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# Bhoksa of India



The Bhoksa have 15 clans, but are not clanish; they are Hindu, but they still like Christmas! They live in Himalayan forests although they did not originate there. They live in Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir of India, and they are a Scheduled Caste, so they have low status. After marriage, wives cannot see some in-laws. They fear spirits and ghosts, worship Hindu gods, and hold Hindu festivals. They struggle with the modernization of society.

## Ministry obstacles

Lack of outreach in this highly unreached part of India, rugged terrain, and minimal infrastructure are main obstacles to getting the gospel to the Bhoksa people. There is no Bible in their language although some read Hindi, which has a Bible.

## Outreach ideas

Christmas can be used as a bridge to open them to the gospel. Their need for medical care, education, improved agriculture, sanitation, and safe water can open the door for Christ followers with the right skills to serve and witness to them in the love of Christ.

## Pray for the Entire Group



**POPULATION:** 59,000

**LANGUAGE:** Buksa

**RELIGION:** Hinduism

**BIBLE:** Portions

**STATUS:** Unreached

Pray that God will direct believing physicians, agriculturalists, educators, sanitation engineers, and Bible translators to work among them. Pray that the very few believers will grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord and in boldness of witness, especially at Christmas time.

**SCRIPTURE** Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Ps 51:10

**PRAY** for leaders among this people group to have hearts that seek to be clean before the Lord, and that they will teach others His ways.