## Sri Lanka Moor in Sri Lanka



The Moors of Sri Lanka trace their ancestry to Arab traders who settled to the island nation sometime between the eighth and fifteenth centuries. Muslim merchants arrived in large numbers and married local women. The Buddhist Sinhalese and the Hindu Tamils fought a devastating civil war in Sri Lanka from 1983 to 2009. Most Moors tried to stay neutral in the war while others supported the Tamil speaking Hindus.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

The Moors must understand the true nature of Jesus Christ. He is much more than a human prophet. Being Muslim is an integral part of the Moors' identity.

## **Outreach Ideas**

The main language of the Sri Lankan Moors is Tamil. The complete Tamil Bible is available. Other Tamil resources include the JESUS Film, Gospel Recordings, and God's Story.

## **Prayer Focus**

There are few, if any, known Christian believers among the Moors of Sri Lanka. Pray that the Tamil speaking believers in southern India



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POPULATION: 492,000

LANGUAGE: Tamil

**RELIGION: Islam** 

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

would develop a burden for the Moors of Sri Lanka. Pray for healing among the major ethnic groups on the island. Pray that the Moors would tune in to Tamil radio and TV broadcasts. Pray that the Lord would raise up a growing church this decade among the Sri Lankan Moors.

**SCRIPTURE** Correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. (2 Timothy 2:25-26)

**PRAY** for new believers to have mercy and love for those who are abusive. Pray that they will intercede in prayer for them.

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