

Miyako Ryukyuan in Japan



During the early 1400s, the Miyako Ryukyuan had their own kingdom though the powerful empires of both China and Japan who had an interest in taking control. The Japanese proved more adept, and the islands became a part of the Japanese Empire. The traditional religion of the Miyako Ryukyuan was a version of shamanism with women as the shamans. During the 1920s, Shintoism and Buddhism vied for prominence, and today the Ryukyuan adhere to a mixture of the two, blended with traditional shamanism.



Ministry Obstacles

Their beliefs leave no room for a powerful savior who can save them from sin and death.

Outreach Ideas

The Ryukyuan may be attracted by the God who calls them to belong, the one who is always with them and will never leave them.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Ryukyuan may find opportunities to spread the gospel in their own communities and among

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POPULATION: 66,000

LANGUAGE: Miyako

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

their own people. Pray for church planting movements among the Ryukyuan that will be sound in doctrine and fervent in love. Pray that they would discover the dignity of belonging to the King of kings.

SCRIPTURE I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10, ESV

PRAY for the garment of salvation to come to this people group.

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