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Shengzha Nosu in China



The Shengzha Nosu people of Sichuan Province in China have a history of violence. They used to capture slaves in neighboring areas to do their manual labor. When the Chinese Communist Party took over south Sichuan in the early 1950s, it ended this practice.

Ministry Obstacles

The Shengzha live in isolated rural areas and often view strangers with suspicion. Chinese believers will need to make an effort to build relationships with them. The large majority of the Shengzha have practiced folk religion and polytheism for hundreds of years, so their faith is in other spirit beings.

Outreach Ideas

The New Testament is available in the Nosuo language, so there is a need for people to actively distribute it. Believers can help meet the medical and educational needs of this people group. In the past three decades, over 12,000 Shengzha Nosu have made a profession of faith, so pray that these believers will allow the Holy Spirit to help them grow and share the gospel with their friends and families.



◀ SHUNG-jah NOR-soo
POPULATION: 1,341,000
LANGUAGE: Nuosu
RELIGION: Ethnic religion
BIBLE: New Testament
STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray the Lord would get his word into the hands of the right people. Pray the Lord would send workers to tell them about Jesus. Pray that every Shengzha Nosu would have the opportunity to hear the good news. Pray that whole villages would come to Christ.

SCRIPTURE The Lord of Heaven's Armies has spoken—who can change his plans? When his hand is raised, who can stop him?" Is 14:27

PRAY that many from this people group will understand that God is sovereign, and they must obey Him alone.

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Yinuo Nosu in China



The Yinuo have the same fierce, aggressive reputation as other Nosu people. The Yinuo furiously fought against the soldiers of the People's Liberation Army but were finally overwhelmed by sheer numbers. They now submit to China's government like the other minorities in that huge nation.

Ministry Obstacles

The Yinuo's ancestor worship and folk religion are vastly different from biblical Christianity. The Yinuo speak a dialect of the Nosu language that is unintelligible to their neighbors. They live in mountains and forests far from urban areas of China. Therefore, their language and remoteness provide additional challenges to getting them the gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Chinese believers can go to the Yinuo and tell them about the Savior. Agricultural experts can visit the Yinuo and help them improve their farm production.

Prayer Focus

There are a few thousand Roman Catholic believers among the Yinuo, so pray that they would be instructed in God's Word and filled with the



📍 YEE-nuoh NOR-soo
POPULATION: 674,000
LANGUAGE: Nuosu
RELIGION: Ethnic religions
BIBLE: New Testament
STATUS: Unreached

Spirit of God. Pray that workers would be called to this harvest field, and that the necessary resources would become available. Pray that the Yinuo would have a church planting movement started among them. Pray that the Yinuo Nosu would hear the truth of God's Word, believe it and act upon it.

SCRIPTURE In that day the people will proclaim, "This is our God! We trusted in Him, and he saved us! This is the Lord, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation He brings!" Is 25:9

PRAY that many from this people group learn to trust in the Lord's salvation and rejoice in Him.

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Yadu Qiang in China



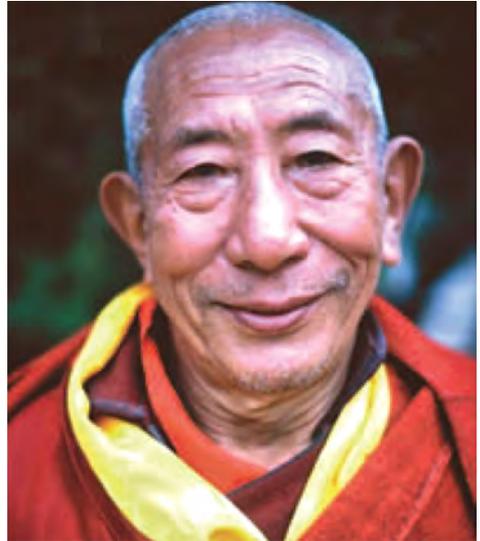
The Yadu Qiang are a Tibetan Buddhist people who live approximately 800 kilometers east of the Tibetan border in Sichuan Province, China. They make their living raising sheep and selling apples. Embroidery is a favorite pastime of the women, and women have the final say in family decisions. Newly married couples live with the bride's family. Their Buddhism is mixed with folk religion and ancestor worship. Prayer flags and prayer wheels are two of the common Buddhist symbols they have borrowed from their fellow Tibetans.

Ministry Obstacles

At present there are no scriptural resources available in the Northern Qiang language. The Yadu Qiang live in remote mountainous areas apart from Chinese believers, so that makes them hard to reach for Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Believers from a Tibetan Buddhist background can build friendships with the Yadu and help them with their farming techniques and animal husbandry. The Yadu would benefit from the introduction of modern medicine.



📌 YAH-doo chee-UNG

POPULATION: 39,000

LANGUAGE: Qiang, Northern

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that any group of Yadu believers would grow in numbers and spiritual maturity. Pray that the Scriptures would become available in the Yadu's language. Pray that a movement to Christ would begin and flourish among the Yadu Qiang.

SCRIPTURE You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Is 26:3

PRAY for many from this people group to find perfect peace in trusting the Lord Almighty.

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Queyu in China



In 1955, the Chinese government authorities ordered the Tibetan monks of the large Litang Monastery to record their possessions for tax assessment. When they refused to comply, the People's Liberation Army of China laid siege to the monastery. Upon arrival, they encountered many of the Queyu people armed with farm equipment to which the Chinese responded by bombing Litang Monastery. These people live in three counties, all located in the western part of Sichuan Province. They have been officially counted as part of the Tibetan nationality.

