



If you were dying of thirst and starvation, would it matter who fed you or gave you water? Yes, if you were from the Chain community in West Bengal, India. The Chain people are very caste-conscious with regard to food fellowship. As landowners, they probably have good status in Hindu society, and there are strong taboos against sharing food and water with those from certain other communities. We do not know if this attitude persists among the very few Christ-followers among them or if it is dying out in today's world.

### Ministry Obstacles

Caste-consciousness is an obvious obstacle that limits who may evangelize them. This is one of the reasons why those from the more prestigious castes are not reached. It has been the lower castes who have responded to Christ in the past.

### Outreach Ideas

The use of Christian literature and the JESUS Film is caste-neutral, as is music. These would be great tools to show them the ways of Christ. Ideally, someone who is familiar with Bengali-style music could produce worship music that would bless the Chain community.

**SCRIPTURE** With His (Christ's) own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—He entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. Heb 9:12

**PRAY** for this people group to come to comprehend that the blood of animals will never get them right with the one, true God. Pray that they realize that only the blood of Christ can forgive their sins and gain for them eternal life.



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**POPULATION:** 510,000

**LANGUAGE:** Bengali

**RELIGION:** Hinduism

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

### Prayer Focus

Pray the few believers among them would not be caste-conscious, but outgoing in witness and fellowship. Pray that God would open this people to Christian witness and break down the barrier of caste. Pray for the Lord to thrust out His chosen vessels as Christ bearers to the Chain people.