

Toku-No-Shima in Japan



It is uncertain when Toku-No-Shima Island was first inhabited, but it was first mentioned in a Japanese chronicle in the 720s. The people of this island are known for having the highest birth rate in Japan, along with a high percentage of people who live beyond 100 years. The Toku-No-Shima are considered to be Buddhist, though traditional shamanistic practices are still very prevalent. These include belief in unseen gods, demons, and ancestral spirits, as well as “kami,” who controls the other spirits and must be continually appeased, lest harm come to an individual or family.



Ministry Obstacles

The Toku-No-Shima people do not have a concept of sin or a savior from sin. It will be difficult for them to understand the foundations of the Christian faith.

Outreach Ideas

The Toku-No-Shima may be attracted by the God who offers them the dignity of becoming part of his heavenly family.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to move powerfully among Toku-No-Shima leaders, so

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POPULATION: 5,000

LANGUAGE: Toku-No-Shima

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

they will open the door to their people embracing Jesus Christ. Pray for workers to go and for hearts to be open. Pray that by the end of this decade, there will be Toku-No-Shima believers sharing Christ with the Japanese majority and starting church planting movements.

SCRIPTURE You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. Isaiah 62:3, ESV

PRAY *for this blessing to come to today's people group.*