Ministry Obstacles

These people are committed to the Buddhist religious system, and few witnesses of Christ's grace have been there since the 1950s. It is an understatement to say they still lack an adequate gospel witness.

Outreach Ideas

Chinese workers can fill the abandoned mission posts. They can also set up small health clinics to care for physical ailments, keeping spiritual health at the forefront and seeking to lead their patients to Christ, the Great Physician.



🔊 CUE-yoo

POPULATION: 11,000

LANGUAGE: Queyu

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that God would bring peace between the Chinese government and the Queyu people. Pray that the Lord would call missionaries to this lone area, leading to a movement to Christ. Pray that the Queyu people would see the glory of the risen Christ and turn to him alone.

SCRIPTURE Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws; our heart's desire is to glorify your name. Is 26:8

PRAY that many from this people group will truth the Lord, obey Him, and glorify His name through their actions.

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Biswas in Bangladesh



Biswas is both a surname and a title in Bangladesh, and the title is very flattering. It means "reliable," "trustworthy" or "faith." This honorable title was given to them by Muslim rulers in a time that predates British rule. Many of them were administrators at that time. Today there is a long list of famous and prominent people in Bangladesh with the surname of Biswas.

Ministry Obstacles

Their pride in their past can easily keep many from seeing that they need a savior, especially since Islam does not point to a savior.

Outreach Ideas

It will take much prayer before the Biswas community is ready to accept that they need a sinless savior. Before anyone attempts to reach out to them, they should have a strong prayer covering.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to orchestrate efforts to reach Biswas families. Pray for the Holy Spirit to raise up Biswas family leaders who will open the door to believers, taking Christ to their families and clans.



📍 **BISS-voss**
POPULATION: 27,000
LANGUAGE: Bengali
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Pray for a massive movement to Christ among the Biswas people that will affect other communities in Bangladesh. Pray for the Lord to bring Biswas families to himself by blessing them abundantly.

SCRIPTURE How foolish can you be? He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you, the clay! Should the created thing say of the one who made it, "He didn't make me"? Does a jar ever say, "The potter who made me is stupid"? Is 29:16

PRAY that many from this people group will soon understand that they belong to God by right of His life-giving creation.

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Darzi in Bangladesh



In Hindi, Darzi means "tailor." For hundreds of years, they were highly respected for their craftsmanship throughout their communities in north India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Their shops were where people gathered to read newspapers, share news and socialize. However, global modernization in mass production of clothes has replaced this. Some now work in clothing factories, sell ready-made clothes, and a few are clothing designers. Many younger Darzi have chosen other professions such as teaching, business and government jobs. The majority of Darzi people in Bangladesh are Muslim.



Ministry Obstacles

The Darzi were a central focus in their communities, but today they are more isolated and harder to reach by outsiders who want to take them the spiritual truths of Jesus Christ. As Muslims, they are often warned by their clergy that the Bible is full of errors.

Outreach Ideas

Believers need to take the time to seek out the Darzi in their communities to develop lasting friendships with them. May their lives draw the Darzi to want to know God's living grace found in Jesus.

📍 DAR-zee

POPULATION: 16,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that God's servants will be strong in faith and prepared to lead the Darzi people to his living word and salvation found in Jesus. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Muslim Darzi people that will expand to other people groups in Bangladesh.

SCRIPTURE The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Is 40:5

PRAY that members of this people group will soon see the glory of the Lord and respond to it.

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Dhobi in Bangladesh



The Dhobi name means "wash," and this identifies their trade of being clothes washers. Despite the painful physical problems they endure in their work, older Dhobis often work hard so that their children can have an education and advance. There are many young Dhobis now working in the government, trade, business and other professions. Though most Dhobis are Hindu, many are Muslim.

Ministry Obstacles

For these Dhobi, being Muslim is part of their cultural identity. Working hard to provide for their families and praying to Allah are very important to them. To change any of this means they risk losing what is most important in their difficult lives, which are their families and religion.

Outreach Ideas

Believers can develop friendships with the Dhobis as they bring clothes to them to be washed, which can lead to personal conversations that involve stories of Christ. Younger Dhobis are going into other fields of work, which may open more opportunities to have contact with Christ followers or open their availability to the internet or radio Bible programs.



📍 DOH-bee

POPULATION: 21,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray the Muslim Dhobi will come to know Jesus and hear His teaching, such as Matthew 11:29 - "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Pray for a Holy Spirit-led Disciple Making Movement among the Muslim Dhobis.

SCRIPTURE The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." Is 40:8

PRAY Meditate on this verse and pray that members of this people group embrace it.

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Behara in Bangladesh



Every people group has a story. When we are gathered around God's throne in heaven, we'll get to hear each and every one of those stories. But for now, the Muslim Behara living in Bangladesh have an unknown story. There is almost no information about this mysterious people group.

Ministry Obstacles

We do know that the Behara live in rural areas and are followers of Islam. Though they are not part of the Hindu caste system, they have low status. Thus they are under bondage both to false religion and the false belief that they have little worth in the eyes of God or man.

Outreach Ideas

The Bible is available in their language in audio and online formats, so they can encounter and respond to God's Word. There is always a need for those who will use the local culture's music and drama forms to present the life of Christ.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to write his story of the



🔊 beh-HARE-ah

POPULATION: 56,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Behara people and that they would embrace it and make it their story as well. Pray for them to realize that they were created to worship him, and for them to joyfully do so. Pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep through this people group, drawing them into his Kingdom, family by family.

