1.303,000

LANGUAGE: Iu Mien

RELIGION: Traditional Religion

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

open up to outsiders, that they will be open to reconciliation with their neighbors and with God. Pray they would access what Scripture is available in their language.

SCRIPTURE Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. Ex 31:2-3

PRAY that as members of this people group become part of God's holy family that they will also find His purposes for them.



Tujia, or “The People,” are an unreached people group; but they consider themselves, “the aboriginal people.” Yet this “original people,” has significantly assimilated with the surrounding peoples since the 16th-century, so that today only three percent actually speak Tujia. They believe in an original “First Couple,” Tuxi and Nuna, whose spirits they invoke in exorcism.

Ministry Obstacles

The biggest obstacle is their lack of faith in the God who gave them life. Instead, their faith is in other spirit beings.

Outreach Ideas

It will be necessary to reach them via Mandarin or a nearby tribal language. These materials need to be presented as songs and skits in such a way that they do not appear foreign.



POPULATION: 9,790,000

LANGUAGE: Mandarin Chinese

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for a disciple making movement to flourish among them this decade.

SCRIPTURE Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped. And he said, “O Lord, if it is true that I have found favor with you, then please travel with us. Yes, this is a stubborn and rebellious people, but please forgive our iniquity and our sins. Ex 34:8-9

PRAY that members of this people group will soon have as rich an understanding of the need for God’s presence as Moses did.

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Eastern Ghao-Xong in China



Fish swim in water, birds fly in the air, Miao live on the mountains. Today's people group, the Eastern Ghao-Xong, are one of the Miao peoples. The Eastern Ghao-Xong are the smaller but more independent of the two Ghao-Xong groups. Their villages arve on the northern mountaintops where they seek privacy in the eastern part of Hunan Province.

Ministry Obstacles

Traditional animistic religion holds a central role in Ghao life as they worship many deities, some of whom require blood sacrifice.

Outreach Ideas

Indigenously-led churches honoring their specific identifying tribal markers is key to reaching the Eastern Ghao-Xong. Their tradition of sprinkling a sacrificed pig's blood above the doorway alludes to the Passover, which represents a redemptive analogy for faith in sacrificial blood.

Pray for the Followers of Christ

Pray that the nearly 1,000 believers will form multiplying fellowships that will reveal the loving power of Christ



POPULATION: 137,000

LANGUAGE: Eastern Xiangxi Miao

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: None

STATUS: Unreached

to their unreached neighbors.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for the spiritual eyes of the Eastern Ghao-Xong to be opened to see the power and authority of the Holy Spirit above their traditional spirits.

SCRIPTURE Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Moses could no longer enter the Tabernacle because the cloud had settled down over it, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Ex 40:34-35

PRAY *for many from this people group to experience the glory of the Lord and allow Him to transform them forever.*

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Western Ghao-Xong in Hunan Province, China



The Western Ghao-Xong people's high mountain lifestyle shows their longstanding values of perseverance and freedom. Fierce warriors, they fought long for their tribe's independence. They avoided defeat by their inaccessibility and fortitude.

Ministry Obstacles

The Western Ghao-Xong remain resistant to outside ideas due to years of oppression and living in inaccessible mountains.

Outreach Ideas

The myth of their venerated ancestors Yayi and Yanu idealizes one's blood sacrifice for the people and the other's leadership of the people into safety. They should be taught that Jesus not only did both, but that He led them into eternal spiritual freedom as well.

Pray for the Followers of Christ

Pray for their believers to persevere in spiritual battle for the freedom of their unbelieving neighbors from unclean spiritual forces.



POPULATION: 1,409,000

LANGUAGE: Western Xiangxi Miao

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: None

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray that the gospel will be quickly translated into the Ghao-Xong mother tongue, and the hope of Jesus's victory will spread into a movement of Christ-worshippers.

SCRIPTURE The Lord also said to Moses, "Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy. Lev 19:1-2

PRAY that new believers among this people group will seek holiness by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform them from the inside out.

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Mozhihei in China



When does one become two? The Mozhihei are one of two Tujia peoples, who have their roots in a migration that happened between 2200 and 1800 years ago. Today they grow a wide variety of crops, and are also quite proficient in hunting, trapping, and fishing. Those who live in urban areas tend to be atheistic while all others hold to religious practices involving a combination of shamanism, Daoism, ancestral worship, and ancient spiritual beliefs.

