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Tai Lue in China



The Tai Lue people live in four countries as well as China! They are part of a people that had their own kingdom in the 1100s.

Ministry Obstacles

Each year the Tai Lue Buddhists celebrate the Songkran Festival when people splash water over each other, symbolizing the cleansing of sin from the previous year and a fresh start for the new year. This is very common for all Southeast Asian Buddhists, and it provides them with a false sense of cleansing from sin.

Outreach Ideas

Believers from similar people groups can develop culturally-appropriate songs and skits to spread the name of Jesus Christ in Tai Lue villages.

Pray for the followers of Christ

In the early 1920s, persecution against new believers forced them to construct their own village, Bannalee, which remains Christian today. The Tai Lue New Testament was first translated in 1933 and reprinted in 1992 and 1996 for Tai Lue believers in China and Myanmar.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for an abundance of evangelists to help the Tai Lue people to begin



POPULATION: 811,000

LANGUAGE: Lu

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

their own movement to Christ. Pray that thousands will soon line up along the Mekong River having their sins washed away and their lives refreshed by Christ for eternity. Pray that the Scripture portions that are in their dialect will be spread far and wide in Tai Lue communities.

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, NLT

PRAY that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.

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Khmer in Cambodia



When you think of the Khmer you think of Cambodia, the country where they are in the majority. The Khmer civilization once ruled much of Southeast Asia. In the 1200s, the Thais and Vietnamese defeated the Khmer and pushed them into Cambodia, where most live today. The huge Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia gives evidence of past glories. They have been primarily Buddhist since the 13th century, but elements of Hinduism and animism are mingled with Buddhist beliefs.

Ministry Obstacles

Centuries of devotion to their past belief system are not quickly overcome, but there is much progress.

Outreach Ideas

Discovery Bible studies can spread rapidly and bless Khmer families and communities.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the steady growth of the church among the Khmer, that they will continue to have a heart of fire for God and a passion for the souls of their countrymen.



POPULATION: 14,045,000

LANGUAGE: Khmer

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray the Khmer will heal from the tragedies brought by the Khmer Rouge, and that this past suffering will prepare them for the love and forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ.

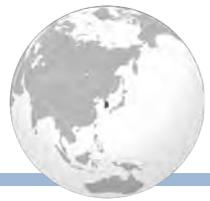
SCRIPTURE You spoke sharp words to them to turn them back to Your Law. Yet they acted in pride and did not listen to Your Words, but sinned against Your Laws, by which if a man obeys them he will live. They were strong-willed and made their hearts hard against You, and would not listen.
Neh 9:29, NLT

PRAY that when this people group hears the word that they will respond with heart-felt obedience.

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Khalka Mongols in South Korea



Koreans had their first experience with the Mongols in the 13th century when the Mongol Empire conquered and annexed the Korean Peninsula. Recently the two nations have become close, and there are some Mongolians who have made South Korea their home. The South Korean government estimates that 40 percent of the Mongolians in their country are there illegally, but their numbers are growing rapidly. Many Khalkas and other Mongolian people are migrant workers who serve in restaurants, construction sites and in grocery stores. Some Mongolian women have married Korean men.

Ministry Obstacles

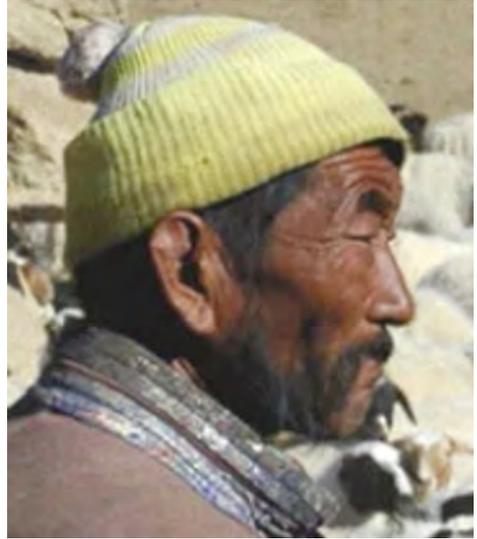
Despite their hundreds of years of domination by other nations, Mongolians are often filled with pride from once ruling the largest empire on earth. Pride makes one less likely to recognize your need for a savior.

Outreach Ideas

The Lord has called many to himself in Korea in recent decades. The South Korean church is very strong, and followers of Christ can easily reach Khalka Mongols in their midst.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that Khalka Mongol believers in South Korea will be quick to repent of sinful conduct and will learn to live in the



POPULATION: 36,000

LANGUAGE: Halh Mongolian

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

power of Christ's Spirit. Pray that they will seek to tell their family and friends about Christ.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for a disciple making movement to sweep through the Khalka Mongolian community. Pray for them to be able to find good paying jobs and for their children to get a good education.

SCRIPTURE Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession. Ps 2:8, NLT

PRAY Ask now! Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.

