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## Thais in Thailand



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.