SCRIPTURE Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, He brings His reward with Him as He comes. Is 40: 10

PRAY for many from this people group to claim this verse by embracing the Lord.

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Nagarchi in Bangladesh



In the past, when ceremonies and celebrations were being planned in the villages of Bangladesh, it was the Nagarchi who were called upon to serve as drummers. Today, many of them have given up their drums to farm and raise livestock in central Bangladesh. Reaching this small, unique people group is a challenge. They embody what Jesus meant when he commissioned us to go into all the world to make disciples.

Ministry Obstacles

Most of the Nagarchi are Hindu. The Muslim Nagarchi mingle with the Hindus and have even adopted some of their religious practices. They need their eyes opened to see that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and that there is no way to peace with God other than through him.

Outreach Ideas

It will take bold, loving workers to go to these Muslims in Bangladesh.

Prayer Focus

Pray for workers willing to venture to this harvest field and share the good



🗨️ nuh-GAR-chee
POPULATION: 13,000
LANGUAGE: Bengali
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

news of salvation with the Nagarchi. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the Nagarchi to receive the gospel message and pray for many families to respond to His invitation. Ask the Lord to establish a church planting movement among them.

SCRIPTURE To whom can you compare God? What image can you find to resemble him? Can He be compared to an idol formed in a mold, overlaid with gold, and decorated with silver chains? Is 40:18-19

PRAY *that this people group will soon understand that they can never form an idol that compares with the Lord.*

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Jogi in Bangladesh



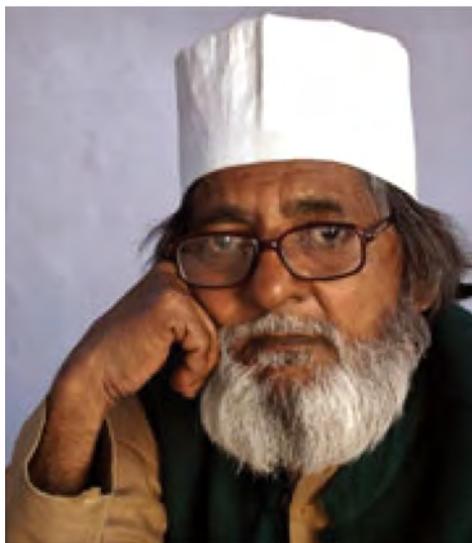
When you think of Jogis, you usually think of Hindus and India. However, they also have Muslim communities in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. They are also known as Jogi Faqirs, holy men who are often beggars. Faqirs are often wandering Sufi mystics who teach Islam. Historically, they have been a landless community whose main occupation has been to provide specialized religious services and religious-medical assistance. Their help in curing diseases and in the removal of evil spirits is sought by both Hindus and Muslims.

Ministry Obstacles

Whether they are Hindu or Muslim, many people in South Asia look up to these people who have sacrificed much for spiritual reasons. It is very hard for anyone in this position to be willing to humbly admit that they themselves need a savior.

Outreach Ideas

Ironically, the Muslim Jogis are looked up to by some, but disdained by many others. Their spiritual beliefs and practices often straddle Islam and Hinduism, which is frowned upon by many from both religious communities. Their numbers are dwindling as well. Given these circumstances, it is



🔊 JOH-ghee

POPULATION: 5,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

possible that some might be willing to look to new spiritual answers.

Prayer Focus

Pray for them to accept the spiritual blessings of Jesus Christ and teach them to others. Pray for a movement to Christ among Jogis in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

SCRIPTURE Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. Is 40:28

PRAY *that they will soon understand that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.*

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Tarafdar in Bangladesh



The Tarafdar people are small in number, but they have left their mark on Bangladesh. One has been a noted historian. Others have been Olympic athletes representing Bangladesh while another chronicled Bangladesh's 1971 war for independence from Pakistan.

Ministry Obstacles

The Tarafdar people can hold their heads high in Bangladesh, perhaps too high for their own good. A people with so many accomplishments often ignore their need for total dependence on God. It will also be hard to find anyone from this community since they are so few in number.

Outreach Ideas

To see the Tarafdar people reached for Christ will require much prayer before anyone attempts to go to them. First they will need to pray to meet people from this community, and then they will need to pray for spiritual openness.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to have his hand of



🗨️ **TAR-ahf-dar**
POPULATION: 3,700
LANGUAGE: Bengali
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

blessings on the Tarafdar community so that they will know they need Him. Pray for their elders to welcome Christ's ambassadors and embrace the message of the gospel. Pray for a movement to Christ among them in Bangladesh.

SCRIPTURE But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Is 40:31

PRAY *Make this your prayer for today's people group.*

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Badhai in Pakistan



Legend has it that the Hindu god Vishwakarma created two people groups – the Lohar, workers of iron and the Badhai, cutters of wood. Woodcutting and carpentry are the traditional occupations of the Badhai, and though carpentry remains common today, some have acquired land and have begun to work in agriculture. Literacy levels are low among the Badhai as most are unable to afford the cost of education. Modern medicine is available, though it is often coupled with traditional practices, especially in remote areas where modern facilities are less available than medicine men. Most Badhais in Pakistan are Muslim, but there are also many Hindus among them. In Pakistan's Sindh Province, both groups need a gospel witness.