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Japanese in South Korea



The Japanese are one of the most homogeneous people groups in the world. For this reason, it is difficult for Japanese people who live outside of their country in places like South Korea. From 1910-45, Japan held Korea as its colony, and there are still many Koreans who hold this against the Japanese. Most Japanese in South Korea are working in the realm of business. With South Korean businesses emerging, this is one more area where there is potential hostility and rivalry between Koreans and Japanese.

Ministry Obstacles

Many Japanese are indifferent and skeptical of established religion. On the outside, they seem to have few needs. However, many of them have become obsessed with materialistic pleasures, careers and possessions.

Outreach Ideas

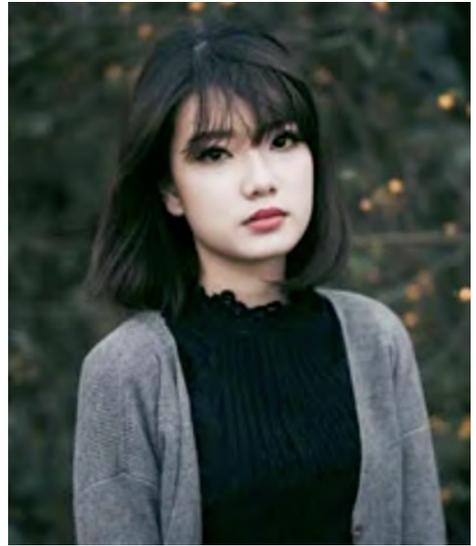
South Korea has a strong, mission-minded church. Korean believers can go to the Japanese with the life-changing gospel. They will need to present the gospel using forms that the Japanese can understand.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that South Korea believers will reach out as Christ's ambassadors to the Japanese in their midst.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Ask the Lord to raise up strong a church



POPULATION: 52,000

LANGUAGE: Japanese

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

planting movement among the Japanese in South Korea. Pray that Christian businessmen will have open doors to share the gospel with the Japanese in South Korea. Commonly Japanese housewives stay at home feeling bored and lonely. Pray that Christian radio and television broadcasts will be effective in reaching these women.

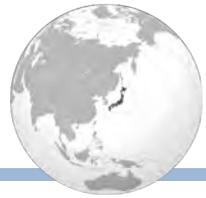
SCRIPTURE O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens. Ps 8:1, NLT

PRAY Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great!

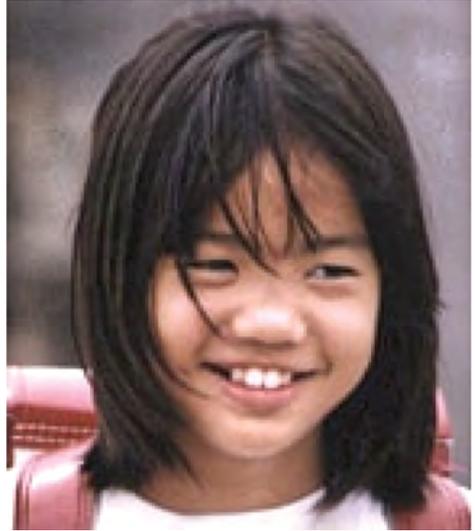
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Kunigami in Japan



Thvn closely related people groups living in the Ryukyu Islands. Kunigami women are traditionally kept in subjection to their husbands. At celebrations, the men stay separated from the women, usually drinking sake (rice wine). The Kunigami are Buddhist, but traditional shamanistic practices are still prevalent. They believe in many unseen gods, demons, and ancestral spirits. The father of the house maintains the religious rituals in the home and cares for the ancestral tombs. The women serve as mediators between the kami (invisible spiritual powers) and the people. The people must seek permission from the kami before making any type of decision.



Ministry Obstacles

No scripture is reported to be available in the Kunigami language, nor are there other resources such as gospel recordings. However, many of the younger Kunigami people speak Japanese.

Outreach Ideas

Christians in nearby American military installations can take the initiative to befriend island people such as the Kunigami, and as the Lord leads, tell them about Jesus.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that any followers of Jesus Christ today among the Kunigami people will be

POPULATION: 4,900

LANGUAGE: Kunigami

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

given hearts to love the Lord and their neighbors ... and be willing to take His name to them.

Pray for the Entire People Group

The Japanese consider the Kunigami to be second class citizens. Pray for equal opportunities for these people in Japanese society.

SCRIPTURE I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. Ps 9:1, NLT

PRAY for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.



The Thai people have a reputation for being easy-going, courteous, and hospitable. Wet-rice agriculture dominates the Thai economy, with about 50% of Thailand's population living in rural agricultural communities. Buddhism is a central and unifying force in Thai society. The Thai regularly make merit by giving gifts to the temple, attending festivals, and having their sons ordained. In Thailand, Buddhism is a syncretic religion: it incorporates a mixture of pre-Buddhist Hindu beliefs and practices, interwoven with animism and Theravada Buddhist philosophy and rituals. Signs of the religious tradition are everywhere in Bangkok and throughout the country.

