

# Eastern Bru in Thailand



**T**he Bru are descendants of the great Khmer Empire, which flourished between the ninth and thirteenth centuries, and encompassed present-day Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and southern Vietnam. About 400 years ago, the Bru were pushed out of the best valley lands in northern Laos and forced southward. The word bru literally means “mountain.”

## Ministry Obstacles

Many of the Eastern Bru in Thailand live in remote rural villages where they practice wet-rice and slash-and-burn farming. Each village is self-governing. Most of the Eastern Bru practice ethnic religions that include ancestor worship. They also worship and seek to appease spirits in nature and “guardian spirits” that they believe guard them and take care of their needs.

## Outreach Ideas

The Bru in Thailand need upgraded farm equipment and would greatly benefit from the introduction of modern farming techniques. Mission workers willing to share the gospel and demonstrate God's love in humanitarian assistance could have a powerful kingdom impact.

**SCRIPTURE** As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Psalms 103:12

**PRAY** for this people group to find forgiveness and relationship with the Lord Almighty.



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**POPULATION:** 26,000

**LANGUAGE:** Bru, Eastern

**RELIGION:** Buddhism

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

## Prayer Focus

Pray for Eastern Bru followers of Christ to disciple others who will disciple many others. Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Bru people in Thailand that will lead them into the light of Christ. Pray for workers who will go to the Bru and share the gospel in words and deeds.