

Gujarati in Myanmar



There were many Gujarati Hindus in Myanmar starting in 1865 until they were ousted by nationalistic Burmese in 1962. They were called "British colonialists" by irrational Burmese, who harmed their own fragile economy by driving out the business savvy Gujaratis. Today some Gujaratis remain, mostly in commerce. They speak Gujarati and are Hindu, followers of Krishna, although some are Jains. They are known both for business acumen and honesty; everything is on the basis of one's word and a handshake.

Ministry Obstacles

Obstacles to evangelism and church planting include devotion to Krishna and Jain gods, their stigmatized minority status and wealth. The latter may be the biggest obstacle, given the availability of gospel materials and Scripture in Gujarati. Their honesty, ethics and integrity may make them believe that they do not need forgiveness from God.

Outreach Ideas

There is a potential mission force in believers from minority ethnic groups in Myanmar and northeastern India.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the church in Myanmar would overcome its own nationalism

SCRIPTURE When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with His disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Mark 10:14-15

PRAY that this people group humbles themselves and comes to God with child-like trust and thereby enter into His kingdom.



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POPULATION: 35,000

LANGUAGE: Gujarati

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

to reach out to the Gujaratis within their communities. Pray the Holy Spirit would lead Christ's ambassadors to "people of peace" who can open Gujarati communities to begin their own movement to Christ. Pray the Holy Spirit would prepare Gujaratis to be open to that witness and to be open to acknowledging their sinfulness before God.