📍 bud-HYE

POPULATION: 87,000

LANGUAGE: Sindhi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Ministry Obstacles

The traditional religions of the Badhai are very difficult to penetrate. Their leaders are sensitive to people "changing religion," which to them is the same as rejecting their family and community.

Outreach Ideas

Perhaps the Badhai would enjoy stories of the carpenter-prophet who was the Son of God and gave his life on beams of timber. Those who could tell the gospel through woodwork might find great success.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to pave the way for the Badhai people to have access to better education. Pray that workers would be sent to harvest this field and that a Disciple Making Movement would spread like fire.

SCRIPTURE For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children. Is 44:3

PRAY *that this blessing will soon reach today's people group.*

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Bahna in Pakistan



The Bahna trace their roots to Persia and modern-day Afghanistan. Though they used to process cotton, the advancement of technology has led them to abandon that work in favor of agriculture, manufacturing and trade. Originally, the Bahna were entirely Hindu, but some of them converted to Islam during the Delhi Sultanate. Many Muslim Bahna left India and relocated to Pakistan, mainly in the Sindh Province. While the boys are able to pursue schooling, most of the girls receive little formal education.

Ministry Obstacles

Islam is a religion that is typically hostile to Christianity. As such, there may be very few ways to share the gospel, unless the focus is on Jesus, "Isa al-Masih" in Islam.

Outreach Ideas

Books are highly respected in Islamic cultures, and this might provide an open door to sharing Bible portions. Also, there may be room for teachers to help the women and girls learn the fundamentals of reading and writing. They may be interested in the Christ who respects women as much as men.

SCRIPTURE Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish. Is 46:10

PRAY Thank the Lord that He alone can tell the future, and His plans for today's people group can never be stopped.



📍 BAH-nah

POPULATION: 195,000

LANGUAGE: Sindhi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that access to education would grow for girls and women. Pray that the Bahna would hear the gospel in impactful ways and have ears to hear God speak to them. Pray that discipleship movements would be started in Bahna communities and grow mightily.

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Rathawa in Pakistan



The Hindu Rathawa people have some unusual practices regarding where they build their homes. They won't build homes near a tamarind tree since they think these are haunted by spirits. Instead, they like their settlements to be near a grove of palm trees. Their houses usually have no windows, and they build their houses on elevated ground to prevent flooding.

Ministry Obstacles

God's Word is not available in the Rathawi language. No other gospel resources, such as recordings, radio programs, or tracts are available in their language. God's Word in Rathawi will someday make a big impact on the community, but that day has not yet come.

Outreach Ideas

Rathawas are generally friendly with outsiders. Their way of honoring guests is by serving them food in their kitchen. This would be a great time for believers to tell stories of Jesus!

Prayer Focus

Pray for Rathawa believers to be filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit so they can live victorious lives. Pray for workers to go to the



🗨️ eh-RAH-twa
POPULATION: 5,200
LANGUAGE: Sindhi
RELIGION: Hinduism
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Rathawa people, and for their hearts to be ready to receive their savior. Pray for a chain reaction of families reaching families that results in thousands of new believers who share their faith with others until the gospel is well established in their communities in both India and Pakistan.

SCRIPTURE How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns! Is 52:7

PRAY for the Lord to send people with “beautiful feet” to bring good news to today’s people group.

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Bhangi in Pakistan



The Bhangi, a Scheduled Caste, were traditionally associated with scavenging, sweeping, and basket making. The majority are employed by various municipal governments as scavengers, and a few of those living in cities are educated. Others make and sell bamboo goods or work as drummers.

Ministry Obstacles

The Bhangi speak several languages, as most communities do in South Asia. Separate church planting projects may be needed for each language.

Outreach Ideas

The gospel of Christ needs to come to these people primarily in oral form. They need workers who know how to communicate the gospel in story form. They also need Christian videos and recordings to be made easily available.

Prayer Focus

Pray for believers in Pakistan to reach out to this unreached people. Pray for a church planting movement among the Bhangi people in Sindh Province that will show other



📍 BAHN-ghee
POPULATION: 83,000
LANGUAGE: Sindhi
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

communities in Pakistan what Jesus Christ can do to transform people for the better. Pray for God to shed his abundant favor on the Bhangi people in such a way they would know that Jesus Christ provides a better life.

SCRIPTURE The Lord has demonstrated His holy power before the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.
Is 52:10

PRAY for today's people group to share in the victory of the Lord by becoming part of His family.

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Mohana Sindhi in Pakistan



The Mohana Sindhi people call themselves "Mir Bahana," which means, "Lord of the sea" as they have traditionally been fishermen.

Ministry Obstacles

Mohana Sindhi people live in a country that is closed to the gospel. Only Sunni Muslims have good status while members of other sects of Islam are often violently persecuted. They have no choice but to remain Muslim since the "gatekeepers" prevent outsiders from sharing other spiritual beliefs. The great missionary statesman, William Carey, referred to such groups as "no choice" peoples.

Outreach Ideas

Since visual, audio, and written Bible resources exist in the Sindhi language, it is possible that Mohana Sindhi people will hear the truth of the gospel online or through people who would help them in practical matters of their lives, and consequently build relationships with them and their families.

Prayer Focus

Believers need to have regular prayer times during which they intercede for



📍 MOH-hun-uh SIN-dee

POPULATION: 611,000

LANGUAGE: Sindhi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

this group that does not have the chance to choose Jesus Christ and life to the full. Pray for them to have access to God's Word, study it, and apply it to their lives.

