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## Slipkar in India



Like "Native American," Slipkar is a generic name, meaning "craftsman" due to their historic craftsman roles. Although many are in the profession, others are beggars. They are also a harijan people, meaning "child of God," and they are at the bottom of the caste hierarchy. They live on the outskirts of villages, hamlets, and towns, speaking local languages, worshipping family, village, and regional gods. Heads of household are family priests since Brahmins will not serve them. They also engage in the occult and exorcise of spirits, practicing shamanism.

### Ministry Obstacles

Caste consciousness isolates them socially, and rugged terrain isolates them physically.

### Outreach Ideas

Crafts need markets, thus Christian entrepreneurs could help establish a market cooperative and be witnesses to the craftsmen among them. Christian professionals could deliberately witness to Slipkars in professional associations. The JESUS Film shows Jesus casting out demons, and that may speak to them. Evangelism could focus on power encounters.



**POPULATION:** 922,000

**LANGUAGE:** Kumaoni

**RELIGION:** Hinduism

**BIBLE:** New Testament

**STATUS:** Unreached

### Pray for the entire group

Pray that the few believers among them will grow spiritually and have the love and boldness to share Christ with others. Pray that this entire group would seek to truly become Children of God (John 1:12). Pray that they would have dreams and visions of Jesus. Pray for a movement to Christ among them.

**SCRIPTURE** Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. Ps 51:7

**PRAY** *May members of this people group be broken, and willing to repent and follow the Lord.*