## Ryukyuan in Bolivia

The Ryukyuan are the indigenous peoples of the Ryukyu Islands of Japan. Traditionally, the people have a very tightly-knit family life and enjoy close personal friendships. They see themselves as bound together by their home island and, especially among older people, will always consider themselves from Ryukyuan first and Japan second. They are among the longest-lived people in the world. Most of the younger generation are not serious adherents of their traditional religion. A small number are now in Bolivia.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

The Ryukyuan people do not have a legacy of understanding the ways of God as revealed through Moses, the prophets, and Jesus Christ.

## **Outreach Ideas**

A movement to Jesus can potentially bring Ryukyuan families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessings.

## **Prayer Focus**

A small number of the Ryukyuan people identify themselves as Christians. Pray they will be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Pray for



**◀** ree-YOO-kyoo-un POPULATION: 2,400

LANGUAGE: Okinawan, Central

RELIGION: Buddhism BIBLE: Portions STATUS: Unreached

the Ryukyuan people in Bolivia to become aware of their need for forgiveness of sin, and that forgiveness has been provided through faith in the work of Christ on the cross. Pray these peaceful people will welcome the good news of Jesus as it comes to them in various forms.

**SCRIPTURE** And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

**PRAY** for today's people group to come to understand that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ.