Bhojpuri Bihari in South Africa



The world is truly a melting pot of peoples. Migration is common. Such is the case of the Bhojpuri speaking Biharis. During and soon after colonial days, a large number of people from the Bihar Province of British India moved about to work as indentured laborers. Some went to South Africa, where they found employment and were able to put down roots working in sugarcane, cocoa, rice, and rubber plantations. Today, they are most likely to be businessmen.

Ministry Obstacles

Most of the Biharis of South Africa practice Hinduism, and only a few claim to be Christians of any sort. That is a start, but they remain unreached.

Outreach Ideas

The Biharis in South Africa have prospered, are better educated, and have a higher rate of literacy than ever before. It is possible to reach the better educated Biharis with printed resources. However, visual means, such as the JESUS Film, will be more effective with those who either can't or won't read in the Bhojpuri language.



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POPULATION: 59,000 LANGUAGE: Bhojpuri

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

The Lord has made major inroads among Bhojpuri speakers in India. Pray some will answer the call to reach Hindu Biharis for Christ. Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ during the 2020s among the Biharis of South Africa.

SCRIPTURE So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:12)

PRAY Make this your prayer for today's people group.