Ministry Obstacles

Perhaps the greatest obstacle standing between the Mozhihei and Christ is that few believers have ever gone to their home in the Hunan Mountains. Pray for more workers in the fields!

Outreach Ideas

The Mozhihei have a beautiful cultural repertoire of traditional songs and dances, suggesting they value these mediums. Song and dance might be the best avenue to present the gospel.



POPULATION: 6,700

LANGUAGE: Southern Tujia

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Followers of Christ

Pray that they would hear of Christ and that their hearts would be moved to pursue Him as a group. Pray for a people movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace. Num 6:24-26

PRAY *this blessing on today's people group.*

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Kashmiris in Jammu & Kashmir, India



Snow and glaciers in India? That's Kashmir, home of the Muslim Kashmiris. Kashmir is a popular tourist destination during the hot summer months. Unfortunately, Jammu & Kashmir remains highly disputed between India, Pakistan, and China, and there is sporadic fighting.

Ministry Obstacles

Most Kashmiri are devout Sunni Muslims. Their civilization has been heavily influenced by Muslim mystics and Persian culture. Kashmiri Muslims are convinced the Bible is wrong when it contradicts the Koran. Those who "convert to Christianity" are viewed as immoral, degenerate people. Many Kashmiris have heard of Jesus Christ, but view him merely as a prophet and teacher, not as the only one who can forgive our sins.

Outreach Ideas

Kashmiris in Jammu are known to be very hospitable and enjoy entertaining guests over tea, so visitors can take the gospel in an informal setting. Pray for workers to find persons of peace among them.



POPULATION: 6,681,000

LANGUAGE: Kashmiri

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for a movement of God's Holy Spirit among families causing many to seek their loving Savior who died for them. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of Kashmiri leaders.

SCRIPTURE He alone is your God, the only one who is worthy of your praise, the one who has done these mighty miracles that you have seen with your own eyes. Deut 10:21

PRAY *that many from this people group will make the Lord their only God, and thank Him for His miracles.*

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Bakkarwals in Jammu & Kashmir, India



Bakkarwals live in a confusing world of tensions between traditional vs. modern, rural vs. urban, and Hindu vs. Sunni Muslim. They are considered a backward caste, meaning they are looked down upon by many in India.

Ministry Obstacles

In recent decades, Kashmir has seen much fighting between the Indian government and Muslim separatists. Bakkarwal and their flocks of sheep have been seriously threatened by violence. Many have abandoned their nomadic lifestyle and livelihood to settle in the foothills.

Outreach Ideas

Bakkarwals are mostly illiterate. Audio resources and the JESUS Film are available in languages that they speak. Because they are considered a backward caste, they have less to lose by turning from their current religious system.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for the good shepherd to “find”



POPULATION: 113,000

LANGUAGE: Gujarati

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

these lost “sheep.” Many Bakkarwal people understand how much God cares for them. May they soon heed the call of God and share Him with others until there is a powerful disciple making movement spreading throughout Kashmir.

SCRIPTURE Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. Josh 1:8

PRAY that many from this people group will not only study but apply what God teaches through His word.

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Balti in India



Do you like bulgur (cracked wheat) and apricots? So do the Balti people who farm these crops. Balti people are a scheduled tribe living in perilous mountains near the Pakistan border. Their seven isolated villages are inhabited mainly by the elderly, women, and children. Most young men go to the cities for education and employment.

Ministry Obstacles

Perilous mountains and weather contribute to difficult access to Balti villages. Balti ancestors were Buddhist. They converted to Islam in the 10th century. Today they worship an assortment of gods, all of whom turn them away from the only Savior.

Outreach Ideas

Balti people are hospitable and willing to spend time with outsiders. Perhaps this is an opening for Christ's ambassadors. They have many practical needs that could open doors for the gospel.



POPULATION: 52,000

LANGUAGE: Balti

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray that Christ followers will produce radio programs that will point the way to the Lord Jesus. Pray that a movement of the Holy Spirit will sweep through all seven Balti villages.

SCRIPTURE He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever. Josh 4:24

PRAY that the "nation" we are praying for today will know that the Lord's hand is powerful and will give Him praise.

