

# Northern Thai in Thailand



The large Northern Thai community dominates north and northwest Thailand, being centered around the city of Chiang Mai. They have followed Buddhism for 1,000 years. Like other Theravada Buddhists, they today mix their beliefs with numerous animistic rituals. Protestant missionaries have worked in northern Thailand for about 150 years, but response from the Northern Thai has been painstakingly slow.

## Ministry Obstacles

The belief system of the Thai people doesn't emphasize the reality of sin, and the need for forgiveness. They may not know they need a Savior.

## Outreach Ideas

Much sustained prayer is needed to cause the Thai to become aware of their spiritual need. May the Lord open the eyes of the Thai.

## Prayer Focus

There are some followers of Christ among the Northern Thai. Pray they will not mix Buddhist or animistic beliefs with the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for strong commitment to Christ, and for holy living. Pray for Thai



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**POPULATION:** 7,577,000

**LANGUAGE:** Thai, Northern

**RELIGION:** Buddhism

**BIBLE:** New Testament

**STATUS:** Unreached

families to be drawn to Jesus and to the Bible to find out more about this man, Jesus. Pray the Thai will increasingly desire a solution for their sin problem. Pray they will desire a Savior, someone who can provide forgiveness for sin and power to live this life victoriously.

**SCRIPTURE** ... listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned! Neh 1:6

**PRAY** for the Lord to raise up believers from among today's people group that will faithfully and fervently pray for their people.