

# Teochew Chinese in Cambodia



Chinese began to migrate to Cambodia as early as the 3rd century due to wars, political pressures and economic hardships. Many of the Chinese intermarried with the Khmer and absorbed into Cambodia's Khmer culture, introducing Chinese customs and beliefs into Khmer society. There remains a community of Chinese Cambodians who have retained the distinctiveness of their own language and culture. Nearly all Chinese Cambodians are involved in a business of one sort or another, ranging from small family-based market stalls and shops to large companies. Most Chinese do business day in and day out without taking time off for rest, working from early morning to well into the evening.

## Ministry Obstacles

Chinese Cambodians hold to traditional Chinese religious practices, ancestral worship, demon veneration and Theravada Buddhism. Even though religious beliefs are expressed in a variety of ways, their true god is money.

## Outreach Ideas

Few Chinese Cambodians have heard a clear presentation of the gospel. Businessmen who follow Christ can



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**POPULATION:** 185,000

**LANGUAGE:** Chinese, Min Nan

**RELIGION:** Ethnic Religions

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

reach out to Chinese Cambodians as his ambassadors.

## Prayer Focus

Pray that God would send laborers to work specifically with these people, breaking through the spiritual, economic and linguistic barriers that have kept them isolated.

**SCRIPTURE** And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. Ezk.34.23

**PRAY** for today's people group to submit to the one true shepherd, Jesus Christ.