

Rakhine in Myanmar



Centuries ago, the most feared pirates and sailors in the Bay of Bengal terrorized communities along the seacoast and far up the river channels of what is now Bangladesh. They were called “maghs” or pirates. They now speak the Arakanese language, and are known as the Arakanese or Rakhine, from the Arakan region of Myanmar. The people themselves dislike the term “Magh” and prefer to be called Marmas, which means “Burmese.”

Obstacles

The devout, animistic and Buddhist traditions of this people have made them unreceptive to the gospel in the past.

Outreach Ideas

Stories from Scripture may communicate effectively to this group. Trained storytellers can use the JESUS film and other stories to share the gospel.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the few believers among this people and for pastors to teach the Scriptures accurately and faithfully to



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POPULATION: 2,739,000

LANGUAGE: Rakhine

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

them. Pray for them to grow in the admonition of the Lord. Pray for educational opportunities for the youth and for employment opportunities for families. Pray for a movement to Christ this decade.

SCRIPTURE Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. (Matthew 13:8)

PRAY *today's people group would become fertile soil and produces much fruit for God and His kingdom.*