SCRIPTURE Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home and spare no expense! Is 54:2

PRAY Use this verse to pray for the Lord to expand His house to include today's people group.

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Sumra Sindhi in India



Traditionally, Sumra Sindhi people were warriors, but at present they are involved in business, agriculture, government, and private service.

Ministry Obstacles

The Sumra belong to the Sunni Muslim sect. Their lives are governed and restricted in every way by their religion, which is based on fear and good works. Theirs is a closed culture where outside ideas are not welcome.

Outreach Ideas

Sumra Sindhi people are family-oriented people. Families who serve the one true God who created all things have much in common with them although they do not know it. This is a place to begin building relationships.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Christian businessmen, agriculturalists and government employees will reach into the lives of Sumra Sindhi people, building relationships and sharing Christ's abundant life with them. Pray that almighty God will open the hearts of



🔊 SOOM-rah SIN-dee
POPULATION: 217,000
LANGUAGE: Sindhi
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Sumra Sindhi people to hear the good news that full payment of the penalty of sins has been made and is available to be received by whosoever will accept it.

SCRIPTURE Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it's all free! Is 55:1

PRAY that this people group will soon accept God's offer of free salvation.

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Sama Sindhi in Pakistan



During the time of Jesus, the Sindhi Sama were a Hindu and Buddhist people. A few centuries later, they were first introduced to Islam through conquerors. Their home served as a strategic location in the Caliphate as the "Arabian gateway" into India. Today, Sama Sindhis remain in southeastern Pakistan, the "gate of Islam." The rural Sama Sindhi live like their ancestors as irrigation farmers and livestock herders. They combine the saint worship of Hinduism with Islam, while they also believe in traditional folk spirits. The urban Sama Sindhi live as physicians, lawyers and teachers, and they practice traditional Islam.

Ministry Obstacles

Because their experience with religious introduction has been through conquest, it is likely they will meet another new teaching with skepticism, if not hostility.

Outreach Ideas

The Sindhi diaspora is significant, with many having settled in the USA and Europe. Encountering them with the love of Jesus and presenting them with clear teachings of his Word in the West may be the best way to bring them Christ. However, most of the Sindhi diaspora are Hindu, though there are Muslims among them that can also be reached.



📍 SAH-muh SIN-dee
POPULATION: 2,456,000
LANGUAGE: Sindhi
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Lord will ignite South Asian believers with missionary zeal for going to the Sindh to show God's forgiveness and salvation. Ask the Father to prepare Sama Sindhi hearts for a mighty church planting movement that will be a beacon of his light in the "gate of Islam."

SCRIPTURE Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David. Is 55:3

PRAY for this people to have wide open ears to the words of the Lord.

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Kazakh in China



Do traditionally nomadic Kazakh horsemen still dominate vast grasslands where they live, including in China? To the contrary, many thousands of oppressed Kazakh people fled both Russia and then China in the past century. However, today many Kazakhs still live in northwestern China as an official minority group. They reside mainly in Xinjiang Province, comprising the second largest Turkic-speaking community native to Xinjiang.

Ministry Obstacles

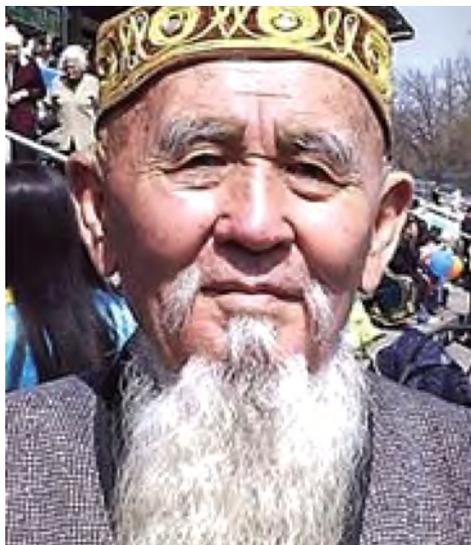
China's Kazakhs have strongly resisted Christianity. Few have turned to Christ in this overwhelmingly Muslim group. Also, though they've practiced Sunni Islam for centuries, the Kazakhs have put their faith in elements of spiritism, animism and ancestor worship.

Outreach Ideas

The Kazakh language includes the complete Bible, the JESUS Film, audio recordings, and Christian radio broadcasts. Someone could distribute these resources to leaders and families of Kazakhs throughout northern China.

Prayer Focus

Pray for freedom in Christ from all dark spiritual forces for multitudes of Kazakhs. Pray for God's intervention to



☛ KAH-zahk

POPULATION: 1,880,000

LANGUAGE: Kazakh

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

protect Kazakhs in China's "re-education" camps. Ask that Chinese believers intercede for Kazakhs and come alongside them in their suffering. Pray that the few Kazakh believers be discipled, multiplied in number and used to start Disciple Making Movements that bring great blessing to Kazakh communities.

SCRIPTURE Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for He will forgive generously. Is 55:7

PRAY for true and lasting repentance to come to this people group.

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Kyrgyz in China



The Kyrgyz are a farming people from Kyrgyzstan but many live in Xinjiang. Accurate counting is challenging since the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) often makes members of its minority tribes "disappear" from this region. The Kyrgyz famous epic tale, the *Manas*, describes their past, customs, habits, philosophies, and struggle for independence. Some Kyrgyz who can recite this epic and those who know their history and traditions have suffered in "re-education" camps.

