

Western Cham in Cambodia



Long ago, the Cham had a strong Empire, called Champa, located in southern Vietnam. In 1471, Champa was invaded and destroyed by the Vietnamese, and most freemen and aristocrats fled to Cambodia. In 1975, more than 250,000 Muslim Cham lived in Cambodia. With the rise of the Khmer Rouge regime, however, their population was decimated. Cham villagers are extremely poor, and their settlements convey a sense of impermanence. They are now largely integrated into the Cambodian lifestyle and many now speak Khmer.



Ministry Obstacles

This Muslim community living in Buddhist Cambodia may have become especially protective of their religion.

Outreach Ideas

There is a need for sustained prayer to prepare hearts of the Cham. Gospel recordings and the JESUS Film can both be useful in communicating the good news of Jesus.

Prayer Focus

There are some believers in Christ among the Cham of Cambodia. Pray the JESUS Film and Gospel recordings

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POPULATION: 256,000

LANGUAGE: Cham, Western

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

(which are available) will be taken to these believers. Workers need to rise up in courage to share the gospel with the Western Cham people of Cambodia. Pray for improved living conditions for the Cham, for employment opportunities, and for good schools to be available for the children.

SCRIPTURE I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Ps 34:1

PRAY *May many from this people group praise Him at all times!*