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Halwai in Bangladesh



Though most members of the Halwai community live in India, today we are praying for this Hindu community living in the predominantly Muslim country of Bangladesh. As is traditionally true of most Hindu castes, its members usually focus on one primary type of job. The Halwai are a caste of sweet makers and confectioners. The Hindu communities respect them because of the importance of sweets in both their religion as well as in festivals associated with childbirth and marriage. Now, many Halwai have branched out into other occupations, such as medicine and engineering. The Halwai are primarily vegetarians. It is rare to see the Halwai marry outside of their caste.

Ministry Obstacles

It is difficult for evangelists or believers to find a point of common interests with Hindus who worship many gods. Their main gods are Shiva, Rama, Krishna, and Ganesh.

Outreach Ideas

Unlike some other castes, they believe in educating both boys and girls, which suggests they value education. Often the highly educated are more open to “new” ideas, and it may be easier to



POPULATION: 77,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

have some intentional and meaningful conversations with them about Jesus Christ, the only one who can save them from their sin.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for the Lord to bless the Halwai people materially and spiritually. Pray for a movement to Christ in the 2020s.

SCRIPTURE He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth. Ps 33:5

PRAY *May this people group seek and find the Lord's unfailing love!*