

Thai Isan in the United States



The Northeastern Thai, also known as the Lao Isan, are one of the Thai peoples that have migrated in small numbers to the US. Some have come as students, others as brides, but all come as Buddhists. Those who have come to the US easily blend in socially with the more numerous Central Thai people.

Ministry Obstacles

It is very difficult to get a Thai Issan person to get beyond the belief that "to be Thai Issan is to be Buddhist," no matter where they live.

Outreach Ideas

The Northeastern Thai Issan people are famous for their delicious coconut-based curries that are popular in American cities. American believers can make friends with them at their informal restaurants, especially if they go during the slow hours.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for them to be filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit in such a way that Buddhists will see that Jesus makes a huge difference in people's lives.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for Northeastern Thai Isan people in the US to put their worth in God, not in the world system.



POPULATION: 85,000

LANGUAGE: Northeastern Thai

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for a movement to Christ among the Northeastern Thai Isan people, both in North America and in Thailand. Pray that God will call forth teams of long-term missionaries and intercessors who will commit to seeing Thai Isan people in the US begin their own disciple making movement.

SCRIPTURE Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God. Ps 20:7, NLT

PRAY that many from this "nation" will boast only in the name of the Lord.