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Hindu Beldars in Bangladesh



The name “Beldar” of India is derived from the words “digging instrument” and the person who uses it. They are a people most known for agricultural work, mainly digging in and transporting soil. As with most modern people groups, they have since moved past their traditional roles. Some Beldar are now engaged in animal husbandry, business, and industrial or unskilled labor. However, these are few in number. They are considered to be a part of the low status Shudra caste, and they themselves share this view. Most Beldar are bilingual, speaking Hindi as well as their own Baghelkandi dialect. Very few have converted to Islam, and only one hundred or so are known to be Christian; most Beldar hold to Hinduism.

Ministry Obstacles

Because of the low social standing of the Beldar, education levels and literacy rate may be low. As such, print materials may have a limited impact.

Outreach Ideas

Because of the low standing of the Beldar, they likely have never been honored or served. Workers could strive to love and serve them from a position of lowliness in order to introduce them to the God who washed the feet of fishermen.



POPULATION: 8,800

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray that they would be hungry for spiritual truth that will lead them to Christ. Pray for outrageous boldness and Godly wisdom for the few believers, and for discipleship movements to spring up in their communities.

SCRIPTURE Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. Ps 34:5

PRAY *May there be many from this people group who look only to the Lord for help, and may they be filled with joy and peace.*