

Thai in France



The Central Thai are unusually polite, respectful and hospitable people. Age is highly respected in their society. Type of occupation and wealth follow age in terms of respect and rank. The Central Thai are distinguished by a near absence of labor division by gender, which helps them fit in when living in places like France where there is much gender equality.

Ministry Obstacles

"Mai ben rai" is often heard on the lips of Central Thai Buddhists. Roughly translated it means, "That's not an issue." The phrase expresses a deeply held Thai belief that things are not worth getting agitated over because that would cause one to leave the "middle path" of calmness as taught in Buddhism. This attitude also keeps them from giving serious thought to the claims of Christ.

Outreach Ideas

France is a socially cold environment for outsiders, but God is moving there among the Thai. There are believers from OMF International who are reaching the Thai diaspora in Europe through friendship evangelism which can lead to Bible studies and Disciple Making Movements.



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POPULATION: 10,000

LANGUAGE: Thai

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for spiritual openness and a desire for true holiness among the Thai people in France. Pray that strong churches would grow in every location where Central Thai Buddhists live. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among Thai people in France.

SCRIPTURE But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matt 4:4

PRAY *that today's people group to learn and understand that the Bible comes from the mouth and mind of the one, true God.*