

Eastern Cham in Vietnam



The Eastern Cham is one of the most ancient ethnic groups in Southeast Asia. As a small minority group now overrun with poverty and persecution, one must remember that the Eastern Cham kingdom once reigned in Southeast Asia. The Cham are descendants from what was known as the Champa kingdom, which was located in Vietnam, areas of Cambodia and southern Laos. The Eastern Cham are a mixture of Hindus and Muslims, but they are also highly influenced by traditional ancestor worship and animism.

Ministry Obstacles

Their religious beliefs contribute to their history and identity as a people group. This makes it difficult for Cham individuals to embrace Christ, as doing so would result in expulsion from the community.

Outreach Ideas

Perhaps Christians in other Vietnamese tribes will be led by the Lord's Spirit to the Eastern Cham, to tell them about Christ. Pray they would be able to overcome any tribal hostilities, and be able to travel to the areas where the Cham live.

Prayer Focus

There are a number of individuals in this tribe who identify themselves as Christians. Pray also they would be able



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POPULATION: 133,000

LANGUAGE: Cham, Eastern

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

to live as faithful followers of Christ yet be able to stay in their culture. The Cham are still considered to be a minority in Vietnam and are looked down upon. Because of this discrimination, the Eastern Cham people have very low self-esteem and self-worth as individuals and as a people group. Pray for them to make their identity in Christ.

SCRIPTURE And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him. Heb 11:6

PRAY for this people group to come to God and understand that He will reward them with His truth.