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Jaunsari of India



Do you ever want to go back to Bible days? You might feel like you are doing that by visiting the Jaunsari community in Uttarakhand, the state we are praying for this week. They still plow with oxen instead of a plowshare. Like the Hebrew Patriarchs, they may marry more than one spouse, although Jaunsari women can have more than one husband. They are divided by two mountain and valley homelands and dialects. They live in colorful houses with pagoda-style roofs, which they leave to cultivate fields and to graze cattle and goats.

Ministry Obstacles

The first obstacle is the terrain and elevation, making them hard to access. They speak two different languages and have only some verses of the New Testament available in one of them; others need to hear the gospel in Hindi.

Outreach Ideas

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, may be a bridge of God. John 8:12b: “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

Pray for the Followers of Christ

Pray that the few believers will allow the Holy Spirit to direct them in all they do and say.



POPULATION: 93,000

LANGUAGE: Jaunsari

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for the Entire Group

We need to pray that the Jaunsari will lose confidence in their gods and see Jesus as the only answer to their fears of ghosts and spirits. Pray for a full Bible translation and Christian witness, leading to a disciple-making movement.

SCRIPTURE Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. Ps 51:4

PRAY that leaders among this people group will understand the depth of their sin just as King David did.