Ministry Obstacles

Buddhism presents a very different worldview than does the Christian Bible. To change one's worldview is very difficult.

Outreach Ideas

Much prayer is needed for the Thai people, that the Lord will increasingly give them understanding of who he is and how they can establish a relationship with Him.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that the Thai who presently know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord will clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, and live holy lives, drawing their Buddhist



POPULATION: 21,256,000

LANGUAGE: Thai

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

neighbors to Him.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for a growing awareness by the Buddhist Thai of their need for a Savior from sin. Pray for prayer warriors to uphold the Thai before God's throne. Pray for a disciple making movement among the Thai people this decade.

SCRIPTURE I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you." Ps 16:2, NLT

PRAY that this people group will understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.

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7 Sinhalese in Malaysia



Sinhalese, mainly jewel merchants, began migrating to Malaysia as early as 1890. Many of these early Sinhalese immigrants returned to Sri Lanka after earning enough money. Today, there are less than 800 families bearing Sinhalese names living in Malaysia. With the number of mixed marriages with Indians and other Malaysian communities, the number of Sinhalese continues to decrease in Malaysia. The majority of Sinhalese prefer to use English and Malay despite efforts of the older generation to maintain their mother tongue. With the exception of ceremonial functions, Western clothing is becoming the norm among Sinhalese in Malaysia.

Ministry Obstacles

The majority of Sinhalese in Malaysia are Theravada Buddhist and the temple is the focal point of their social and religious activities. To turn away from the Buddhist religious system to most of them means turning away from their community.

Outreach Ideas

There are Sinhalese believers in Malaysia who can reach their Buddhist neighbors. They can use Sinhalese language music and drama as a way to present the life of Christ in a familiar form.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that Sinhalese believers will be filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy



POPULATION: 4,000

LANGUAGE: Sinhala

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Spirit so they can be prepared to share Him with others.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for spiritual openness to Jesus Christ on the part of Sinhalese Buddhists.

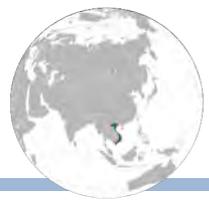
Pray that Malaysia will become a central point for a Sinhalese movement to Christ this decade.

SCRIPTURE You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. Ps 16:11, NLT

PRAY that many from today's people group will find joy in the Lord, and the pleasures of being with Him for eternity.

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Tai Nua, Chinese Shan in Vietnam



This Tai Nua group is mostly found in southern China, but also in northern Vietnam and Myanmar. After a Tai Nua wedding ceremony the bridegroom goes to live with his bride's family. Traditionally he must take with him gifts of tea, rice, meat, bananas, four eggs, and two salted fish for his new in-laws. Upon arrival, the village elder takes the packets of tea and rice out to the road and calls on the spirits of heaven and earth to witness the marriage. He then ties a white thread seven times around the wrist of the bride and once around the wrist of the groom to indicate their unbreakable commitment to each other.

Ministry Obstacles

There are almost no believers among the Tai Nua people in Vietnam, and the region where they live is mainly animistic.

Outreach Ideas

There are Bible portions in this language. Believers can distribute them in Tai Nua villages.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that the few Tai Nua people who call Jesus "Lord" will let the light of the Holy Spirit shine before their neighbors, friends and family members. Pray that they will have the gift of healing, so they can demonstrate the power and goodness of the Lord.

Pray for the Entire People Group



POPULATION: 108,000

LANGUAGE: Tai Nua

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for at least 12 pioneer workers to go to the Tai Nua people in Vietnam with the gospel. Pray for openness to the gospel among Tai Nua elders and commoners. Pray for the Lord to send dreams and visions of the Risen Christ to these people who have very little chance to hear His name. Pray for a disciple making movement to transform Tai Nua communities.

SCRIPTURE The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Ps 19:1, NLT

PRAY that many from today's people group will look to the sky, see God's artwork, and commit themselves to following this awesome savior!

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Russian Buriats in Russia



The Buddhist Buriats live in an area that straddles China, Mongolia and Russia. They have different trade languages in each of these. A large percentage of Russian Buriats live in the lowlands along the Russia-Mongolia border. This area is called the Republic of Buryatia, an autonomous region within the Russian Federation.

Ministry Obstacles

The Buriat people in Russia are being pulled in at least two different directions. Those east of Lake Baikal are likely to practice Shamanism and Buddhism while those west of the lake are much more influenced by the Russian majority. Neither side is keen to have this people group follow the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Outreach Ideas

Someone will have to show the Buriats that they can put their hope and their identity in Jesus Christ without giving up their culture. Christ needs to become a central part of their identity.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There is a desperate need for a complete translated, printed and distributed New Testament in the Buriat language.



