

Burmese in Thailand



Dirty, dangerous, and difficult. These three Ds reflect the work of Burmese refugees who live in Thailand. These people have fled their own country in search of work, education and peace. Unfortunately, they rarely obtain legal status in Thailand, and consequently they are often subject to violence, low wages, and discrimination in the workplace. Muslim refugees have fled from Myanmar because of religious persecution, yet they cannot receive work permits in Thailand.

Ministry Obstacles

The Burmese embrace Buddhism, the goal of which is to seek Nirvana, ultimate peace. This peace eludes them, as their circumstances in Thailand are fraught with poverty and adversity—both political and social.

Outreach Ideas

Almost 50 percent of the migrants are women and are particularly susceptible to gender discrimination and violence. Outreach ministries can put extra efforts into reaching these women. In this way, believers can live out James 1:27—“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction” (ESV).



POPULATION: 207,000

LANGUAGE: Burmese

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

The Burmese have left their homeland in pursuit of economic stability. Sadly, they are not finding it. Pray that the Lord Jesus will give them the kind of stability that lasts forever—peace and assurance of a bright future. Pray for a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! Ps 139:5-6

PRAY *that many from this people group will be in awe of the blessings of the Lord.*