Ath Pahariya in Nepal



he Ath Pahariya are part of a cluster of people known as the Rais, the largest group in eastern Nepal. The diverse groups in the cluster all speak various dialects from which most of these groups take their names. Although their facial features are clearly Mongoloid, the Ath Pahariya claim no relation to people from that part of the world. Instead, they believe they are descendants of the Hindu goddesses Marema, Mahadeva and Nina.

Ministry Obstacles:

Their homeland is hard for gospel workers to reach.

Outreach Ideas:

As farmers, the Ath Pahariya have been limited by insufficient knowledge of technology, causing a poor yield in crops. People with the right skills can help them get a better harvest each year.

Prayer Focus

Ask God to strengthen, encourage and protect the small number of Ath Pahariya Christian believers. Pray for spiritual hunger that will lead the Ath Pahariya community to the cross. Pray for good yields from crops, and



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POPULATION: 6,800

LANGUAGE: Athpariya

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

for a rising literacy rate. Pray for them to give God the glory when they reap a bountiful harvest. Pray the Ath Pahariya people would have all gospel materials easily available to them. Pray for Christ's ambassadors to go to them with skits and songs that glorify Christ.

SCRIPTURE My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Psa.84.2

PRAY that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who have this kind of heart for being in the presence of the loving Lord.

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