POPULATION: 471,000

LANGUAGE: Russian Buriat

RELIGION: Ethnic Religion

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for a disciple making movement among Buriats in China, Mongolia and Russia. Pray for ambassadors guided by the Holy Spirit to go to them as bearers of Christ's image. Pray for spiritual discernment and openness among the Buriats in Russia.

SCRIPTURE The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Ps 19:7, NLT

PRAY *that this people group will find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.*

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Thai Isan in the United States



The Northeastern Thai, also known as the Lao Isan, are one of the Thai peoples that have migrated in small numbers to the US. Some have come as students, others as brides, but all come as Buddhists. Those who have come to the US easily blend in socially with the more numerous Central Thai people.

Ministry Obstacles

It is very difficult to get a Thai Issan person to get beyond the belief that "to be Thai Issan is to be Buddhist," no matter where they live.

Outreach Ideas

The Northeastern Thai Issan people are famous for their delicious coconut-based curries that are popular in American cities. American believers can make friends with them at their informal restaurants, especially if they go during the slow hours.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for them to be filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit in such a way that Buddhists will see that Jesus makes a huge difference in people's lives.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for Northeastern Thai Isan people in the US to put their worth in God, not in the world system.



POPULATION: 85,000

LANGUAGE: Northeastern Thai

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for a movement to Christ among the Northeastern Thai Isan people, both in North America and in Thailand. Pray that God will call forth teams of long-term missionaries and intercessors who will commit to seeing Thai Isan people in the US begin their own disciple making movement.

SCRIPTURE Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God. Ps 20:7, NLT

PRAY that many from this "nation" will boast only in the name of the Lord.

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Burmese in Myanmar



The Burmese are the political, economic and religious leaders of Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. The Burmese have mixed Buddhist beliefs with animistic beliefs. Their animistic beliefs center around inherently evil spirits called nats. The Burmese spend their lives trying to appease the nats. Burmese homes often have altars for the spirits, as well as a statue of Buddha. Farmers may spend more in a year on their religion than on education, health, and clothing for their families.

Ministry Obstacles

Following Christ for the Burmese may be threatening, risking attacks from evil spirits. They need spiritual protection and discernment.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for God's blessing on the leaders in the Burmese people group, along with their families, and for their communities to welcome and enjoy God's provision.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Please pray for the few followers of Christ among the Burmese, that they will live holy lives, being zealous to grow into the image of Christ. Pray they will be kind and compassionate to one another and to their neighbors, drawing them to the Savior.



POPULATION: 31,156,000

LANGUAGE: Burmese

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for peace tempered by justice in Myanmar, and for the Burmese people to hunger to know forgiveness of sin and power for living, found only in the person and work of Christ. Pray for a disciple making movement among the Burmese this decade.

SCRIPTURE How the king rejoices in your strength, O Lord! He shouts with joy because you give him victory. Ps 21:1, NLT

PRAY that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.

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Kashmiri Pandit Brahmins in Delhi, India



Kashmiri Pandit Brahmins in India are facing extinction. Since 1990, the population of the Kashmiri Pandits has declined considerably. The birth rate among the Pandits is one of the lowest in India, and they have a high mortality rate. The women have complications with their reproductive systems, and many are reaching menopause at the age of 35. Kashmiris are showing premature aging, a decline in mental development, and a lack of desire to live.

Ministry Obstacles

Today, many Pandits live in refugee camps because they were forced from their Kashmiri homes by extremist Muslims. Restricted access to them may require prayer and unique open doors.

Outreach ideas

Kashmiri Pandits are educated people and still maintain their ancient occupations of Hindu priests, scholars, and teachers. Others work as public servants and in law, engineering, computer science, and medicine. Opportunities within these fields may offer opportunities for believers to



POPULATION: 702,000

LANGUAGE: Kashmiri

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

reach these hurting people.

Pray for Entire Group

Pray that God will raise up many prayer teams to adopt the Pandit people and pray until the blessing of knowing Jesus as Lord spreads rapidly from family to family.

SCRIPTURE I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.
Eph 3:9, NLT

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to move among Kashmiri Pandits this year.

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Khatri in Delhi, India



Khatri people are extremely gifted and productive people. They work in a wide range of jobs. Most are from Punjab, a region that straddles eastern Pakistan and northwestern India, and many now live in Delhi.

Ministry Obstacles

Khatri people need liberation from traditions that hinder receiving the Savior who died in their place. Most of their elders view what Christ-bearers bring them as a threat to their traditions and culture; therefore, these gatekeepers almost always reject the gospel. So as long as they view the Church as a foreign threat, they will not give Jesus the chance to transform their communities.

Outreach Ideas

Audio, visual, and written Christian resources have been produced in Hindi and English. Someone must go to them with these resources and with the love of the Lord.

