## Cantonese in China, Macau



Did you know there is a tiny region in China with Portuguese as one of the two official languages? Yes, we are talking about Macau, the "Las Vegas" of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Macau was a Portuguese colony until China took over this gambling hub in 1999. Many residents of Macau work in casinos and the tourism industry. Macau's per capital income is eight times higher than mainland China. Cantonese people make up nearly 90% of the residents. The Cantonese language is mutually unintelligible with Mandarin, China's official language.



Open evangelism is illegal in China and they are cracking down on the Church. The majority of Macau's citizens mix Buddhism with folk religion. Christianity is often seen as a "foreign religion."

## **Outreach Ideas**

TV and radio programs in Cantonese are available. A revised Cantonese Bible was published in 1997. Christians can visit Macau and help the church there.

## **Pray for the Church**

Pray the Lord would raise up trained,



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mature pastors to lead the churches of Macau. Pray the believers in Macau would share their faith with others. Pray that the people of Macau would see the emptiness of materialism and turn to the Lord. Pray for many to know Christ among the Cantonese in Macau.

**SCRIPTURE** Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! Psalm 81:8, ESV

PRAY for this people group to heed God's warning and listen to him!