Ministry Obstacles

The greatest ministry obstacle to reaching the Kyrgyz is the CCP, who detains those who speak of Jesus. Another ministry obstacle is their long-held allegiance to Islam and their belief in black magic.

Outreach Ideas

Because the Kyrgyz respect demonstrations of signs and wonders, believers who call on the name of the Lord for the demonstration of his power and healing would be effective.

Prayer Focus

As far as we know, there are only a very few followers of Christ among China's Kyrgyz, but with China's draconian detention of religious believers, nobody knows. Pray that those who know the Lord will trust in



📍 KUR-gheez

POPULATION: 240,000

LANGUAGE: Kyrgyz

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

his strength and the power of his Holy Spirit to guide their steps. After the Chinese nearly eradicated all Kyrgyz Christians in 1933, Christ is now mostly unknown among the Kyrgyz. Pray that they will resist the oppressive forces that seek to indoctrinate and destroy them so that they may have opportunity to know Jesus.

SCRIPTURE "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Is 55:8-9

PRAY that today's people group will understand that God's ways are far higher than theirs.

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Sarikoli Tajik in China



Residing in the Pamir Mountains, the Sarikoli Tajiks have kept their language and culture fairly isolated. The land is harsh, so this agricultural community grows only what they can eat and practices small-scale animal husbandry. Sarikoli Tajik families are composed of multigenerational households, with strict roles and traditions. For centuries, they have lived in tribal and clan structures with the tradition of following Shia Islam. Like the Uyghurs and Kyrgyz, they have been victim to the Chinese government's crackdown on ethnic and religious minority groups.

Ministry Obstacles

There are few believers among the Sarikoli Tajiks, and they do not have many ministry resources. Their language is not written and differs from the Tajik language, so they must use the Uyghur language to communicate to outsiders. Nearly all Sarikoli Tajiks adhere to the Shia sect of Islam.

Outreach Ideas

Agricultural development workers who are equipped with the understanding of Christ would have an opening with the Sarikoli Tajiks.



🗨️ sar-ree-KOR-lee TAH-jeek

POPULATION: 45,000

LANGUAGE: Sarikoli

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translated needed

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that soon-to-be Christ followers will continue to seek the knowledge of the true God. Pray that Sarikoli Tajik hearts will crave their key role in God's redemptive plan. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

SCRIPTURE Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the Lord say, "The Lord will never let me be part of his people." And don't let the eunuchs say, "I'm a dried-up tree with no children and no future." Is 56:3

PRAY *that many from today's people group will put all their hope in the Lord.*

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Wakhi in China



The name of this people group sounds exotic, and the Wakhi definitely fulfill that descriptive term. They live along China's border with Pakistan in the Khunjerab Valley, the valley of blood. Small in number, they are inclusive, living in extended families and usually marrying within their clan. The Wakhi are Shia Muslims who also practice a wide variety of animistic rituals.

Ministry Obstacles

They are hard to reach in their remote location. In addition, their religious views do not allow for an essential savior.

Outreach Ideas

While missionaries were active in the region inhabited by the Wakhi back in the 1920s and 1930s, no one accepted Christ. Most likely, few members of this people group have ever heard of, much less responded to, the gospel of Christ. While radio and online ministry could be useful, it is more likely that someone will need to go to the Wakhi to share God's love with them.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Wakhi to have the opportunity to hear the gospel.



🗨️ keek (WAH-kee)

POPULATION: 14,000

LANGUAGE: Wakhi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Lord to raise up mission workers who are willing to learn the language and go to this remote area of the globe. Pray for the Bible to be translated into the Wakhi language. Ask God for a great harvest of souls among this people group and for a church planting movement to sweep through their families and villages.

SCRIPTURE The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners to proclaim the Is 61:1-3a

PRAY for these blessings for today's people group!

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Nghari Tibetan in China



Different yet similar! The inhabitants of the Nghari region are also known as the Chang Tang (Northern Plain) Tibetans. Although they are ethnically Tibetan, they speak a language far removed from other Tibetan varieties. Their lifestyles have changed little over the last thousand years and are still devoid of any technology or machinery.

Ministry Obstacles

They believe that immersion in one of two holy lakes south of Mount Kailas will release people from their sins for a lifetime. Pilgrims who trek to the top of the 5,640-meter-high Dolma Pass are believed to be born again in the process. Folk Tibetans believe in a hell divided into eight hot and eight cold levels. Sinners are made to suffer until they have worked off their demerits. Such beliefs do not allow for a sinless savior who is the only gateway to the Almighty.

Outreach Ideas

Believers can start with the worldview of the Nghari Tibetan people and use it as a beginning point to show that Yahweh has a far better plan for us.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the 2020s will be the decade



📍 NAH-ree ti-BEH-tens

POPULATION: 64,000

LANGUAGE: Central Tibetan

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

of a Disciple Making Movement among every Tibetan subgroup, including the Ngharis. Pray for a hunger for spiritual truth and a willingness to seek and find answers in Christ. Pray for the Lord to raise up His ambassadors to the Nghari Tibetans.

SCRIPTURE Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed. Is 61:9

PRAY that those who live near today's people group will want their spiritual blessings after they submit to the Lord Almighty.