Pray for Entire Group

Pray for Lord Jesus to tear down



POPULATION: 2,334,000

LANGUAGE: Hindi

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

obstacles that keep Khatri people from placing their trust in Him for eternal life. Pray these gifted people will see their need for the only sin-bearer. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to move among Khatri people

SCRIPTURE How the king rejoices in your strength, O Lord! He shouts with joy because you give him victory. Ps 21:1, NLT

PRAY that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.



Chamar people have been imprisoned by the reputation of their ancestors. Chamar means, “leather worker.” They tanned cattle leather and made leather products to sell. They were reputed as poisoning animals to use for their craft. Since cattle were worshiped, Chamars were considered untouchables and were disallowed education, medical help, and many other benefits. Today they benefit from India’s “reservation” system for underprivileged communities.

Ministry Obstacles

The Chamar are Hindu; they recite mythological tales and sing songs from their religious epics, often at their festivals. The religious system is a key part of their identity, leaving no room for Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Perhaps the JESUS Film would communicate empathy with Chamar people, who have been mistreated.

Pray for Entire Group

Pray for a powerful Disciple-Making Movement among the Chamars in India. Pray that Almighty God will lead believers to build friendships with



POPULATION: 47,438,000

LANGUAGE: Hindi

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Champeople, leading to a movement to Christ. Pray that families and communities will be delivered from fears that hinder them from embracing Christ’s blessings. Pray that many Chamars will love the Lord Jesus with their whole being and will walk in His ways.

SCRIPTURE The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. Ps 23:1, NLT

PRAY that this people group will be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.

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Dhobi in India



Today we will pray for the cleanest people in India! The Dhobis have always been the caste that performed laundry services by hand, but today their livelihood is being challenged by washing machines, which are now available to their forward caste customers.

Ministry Obstacles

Their livelihood is being threatened, and this can either make them become more dedicated to their religious system, or it might make them look for fresh answers.

Outreach Ideas

Believers with the means to do it can help train the Dhobis in new skills that they will need if they lose their ability to make a living. That would make them see their good works and give praise to the Father.

Pray for the Followers of Christ

The vast majority of these Dalits remain Hindu, but they have contact with other communities. There are believers among many of India's low status Dalit communities that can take the loving Christ to these at-risk people.



POPULATION: 12,000,000

LANGUAGE: Hindi

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for Dhobisto form discovery Bible studies and learn to think biblically. Pray for a powerful Disciple-Making Movement among Dhobis in the 2020s.

SCRIPTURE Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. Ps 23:6, NLT

PRAY *Make this your prayer for this people group today!*



Musical farmers? That is the Dagi people. Their traditional occupation was to play musical instruments at festivals and celebrations, but many of them are now farmers. Economically they are not doing well, partially because they have a low literacy rate.

Ministry Obstacles

The Dagi people are Tibetan Buddhists, and those that are Hindu incorporate some Buddhist elements. Like animistic peoples, they appease local spirits. Thus, they fear many spirits. These same spirits provide obstacles for anyone who wants to serve the One True God.

Outreach Ideas

It might take people who are rich in faith and love to go to them and demonstrate in a practical way that they can be made whole by Jesus Christ despite spiritual obstacles.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for Dagi elders and patriarchs to see and understand that Jesus Christ



POPULATION: 136,000

LANGUAGE: Hindi

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

has power over all spirit beings, and He can provide them with life to the full. Pray for a Disciple-Making Movement among the Dagi people to redefine them as a community.

SCRIPTURE He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name. Ps 23:3, NLT

PRAY that this people group will accept and follow the Lord's direction and thank Him for giving them strength.



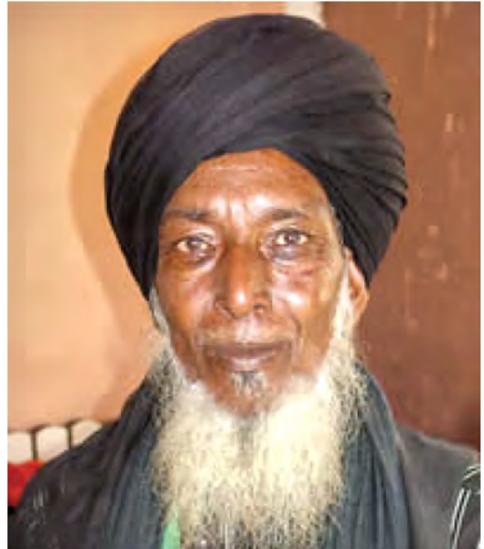
In some ways, the Muslim Meo are like the chameleon native to India; they blend in. They speak the local language and mix Hindu rites of passage with Muslim ones. Their customs vary depending upon where they live, and they sometimes face efforts by Hindus to make them return to the Hindu religious system.