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Kumhiar in Jammu & Kashmir, India



The Kumhiar people (not to be confused with the Kumhar potters) live in Jammu & Kashmir, straddling India and Pakistan. Many of them farm for a living in this high elevation where crops are hard to grow. Potatoes and wheat are important crops.

Ministry obstacles

Islam, the religion of the Kumhiar people, is both a bridge and an obstacle to the gospel. It's a bridge in that Muslims understand that they answer to the God of Creation and Jesus is an important prophet. It's an obstacle in that they believe that Jesus is not the only way to find a right relationship with God.

Outreach ideas

Believers who go to Kashmir as tourists can take copies of the JESUS Film and gospel recordings to these people who now depend on their own righteousness to reach the God of Heaven.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that this will be the decade where the Holy Spirit penetrates



POPULATION: 8,300

LANGUAGE: Kashmiri

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

their hearts and heads in a big way! Pray for new opportunities to take Christ to Kashmir to come about this decade leading to a disciple making movement.

SCRIPTURE May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done. Ruth 2:12

PRAY for today's people group to seek and find refuge with the Lord and be rewarded.

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Makhmi in Jammu & Kashmir, India



The Makhmi people live in the northern part of Jammu and Kashmir. Some live on the Indian side of the border, but most are on Pakistan's side of the line. This is a very difficult part of the world where armies of both countries are usually on the brink of war.

Ministry obstacles

The Makhmi people live in the high mountains of Kashmir where outside ideas are seldom brought in and almost never accepted. It will take a work of the Holy Spirit to penetrate their hearts for Christ.

Outreach ideas

When things are peaceful, Kashmir is a popular tourist destination for South Asians who want to escape the oppressive heat. Believers can come to this area taking global recordings and the JESUS Film if there is peace.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for the Makhmi community to be blessed in every way by Almighty God. Pray that there will soon be an unstoppable movement to Christ in their community.



POPULATION: 12,000

LANGUAGE: Kashmiri

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for Makhmi decision-makers to have a Holy Spirit-led hunger for spiritual truth that only Jesus Christ can satisfy.

Pray For workers to take Christ to the Makhmi people no matter what the cost may be.

SCRIPTURE No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. 1 Sam 2:2

PRAY *for influential members of this people group to understand that there is no solid rock like our God!*

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Sudhan in Jammu & Kashmir, India



The Sudhan name from Sanskrit, means “just, fair, and honest.” National borders don’t always define who people are or what they value. The Sudhan are an excellent example. While they live in Jammu and Kashmir, they see themselves as descendants of a brave Afghan chief.

Ministry Obstacles

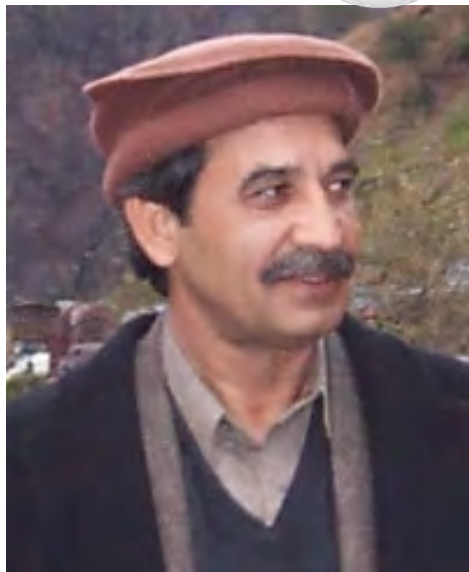
The Sudhan are heavily influenced by Wahabism, an orthodox form of Islam. Very few from that sect have turned to Christ. Although the Bible and other resources are available in their languages (Kashmiri and Dogri), the Sudhan continue to reject the good news of Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Christ’s ambassadors can go to them presenting the gospel through songs and skits emphasizing what they already value: justice, fairness and honesty.

Pray for the Entire Group

Ask Him to bring a great harvest of souls and establish a church planting



POPULATION: 20,000

LANGUAGE: Kashmiri

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

movement among the Sudhan people. Pray for Him to give their leaders a hunger for His Word and a desire to know Him. Pray for the Kingdom of God to come powerfully to the Sudhan. Pray for an opening of doors for mission workers.