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Uyghur in China



What is the future for China's Uyghurs, a people with a rich and centuries-old Turkic culture severely oppressed by China's government? Millions of Uyghurs live in China's north-western Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, now a police state that imprisons well over one million Uyghurs in brutal "re-education" camps. Although almost all Uyghurs are Sunni Muslim, they mix their Islam with folk religion.

Ministry Obstacles

Their community-oriented culture and religion face serious threats. Such a situation makes them less open to outside ideas. Few Uyghurs are open to Christ and Han Chinese Christians have little interest in reaching them.

Outreach Ideas

The Uyghurs may listen to believers who demonstrate the compassion and love of the only Savior. Their language contains the complete Bible, the JESUS Film and many audio and visual materials based on the Bible.

Prayer Focus

A small but growing number of Uyghur believers live in nearby Central Asia. Pray that they will be strengthened in their faith and filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to disciple



🔊 WEE-gur

POPULATION: 12 million

LANGUAGE: Uyghur

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Uyghur believers to start a Disciple Making Movement for Uyghur communities throughout China. Pray God will stir Chinese Christians to intercede for and reach out to China's suffering Uyghurs. Ask that suffering Uyghurs will experience God's comfort from within re-education camps and broken homes.

SCRIPTURE I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Is 61:10

PRAY for the garment of salvation to come to this people group.

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Northern Uzbek in China



The word "Uzbek" is most likely derived from two Turkic words to form the phrase "genuine man." The Mongol leader who developed this name unified the Uzbek people and converted them to Islam. The Uzbeks' Islamic faith permeates much of their lives. When the Chinese government ordered that all children be educated at Chinese schools, the Uzbeks refused to send their children to schools that taught atheism. The Uzbek are often considered the most devout Muslims and get most of their income from trade in northwestern China.

Ministry Obstacles

Because the Uzbek are committed Muslims, they can become aggressive when challenged on their worldview.

Outreach Ideas

Helping them with needed medical care can be a good way to gently bring the gospel in, pointing the Uzbeks to the perfect Physician. Muslims already understand that Jesus is a healer.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Uzbek followers of Christ will stand firm in an environment that is unwelcoming to anything except Islam. Pray that these believers will be discerning in determining the most



📍 OOO-beks

POPULATION: 22,000

LANGUAGE: Northern Uzbek

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

effective method of evangelism. Pray that the Uzbeks will turn away from dogmatic Islam and open their hearts to the true prophet, priest and king, the one who desires nothing but a repentant and contrite heart. Pray that their hearts would be softened and for a movement to Christ this decade.

SCRIPTURE You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. Is 62:3

PRAY for this blessing to come to today's people group.

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Persian in Iran



Persia – the name evokes ancient memories mostly from the Bible. The children of Israel were taken captive and exiled in Persia or modern-day Iran. Tehran, the capital, is home to many ethnic groups, and the Persians are one such group. The Persians are very family oriented. Modern Persian women highly value their appearance, and many wear designer fashions.

Ministry Obstacles

The government of Iran is strongly opposed to anything they perceive as Western, including the gospel.

Outreach Ideas

The government of Iran tries its best to stop the spread of the gospel, but Iran remains the fastest growing church in the world, thanks to their government-dictated form of spirituality. It is reported that many are coming to Jesus Christ through supernatural encounters. Now seems to be God's time for drawing the Persians to Himself.

Prayer Focus

Pray for believers to be so filled with the love and joy of having a relationship with Christ that others will take whatever chance they need to belong to Him. Pray for God to draw Persians to Himself through supernatural en-



📍 PUR-zhun
POPULATION: 37,677,000
LANGUAGE: Persian
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

counters. Pray for the spread of the gospel in Iran to continue to be blessed by multiplying house church movements. Pray for entire families to come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and understand that Jesus Christ died for them so that they can live for Him.

SCRIPTURE “Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word. Is 66:2

PRAY for the Lord to give humility and a fear of Him to this people group that will lead to them being blessed beyond measure.

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Hazara in Iran



People of Mongolian descent are often associated with the image of Mongolian hordes, riding and raiding across an area, killing all in their path. The Hazara people of Iran are descended from these people who first came into Iran in the 13th century. They were traditionally shepherds, but through subsequent generations, some became farmers, and currently many are in professional careers in Iran. Unfortunately, there is race discrimination in Iran, and the Hazaras are sometimes victims of it. Virtually all Hazaras are Shia Muslim like the Persian majority.



Ministry Obstacles

Like most Muslims, the Hazaras are taught that the Bible includes many inaccuracies. They doubt that Christ shows us the only way to salvation.

Outreach Ideas

Persian believers can easily reach out to Hazaras and share culturally appropriate gospel materials like music with the Hazaras.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to call people to pray for the Hazaras until God opens the door for missionaries to go to

🔊 huh-ZAH-ruh

POPULATION: 392,000

LANGUAGE: Hazaragi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

them with the life-changing gospel. Pray that those who already speak the Hazara language will help produce and distribute gospel materials in Iran and Afghanistan. Pray that spiritual discernment and spiritual hunger among the Hazaras in Tehran will lead them to begin a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the Lord, “so will your name and descendants endure. From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the Lord. Is 66:23

PRAY *that soon all mankind will bow in humble submission to the Lord Almighty.*

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Gulf-spoken Arabs in Iran



Through the centuries, life has changed little for Gulf Arabs, who live in long tents made from woven goat or animal hair. Gulf Arabs live in the desert regions of Iran, herding their goats and sheep, traveling by camel from one oasis area to another. These nomadic people are very proud of their lifestyle and feel like it is a step down to farm or have any other job. Some of them have had to settle in Tehran.

