

Taungyo in Myanmar



Centered in the township of Pinlon, the Taungyo people live primarily in Myanmar's southern Shan State. Ethnically, they are a sub-group of the majority Burmese (or, Bamar) people although their dialect of Burmese is non-standard. The Taungyo maintain themselves as a unique people group, though they still live intermingled with other ethnicities. One way to pick out the Taungyo is by the distinctive apparel of the women – lots of silver on their jewelry and heavy brass rings on their legs that are used to signify their marital status. The Taungyo are fishermen and agriculturalists.

Ministry Obstacles

Though some outreach is being performed by local evangelists and missionaries from other people groups, the Taungyo are almost entirely Buddhist. Buddhism centers around the pursuit of perfection, achieved over lifetimes of effort. It will be difficult for them to accept the idea that they need a sin-free savior, who alone is perfect.

Outreach Ideas

Though the Taungyo people may not be drawn by printed material, audio and video materials might be very effective.

Prayer Focus

Pray that they would be open to



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POPULATION: 46,000

LANGUAGE: Taungyo

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

receiving the good news of Jesus – the One who became sin that we might become the very righteousness of God. Pray for a mass awakening among the Taungyo and deep movements of discipleship as they pursue God's true righteousness and holiness. Pray for dreams and visions that will allow Jesus to make himself known.

SCRIPTURE Jesus replied, “Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God.” Mark 12:24

PRAY that this people group hungers for and learns the Scriptures. Pray that these people begin to experience the miraculous power of God.