SCRIPTURE But the next morning the same thing happened—Dagon had fallen face down before the Ark of the Lord again. This time his head and hands had broken off and were lying in the doorway. Only the trunk of his body was left intact. 1 Sam 5:4

PRAY *that many from this people group will understand that their gods have failed them, but God never fails!*

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Gujjars in Jammu & Kashmir, India



You may not have heard of the Gujjar people, but you are probably familiar with their tribal origin: the Huns. As in, Attila the Hun. Like their famous predecessors, they continue to practice a nomadic lifestyle, relocating in summer and winter to find grazing for their animals. In their constant striving to survive, the Gujjar haven't had a fair opportunity to hear, understand, and accept His invitation to relationship.

Ministry Obstacles

Nomadism poses a true challenge to those seeking to share the gospel with the Gujjar. In addition to their impermanent camps and seasonal roaming habits, most are Sunni Muslims. Pray for the Lord to begin speaking to the Gujjar, softening their hearts and preparing them to receive His Word.

Outreach Ideas

Global Recordings offers portable materials that they can listen to as they move their livestock.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for the Holy Spirit to shine like a brilliant sun among Gujjar believers, leading others to seek Him.



POPULATION: 1,009,000

LANGUAGE: Gujarati

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

Ask the Lord to send workers who are willing to live with them and extending God's love in practical ways like education and medical care. Pray for a disciple making movement among the Gujjars in the 2020s.

SCRIPTURE David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 1 Sam 17:45

PRAY *that the nations will know that they cannot defy the Lord.*

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Varendera Brahmins in West Bengal, India



Varendera Brahmin families value higher education. Towards this end, there is a new university in the Varendera region that straddles West Bengal and Bangladesh established in 2012.

Ministry Obstacles

Like other Brahmin peoples, the Varenderas feel that turning their allegiance to another religious system will jeopardize their status. For this reason, they are very reluctant to give their allegiance to Jesus Christ, believing this is tantamount to joining a different religious system.

Outreach Ideas

If someone made close friends with leaders of the Varendera Brahmin community and led them to understand the unfathomable glories of Christ, they might be able to find ways to worship Him that conform to their culture and don't conflict with the Bible.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up believers who will actively introduce the Varendera Brahmins to Christ and



POPULATION: 256,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

help them to worship Him in culturally appropriate ways. Pray for Christ to reveal Himself to Varendera Brahmin leaders. Pray for a disciple making movement to emerge among every Brahmin community.

SCRIPTURE Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent. 1 Kings 18:21

PRAY that today's people group will indeed see the vast difference between the Lord and any other deity. Pray that they will follow Him.

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Aguri of West Bengal, India



From the villages, the Aguri people are often moving to cities like Kolkotta, or even New York! Traditionally they have been largely an agricultural group, divided into two sub-castes, the lower of which are cow herders. As Kshatriyas, they are not high caste, but they have favorable status.

Ministry Obstacles

Attacks by Hindi radicals on Christ followers in India have increased since the change of the ruling party in 2014. This makes it extremely difficult and dangerous for believers to reach communities without a gospel witness like the Aguri.

Outreach Ideas

The Aguri have access to the JESUS Film, so pray that those who watch it will share with their villages and larger communities leading to Discovery Bible Studies.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray that the Aguri followers of Christ will hold strong in their faith. Generally the Aguri are a very aggressive and hostile group.



POPULATION: 514,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray that the Lord would soften their hearts to treat each other with love and grace.

Pray that they would cast their eyes on Jesus and understand that He holds life's answers.

Pray for a movement to Christ among the Aguri people this decade.

SCRIPTURE And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!" 1 Kings 18:39

PRAY that today's people group will understand the vast power and goodness of the Lord.

January
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Kayastha Karan in West Bengal, India



The Kayashta Karan people are among the great scholars of eastern India and Nepal. Traditionally they were the well-educated scribes and administrators. Today many are land-owners. They have high status.

Ministry obstacles

Very few people in their community have given Jesus the chance to be their Lord and Savior. They live in a part of the world that is almost entirely Hindu or Muslim.

Outreach ideas

Few are willing to accept ideas or spiritual input from those from the lower ranks, especially in South Asia where status is very important. It will take well-educated people from other parts of the world to reach the Kayastha Karan people.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate the hearts of Kayastha Karan elders so that they in turn can open the spiritual doors for others to follow Jesus.



POPULATION: 527,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for them to be blessed spiritually and materially when they decide to allow Jesus to be a major part of their community. Pray for Kayastha Karan leaders to begin the process of starting a church planting movement.

