

Red Tai (Tai Daeng) in Vietnam



Originally from China, the Red Tai followed the Red River to Vietnam in order to escape pressure from the Chinese. The Red Tai are closely related to the White Tai and the Black Tai. Together, they are part of a larger people group cluster that includes the Laotians and the Shan. The Red Tai live together as families and organize their communities by rank: merchants outrank craftsmen, who outrank farmers. The largest group are rice farmers, and priests are in a class of their own.

Ministry Obstacles

The Tai Daeng believe in animism mixed with Buddhist teachings. The people revere “guardian spirits” and “locality spirits” but must be careful not to anger them unwittingly. The people must appease the spirits in order to stave off ill-fortune. There are very few Christian resources available in the Tai Daeng language.

Outreach Ideas

There is a need for more laborers to go to northern Vietnam and minister healing to these people whose heritage has been marked by war and foreign domination.

Pray for the Entire Group

May God show the Tai Daeng that He is



POPULATION: 167,000

LANGUAGE: Tai Daeng

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is not fickle, and we do not have to appease Him but instead we need to be devoted to Him. Pray that missionaries of Asian descent will bring God’s international message of peace to the Red Tai, resulting in a disciple making movement.

SCRIPTURE The rulers of the world have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. For all the kings of the earth belong to God. He is highly honored everywhere. Ps 47:9

PRAY that the Lord will find honor and worship from today’s people group. May they understand that they belong to Him.