Ministry Obstacles

Gulf Arabs are very dedicated to the Islamic religious system that keeps them bound to works righteousness rather than the finished work of Christ.

Outreach Ideas

It will take some very creative and dedicated groups to adopt a similar lifestyle as the nomadic Arabs and live close to them, befriend them, and share His blessings with them. For that reason, believers in Tehran should reach any Gulf Arabs they find in the city.

Prayer Focus

Pray for God to send dreams and revelations of Himself to the nomadic Gulf Arabs so that their hearts will be



🔊 gulf

POPULATION: 277,000

LANGUAGE: Gulf-spoken Arabic

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

open and ready to accept the good news when they hear it. Pray for God to call special people to this challenge to reach these people with the good news. Pray that Tehran will be the home of a Disciple Making Movement for Arabs.

SCRIPTURE Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Jer 1:5

PRAY for the Lord to thrust out many prophets from every nation to every nation in the 2020s.

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Gujarati in Iran



There are significant Gujarati communities in 27 nations of the world, and that includes Iran. Wherever they are, whether it is their native India or Iran, Gujaratis have maintained their own culture. They are resourceful businessmen. Muslim Gujarati women are required to wear veils, and they are often isolated in their homes. Muslim Gujarati families usually arrange marriages as a way to strengthen alliances between families. They often despise the Gujarati Hindus because of historical and religious differences.

Ministry Obstacles

Close families and clans make it difficult to penetrate their cultural and social structure. Women are particularly hard to reach with their restrictive and isolated lifestyle.

Outreach Ideas

Since the Gujarati men are mainly involved in trade and stores, they should be much easier to reach for Christ. Business-minded believers will probably be the best ones to befriend Gujarati businessmen and introduce them to the Savior.

Prayer Focus

Pray for God to put it on the heart of Christ-following businessmen to



📍 goo-jah-RAH-tee
POPULATION: 36,000
LANGUAGE: Gujarati
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

befriend Gujarati businessmen and lead them to His abundant blessings. Pray for God to open the door of opportunity for Christian women to get to know Gujarati women, invite them to their homes and show them the way to his abundant life. Pray for radio broadcasts for Gujarati-speaking women.

SCRIPTURE Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.” Jer 1:9-10

PRAY for Christ’s ambassadors to be careful to speak only what God tells them to say when they go to the nations.

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Parsee in Iran



Zoroaster was a Parsee, said to be born between 1,200 and 1,500 BC in northeast Iran. He rejected the polytheistic worship of his culture and believed in worshipping only the creator God (Ahura Mazda), and he believed that Angra Mainyu (the devil) caused people to commit evil deeds. He believed that when people died, they would go to heaven or hell. They keep a fire burning in their temples as a symbol of Ahura Mazda's wisdom, brightness and power. Their scriptures are the Avesta, which contains doctrines, hymns and prayers. The Magi and Persian kings like Cyrus and Darius were probably believers in Ahura Mazda. Today Parsees who live in Iran, primarily in Tehran, experience persecution that has forced many to worship in secret.

Ministry Obstacles

It is hard to reach someone who is hiding. Zoroastrian followers are often isolated and do not identify themselves for fear of persecution from the Shia Muslim majority.

Outreach Ideas

Strong friendship between Iranian Zoroastrians and followers of Christ can potentially develop trust and



🔊 PAR-see

POPULATION: 28,000

LANGUAGE: Parsi-Dari

RELIGION: Other

BIBLE: Translation needed

STATUS: Unreached

allow believers to share what faith in the resurrected Christ can do for all of us.

Prayer Focus

Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among Iran's Zoroastrians. Pray for Iranian believers to reach out to their Zoroastrian neighbors.

SCRIPTURE And if they learn well the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the Lord lives'—even as they once taught my people to swear by Baal—then they will be established among my people. Jer 12:16

PRAY for today's people to become well established in their devotion to the Lord alone.

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Judeo-Persian Jews in Iran



Jewish people have been in Iran since the days of Queen Esther! According to the chief rabbi of the Jewish community in Iran, Garami, the Iranian government is currently allowing the Jewish people of Iran to worship in peace. The rabbi also stressed that Jews are safe in Iran. Their schools, estimated 35 synagogues, cultural centers, kosher stores, and restaurants are found primarily in Tehran and other big cities such as Isfahan and Shiraz. To keep the peace, Iranian Jews are cautious not to show any support for Israel as they could face severe fines, torture and imprisonment from the Iranian government.



📖 jooz

POPULATION: 9,600

LANGUAGE: Dzhidi

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Ministry Obstacles

To maintain their peace and freedom to worship and live without oppression, the Iranian Jewish people are keeping an isolated position from Iranian believers; so they have little or no contact with those who can share the Savior.

Outreach Ideas

Hopefully Iranian believers will have the courage and faith to seek friendship with their Jewish neighbors as strong living witnesses of the Lord and his promises.

Prayer Focus

Pray for a movement to Christ among Iran's Jewish population, leading them to the spiritual blessings only offered by Jesus Christ. Pray for a willingness to seek and find their Messiah in the Torah.

SCRIPTURE We acknowledge our wickedness, Lord, and the guilt of our ancestors; we have indeed sinned against you. Jer 14:20

PRAY *that soon leaders among this people group will repent of their sins and lead others to do the same.*