SCRIPTURE When Solomon finished praying, fire flashed down from heaven and burned up the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple. 2 Chron 7:1

PRAY for today's people group to be in absolute awe of the Lord when they hear of His glorious presence.

January
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Gandha Banik Bania in West Bengal, India



The Gandha Banik Bania might be India's most fragrant people! They have long been associated with the sweet fragrances of jasmine, roses, and other beautiful flowers. Their name means "merchants of fragrance." From centuries past to the present they have been successful businesspeople especially in the areas of importing, banking, and the manufacturing of perfume, jewelry, and medicines. Many Gandha Banik live in beautiful homes in West Bengal and place great emphasis on education. Their economic success allows them to give to help underprivileged people in their communities with medical assistance, food, and education.

Ministry Obstacles

Devoted to their Hindu gods, they are resistant to outreach efforts. They associate following Christ with the loss of family, friends, jobs, and culture.

Outreach ideas

Pray the Lord will bring true followers of Christ to have contact with the Bania Gandha in the areas of business, banking, and education.



POPULATION: 285,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the Lord will use the cultural ability to be productive to enable this Bania subgroup to better serve the Indian public. Pray that entire Gandha Banik communities and families will find eternal peace and joy through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. 2 Chron 7:15

PRAY that you will be encouraged to pray, knowing that the Lord will hear your prayers that are in accordance with His will.

January
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Subarna Banik Bania in India



From renting out an exclusive banquet hall for a wedding to lending money to a small farmer so he could buy honeybees to improve the productivity of his crops, the Subarna Banik community is well-known throughout West Bengal. Historically to the present they are envied for their amazing business skills as money-lenders, business traders, and participants in international trading. Their disciplined nature is seen in their careful details to accounting and bookkeeping.

Ministry Obstacles

Hinduism is the cultural Identity of Subarna Baniks. They are very diverse in what they believe and in which Hindu gods they choose to honor.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for God to provide opportunities for believers to develop relationships with the Subarna Banik Banias.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will move among their leaders, helping them to become what He wants them to be



POPULATION: 166,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

and using them to start a disciple making movement.

Pray the Holy Spirit will help them to know how being a follower of Christ could influence their lives to pursue, "...righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness" (1 Tim.6:11) instead of pursuing money.

SCRIPTURE ... listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! Neh 1:6

PRAY for the Lord to raise up believers from among today's people group that will faithfully and fervently pray for their people.

January
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Jhalo Malo in West Bengal, India



Pulling in their homespun nylon fishing nets and praying that Ma Ganga (mother Ganges) give them a good catch has long been part of the lives of the Jhalo Malo people of West Bengal. Modern methods of fishing have also decreased their ability to make a living, and many have become landless farmers or seek low paying labor jobs.

Ministry Obstacles

Although they are ranked as one of the lowest in the caste hierarchy, they feel that the Hindu gods, especially Vishnu, Rama, and Krishna, have given them an important job, solidifying their devotion to these gods. The Jhalo Malo people live in West Bengal where there are very few potential ambassadors of Christ outside of Kolkotta.

Outreach Ideas

Believers with the gift of story-telling and song-writing can go to them and share the gospel using these popular and well-accepted venues.



POPULATION: 406,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the few believers among the Jhalo Malo will become Holy Spirit-anointed fishers of men in their community. Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among the Jhalo Malo that will spread to other fishing communities in West Bengal.

SCRIPTURE The king asked, “Well, how can I help you?” With a prayer to the God of heaven ... Neh 2:4

PRAY that you will not pass up the chance for short, but effective prayers when you intercede for the nations.

January
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Shaozhou Han Chinese in China



For centuries, the northern part of Guangdong Province has been a crossroad for migrating peoples. This has caused a wide range of influences on the local Shaozhou Han Chinese population, especially in regard to their language. Though this language in printed form is identical to other Han languages, its spoken form is far different. In general, Han Chinese peoples like the Shaozhou consider themselves culturally superior to the minority groups in China. Many of these nearly one million people live in Guangzhou City, the primary trade route to mainland China. It is located on the Pearl River, and very close to Hong Kong, traditionally one of China's key locations for trade.

Ministry Obstacles

Shaozhou people have a strong need to retain their distinct identity. This identity is wrapped in communist leaders and their traditional way of doing things. It is very difficult for outsiders to convince people like this that they lack the savior.

