## **Dungan in Kyrgyzstan**



he Dungan originated in the Kansu and Shensi provinces of northwestern China, but today there are people from Kansu living in the mountains and valleys of Kyrgyzstan. Culturally, the Dungan are similar to the Han Chinese, but their language is greatly influenced by Arabic, Persian and Turkish. They are a proud, hospitable, nationalistic and conservative people who refer to themselves as Chinese Muslims despite having cut ties with China.

## **Obstacles**

The Dungan are famous for their hospitality and diversity, which would usually make it easier for religion to spread; however, they have had little opportunity to hear the gospel. At present, they remain nominally Muslim, both in China and in Kyrgyzstan. We know of no Dungans who have put their faith in Christ except in Mongolia.

## **Outreach Ideas**

The few Dungan Christian believers in Mongolia can share their faith with those in Kyrgyzstan. The JESUS Film and portions of Scripture already exist in the Dungan language.



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POPULATION: 75,000

LANGUAGE: Dungan

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray for a movement to Christ to spread and benefit everyone spiritually, physically and economically. Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Dungan would fellowship together and share the gospel with their neighbors.

**SCRIPTURE** Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am. Jn 8:58

**PRAY** for this people group to understand that Jesus is not just another human prophet but is the eternal God.