

Huichol in Mexico



The Huichol refer to themselves as Wixárika or simply “people.” Historically, the rough topography of their homeland in the western Sierra Madre Occidental mountains of Mexico insulated them from outside influences. Today, the Huichol integrate into the general Mexican society and economy. Most Huichol provide for themselves by growing and raising their own food, and extended Huichol families live together in rancho settlements.

Ministry Obstacles

The Huichol believe in shamanic power over the spirits and follow shamanic traditions. They believe that when a person dies, the soul embarks on a five year journey through the underworld. After the journey, the soul returns to earth and is captured by a shaman in the form of a rock crystal. The crystal is placed on the family altar to be anointed with blood and offered food.

Outreach Ideas

Today, there is an unprecedented opportunity to reach the Huichol. The New Testament and the JESUS Film are available to them.



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POPULATION: 52,000

LANGUAGE: Huichol

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that God would save key Huichol leaders who will boldly declare the gospel to their people. Pray that God would raise up a strong network of Bible believing churches among the Huichol.

SCRIPTURE Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.
- Haggai 1:7

PRAY *that this people group consider their ways and turn to the Lord.*