Outreach Ideas

There are other Han Chinese peoples who have many Christ followers. They might be able to get through to the Shaozhou people.



POPULATION: 1,098,000

LANGUAGE: Min Nan Chinese

RELIGION: Non-Religious

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a disciple making movement to spread far and wide among them this decade.

Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead the Shaozhou people to the only Savior.

Pray for intercessors and workers among them.

SCRIPTURE All the people saw Ezra open the book, for he was standing above all of them. And all the people stood up when he opened it. Then Ezra gave honor and thanks to the Lord the great God. And all the people answered, "Let it be so!" while lifting up their hands. Neh 8:5-6

PRAY *May this people group have Holy Spirit reverence for the Lord when they hear His word.*

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Loba in Nepal



Until 1952 this small people group had their own Buddhist kingdom, which was established around 1380 AD. Some Loba practice polyandry, where one woman has more than one husband, and her husbands are usually brothers. They do this because she is less likely to become a widow this way. Almost all Loba are zealous believers in Tibetan Buddhism as reflected by their many temples and monasteries.

Ministry Obstacles

Buddhism teaches a very different worldview than that of the Bible. Much readjustment in one's thinking is necessary to begin to understand and believe.

Outreach Ideas

We can pray the few followers of Christ among the Loba will soon become strong enough to take the gospel to their entire people group. They are not a large people group.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There have been a few Christians reported among the Loba. Pray they will be nurtured by the Lord's Spirit and that they will grow in numbers and maturity.



POPULATION: 2,600

LANGUAGE: Lhowa

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray the strongly Buddhist Loba will be given a knowledge of their sin and need for a savior. As they hunger to know forgiveness, pray the Lord will send knowledge of his Son's death and provision for forgiveness to them.

SCRIPTURE Then all the people gathered as one man at the open space in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the writer to bring the book of the Law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel. Neh 8:1

PRAY for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.

January
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Dolpo in Nepal



Most Dolpo villages are located 12,000-15,500 feet above sea level. Their rough stone houses make their villages look like forts. Severe weather has made the Dolpo a hardy people. Buddhism and the ancient shamanistic Bon religion blend harmoniously side by side among the Dolpo.

Ministry Obstacles

The Dolpo people live in remote portions of Nepal at high elevations. Also, there are few Christian resources available in their language.

Outreach Ideas

Gospel recordings are available in the language of the Dolpo. Perhaps Nepali believers will be led to take these recordings to the Dolpo people, being available to answer their questions and start a fellowship of believers.

Pray for the followers of Christ

In recent years, a few Dolpo individuals have become followers of Christ. They need the prayers of outsiders. Pray their faith will be strengthened. Pray they will have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love



POPULATION: 3,900

LANGUAGE: Sherpa

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

of Christ.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Ask God to deliver families and communities within the Dolpa people from fears that hinder them from embracing His blessings. Pray for a disciple making movement among the Dolpos.

SCRIPTURE They read from the book of the Law of God, telling the meaning of it so that they understood what was read. Neh 8:8

PRAY *for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.*

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Bodh in India



The Bodh people live in a region described as having, "... an inhospitable terrain with little vegetation as the area falls in the arid zone. It has very scanty rainfall. Stone boulders and loose rocks keep falling all over and on small patches of terraced fields, which are usually near the riverbeds." It is very difficult to grow enough crops or support livestock in this kind of climate. But their spiritual lives are even more difficult. They depend on shamans to take care of their spiritual needs, and the spirits demands a price. The Bodh people live without a God of love and mercy.

Ministry Obstacles

They live in a remote region high in the Himalayan Mts. There are strong spiritual barriers that have not been challenged for centuries.

Outreach Ideas

Believers in India can carry the message of Christ to the Bodh people. It will take people with an ability to climb the high mountains and overcome the obstacles of Satan, leaning entirely on the power of the Holy Spirit.



POPULATION: 116,000

LANGUAGE: Ladakhi

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Ask God to lead faithful workers to reach out to the Bodh people with the message of salvation.

Pray that the Bible and gospel recordings would be translated and widely distributed.

SCRIPTURE While they stood in their place, they read from the book of the Law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day. And for another fourth they told their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. Neh 9:3

PRAY *that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.*