Ministry Obstacles

This syncretism is a ministry obstacle because it provides additional religious confusion by blending elements of various religions. As far as we know, there are no believers among them and few, if any, missionaries trying to reach them for Christ. Furthermore, their syncretism makes it likely that Meo Christianity will blend in beliefs that conflict with total faith in the only Savior.

Outreach Ideas

One must seek "bridges of God," whether they are in the Koran or elsewhere. Faith in Jesus must be presented as culturally compatible, without giving up their culture.



POPULATION: 269,000

LANGUAGE: Hindi

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the church in their localities will reach out to the Meo. Pray that they will not let their syncretism get in the way of a clear understanding what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Ps 23:4, NLT

PRAY *Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.*

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Taga of Delhi, India

Did the Taga lose Brahmin high caste status, or did they abandon it when they took to farming? Whatever the answer, today they run modern family farms, and as a people group, they are divided into two divisions. Other Tagas have left farming for the professions and civil service in the city. Although they are seen as 100 percent Hindu, a small number go as pilgrims to Sufi Muslim sites.

Ministry Obstacles

Their tendency to live on family farms isolates them. They are virtually anonymous in urban Delhi, making it very hard to reach them.

Outreach Ideas

Those engaged in civil service and the professions in urban Delhi are accessible to Christian witness in the workplace. Most Tagas are literate, so literature and the JESUS Film are outreach options. Rural Tagas may be reached at the markets. Those in the universities can be reached by campus Christian fellowships.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the Church will recognize the



POPULATION: 543,000

LANGUAGE: Hindi

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

need to evangelize Tagas and develop strategies reach them in both rural and urban Delhi. Pray that Delhi Bible Fellowship and the university's Christian fellowship group will seek out Tagas and take Christ to them.

SCRIPTURE Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. Ps 23:6, NLT

PRAY for leaders of today's people group to put all their hope in the Lord just like King David did when he wrote this Psalm.

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Kannada Brahmins in India



Kannada Brahmins are high achievers and proud of their accomplishments. Most of them are from Karnataka, the state where Kannada is the traditional language. Their families would much prefer that they have high paying work though some still maintain their traditional role as Hindu priests. Though they are diverse in their devotion, a large number worship Shiva, Vishnu, Ganesh, and Lakshmi, a popular goddess. Those who are priests spend their time practicing yoga, chanting, and making offerings to the gods.

Ministry Obstacles

They like the prestige that comes with their title and have no interest in losing it by becoming followers of Jesus and being viewed as outsiders and rebels. At this point in time, few have attempted to bring Christ inside Brahmin culture, expecting them to not leave their communities.

Outreach Ideas

Kannada Brahmins often study abroad. They are in contact with Christian believers who could be instrumental in leading them to the Lord.



POPULATION: 457,000

LANGUAGE: Kannada

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that many Kannada Brahmins will not fear losing their prominent positions for the sake of Christ. Pray that becoming a believer will allow them through their positions to begin a Christ-ward movement among other Kannada speakers.

SCRIPTURE The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him. Ps 24:1, NLT

PRAY *that many from today's people group will recognize that they belong to the Lord, and they can rejoice in that fact!*

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Adi Karnataka in India



Many Adi Karnataka people believe that several centuries ago, their ancestors belonged to a wealthy upper caste known as Samantha, who carried the status of kings. They live throughout Karnataka, especially near the famous city of Mysore, known for its elaborate Hindu temples and palaces. Being a scheduled caste, they hope to obtain government funds to assist them with education, medical needs, and housing. Unfortunately, such government assistance usually goes to those who need it the least.

Ministry Obstacles

The Adi Karnataka believe that they were born Hindu, and they will die as Hindu. Accepting Christ would show disloyalty to their community.

Outreach Ideas

Strong Christian believers are needed to live among the Adi Karnataka so they can tell them about the Lord and allow them to see what living for the Lord can do for their families. Pray that biblical resources in the Kannada language will be widely distributed.



POPULATION: 3,000,000

LANGUAGE: Kannada

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for the few Adi Karnataka believers to be anointed in how to share Christ with their families and neighbors. Pray for a Disciple-Making Movement to thrive among the Adi Karnataka people starting this decade.

SCRIPTURE O Lord, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat. Ps 25:1-2, NLT

PRAY for many from today's people group to give their entire lives to God.

February

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Devanga in India



The Devanga are known mainly for two crafts, weaving and fine crafts. The entire family participates. Men do the loom weaving, women yarn and spin thread, and the children also help in the process.

