

Ryukyuan in Japan



Amongst the longest-lived people in the world, the Ryukyuan are the indigenous peoples of Japan's Ryukyu Islands. They see themselves as bound together by their home island and, especially among older people, consider themselves Ryukyuan first and Japan second. Their Uchina religion is dying out among the younger generation.

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

The Ryukyuan exist as a peaceful tribe who has always considered the arts and music as more honorable than combat skills. Christian believers can use the arts as a way to take Christ to them.

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 that a strong movement to Jesus will bring Ryukyuan families and communities



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POPULATION: 1,159,000

LANGUAGE: Okinawan, Central

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

into a rich experience of God's blessings. Pray that women in leadership will witness the loving power of Jesus. Pray for the people on the Ryukyuan islands 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.

SCRIPTURE Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. Psalm 2:8

PRAY Ask now! Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.