

Kunigami in Japan



Thvn closely related people groups living in the Ryukyu Islands. Kunigami women are traditionally kept in subjection to their husbands. At celebrations, the men stay separated from the women, usually drinking sake (rice wine). The Kunigami are Buddhist, but traditional shamanistic practices are still prevalent. They believe in many unseen gods, demons, and ancestral spirits. The father of the house maintains the religious rituals in the home and cares for the ancestral tombs. The women serve as mediators between the kami (invisible spiritual powers) and the people. The people must seek permission from the kami before making any type of decision.

Ministry Obstacles

No scripture is reported to be available in the Kunigami language, nor are there other resources such as gospel recordings. However, many of the younger Kunigami people speak Japanese.

Outreach Ideas

Christians in nearby American military installations can take the initiative to befriend island people such as the Kunigami, and as the Lord leads, tell them about Jesus.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray that any followers of Jesus Christ today among the Kunigami people will be



POPULATION: 4,900

LANGUAGE: Kunigami

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

given hearts to love the Lord and their neighbors ... and be willing to take His name to them.

Pray for the Entire People Group

The Japanese consider the Kunigami to be second class citizens. Pray for equal opportunities for these people in Japanese society.

SCRIPTURE I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. Ps 9:1, NLT

PRAY for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.