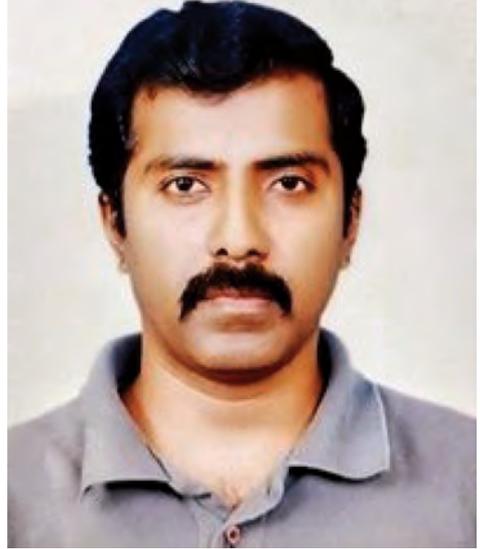
Ministry Obstacles

The religion of the Devanga is Hinduism, so they are distracted by many gods and goddesses, but they primarily worship the goddess Banashankari. Should they decide to follow Christ, they would become social outcasts. Those who reach out to them would be wise to try to win over entire families rather than individuals.

Outreach Ideas

The Devanga People are very creative in their weaving. Perhaps their creative energies could serve as a pathway to bringing them into the kingdom of God. Questions like “Who gave mankind creativity?” would be appropriate.

Pray for the Entire People



POPULATION: 488,000

LANGUAGE: Kannada

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray that Devanga believers will put Christ first and take seriously His Great commission. Pray that God will lead them to seekers whose hearts are sensitive. Lift up the Devanga and ask that they accept Jesus together as a community.

SCRIPTURE Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Ps 25:5, NLT

PRAY that this very year many from this people group will seek the Lord for the right path to true righteousness and guidance.

February

22

Raddi in India



The Raddi people are very family oriented; they prefer marriages between cousins. When the father dies, the oldest son takes charge of the family. They also speak Kannada like the Devanga people, whom we prayed for yesterday. The Raddi are mostly farmers, and they are vegetarians, which possibly indicates high status.

Ministry Obstacles

Hinduism is their religion, and they worship many gods and goddesses, none of which can benefit them. Turning to Christ would involve a supernatural encounter with the living Savior. Their community leaders need a “Saul of Tarsus roadside conversion.”

Outreach Ideas

They would best be led to Christ in a people movement involving entire families and communities. There are Bible and Bible resources available to them in their language. They need evangelists to lead them to Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the few believers among the Raddi people will be zealous for Christ



POPULATION: 76,000

LANGUAGE: Kannada

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

and His kingdom. Pray for believers to be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to study the Word and be filled with a burning desire to share what they have learned with the Raddi people. Pray for an entire people movement to the only Savior, Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE The Lord is good and does what is right; He shows the proper path to those who go astray. He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way. Ps 25:8-9, NLT

PRAY for many from today's people group to have the humility to learn from the Lord and follow His ways.

February

23

Vakkalinga in India



The Vakkalinga people are 21 percent Christian! However, they have some serious spiritual problems in their beliefs and understanding of what it means to follow Christ. Animal husbandry and settled agriculture are the traditional occupations of this community. The men celebrate traditional harvest festivals, and only men can participate in their traditional Suggi Kunita dance.

Ministry Obstacles

Their misconceptions about what it means to know and follow Christ is a major ministry obstacle. The Apostle Paul cautioned his son in Christ, Timothy, to “rightly handle the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15). Vakkalinga believers need for their pastors to earnestly seek the Lord to guide them as they teach their people.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray for the followers of Jesus Christ among the Vakkalinga to read their Bibles with open hearts, asking the Father to reveal His truth to them. May church leaders be touched by



POPULATION: 6,362,000

LANGUAGE: Kannada

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

the Holy Spirit and convicted of their need to “rightly handle the word of truth.” Pray for a movement to Christ that will result in a purified and evangelistic Vakkalinga Church. Pray for the Lord to bless them in every way!

SCRIPTURE The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep His covenant and obey His demands. Ps 25:10, NLT

PRAY *Thank the Lord that He leads with love and faithfulness! Pray that many from today's people group will discover that and act upon it.*

February
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Halwakki Wakkal in India



The name Halwakki refers to milk and rice. Not surprisingly, animal husbandry (for milk) and horticulture (for rice) are their main occupations. They use both traditional and modern medicines in their communities, and the people are allowed to marry cousins. Their language is Kannada, and most of the Halwakki Wakkal people live in Karnataka, which is a southwestern state on the coast of the Arabian Sea.

Ministry Obstacles

The Halwakki Wakkal people practice Hinduism. Religious systems often stand in the way of seeking and finding the true Lord of lords.

Outreach Ideas

Pray that the young people will come across gospel materials and internet resources that will lead them to the Lord. The complete Bible is available in their language, Kannada.

Pray for the Entire Group

May the Lord give Halwakki Wakkal communities a hunger for the truth



POPULATION: 137,000

LANGUAGE: Kannada

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

and hearts that are open to Him. Pray that while taking care of their animals and crops, the people may become grateful to the One who provides for and their animals.

SCRIPTURE For the honor of your name, O Lord, forgive my many, many sins. Ps 25:11, NLT

PRAY for many from today's people group to understand that they are sinful and need God as their savior.

February

25

Naikda in India



Considered among the poorest people in the country, the Naikdas are looked down upon by their neighbors. Unfortunately, the consumption of alcohol is a regular practice, which makes their problems even worse.

Ministry Obstacles

The Naikda people are Hindu while also practicing folk religion and animism. The Naikdas worship multiple Hindu gods rather than the One True God.

Outreach Ideas

Pray that Christian schools will be established so that children can learn spiritual truths along with life skills. Pray that the Naikda children will be able to read the Bible in their language.

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that future hearers of the gospel will have the courage to be the first believers in their communities and share this exciting news with others.



POPULATION: 3,794,000

LANGUAGE: Kannada

RELIGION: Hindu

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray that while the Naikda people seek for basic physical provision, God will bless them with the abundant spiritual provision that He has promised to anyone who is willing to accept His guidance. Pray to understand lordship and spread Christ's fame far and wide.

SCRIPTURE Now I stand on solid ground and I will publicly praise the Lord.
Ps 26:12, NLT

PRAY *that many from today's people group will allow their spiritual lives to be transformed by the Lord, and that they will begin to publicly praise Him.*

February
26

Turks in Istanbul, Turkey



Turkey is a geographic and cultural "link" between Asia and the West, so they don't fall neatly into either category. The typical Turk lives a secularized, modern urban life, with all the materialistic advantages that go with it. Many rural Turks twist their form of Islam through belief that men have the power to curse others by giving them the "evil eye." They believe one is protected against this look by wearing blue beads, which the evil eye cannot face. Another way to avoid this is to spit in a fire and pray to Allah.

Ministry Obstacles

Both Islam and traditional beliefs keep Turks from considering the amazing claims of Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Turks have a high literacy rate, so people can send them Bibles and Scripture portions in the mail. Radio broadcasts are also effective.

Pray for the Entire Group

Ask God to give Turkish believers boldness and love to share Christ



POPULATION: 59,258,000

LANGUAGE: Turkish

RELIGION: Muslims

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

with their own people. Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Turks who will lead them in a-Making Movement. Pray that many Turks living abroad will be reached with the gospel and will take it back to Turkey.

SCRIPTURE The one thing I ask of the Lord—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple. Ps 27:4, NLT

PRAY for eternal salvation to many from today's people group.

February
27

Azeri Turks in Istanbul, Turkey



The Azeris or Azerbaijanis in Turkey straddle the Turkish and Persian worlds! Their language is Turkish-based, but their religion is Persian: Shi'ite Islam. Most speak Azerbaijani and Turkish, two similar languages. The Azeris feel at home in Turkish society. They live mainly in Igdir, where they are the largest people group and also in Kars, where they are the second largest group. Most Azeris came to Turkey in the first half of the twentieth century. Since the early 1990s many more came for financial reasons.

Ministry Obstacles

The Azeris have very little contact with any Christian believers.

Outreach Ideas

There are believers in nearby Iran, some of whom are Azeris, who can be Christ bearers. Pray for them to make contact with the Azeris in Turkey and begin to plant churches among them.

Pray for the Followers of Christ

Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate and enlighten Azeri hearts with the knowledge of Christ.



POPULATION: 590,000

LANGUAGE: Azerbaijani, South

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that God will give Azeri elders dreams and visions, leading them to Jesus Christ. Pray they will open the door for Christ to permeate Azeri communities. Pray for a full Azeri Bible translation, and for it to be widely distributed and read.

SCRIPTURE Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord. Ps 27:13-14, NLT

PRAY for many leaders from today's people group to put their confidence in the goodness of God and wait faithfully for His deliverance.

February
28

Turkish speaking Kurds in Istanbul, Turkey



In Turkey, Kurds have been labeled by the Turkish government as “Mountain Turks” in an attempt to view them as the same as the Turkish majority. One can sometimes tell the difference between a Turk and a Kurd by their facial features. In Turkey, the Kurds often speak their own language, Kurmanji. Though many identify with their Kurdish roots, others have become part of the mainstream of Turkish society and have even adopted the Turkish language in their homes. These are the Turkish speaking Kurds.

Ministry obstacles

Kurds and Turks share Sunni Islam as their heart religion. It is part of their identity as a people. Added to that, Kurds have been betrayed by Western nations, leading many to not trust anyone with a Christian background.

Outreach ideas

The use of Turkish music and art forms would be an excellent way to begin to present Christ to members of this unreached people group. Pray for people to develop such tools.



POPULATION: 6,301,000

LANGUAGE: Turkish

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the entire group

Pray for a powerful Disciple-Making Movement among Turkish speaking Kurds. Pray for spiritual openness to Jesus Christ, especially among elders.

SCRIPTURE The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust Him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. Ps 28:7, NLT

PRAY *May this be the attitude of many from today’s people group.*