

# Yonaguni in Japan



**Y**onaguni is an island, language and people group. It has closer ties to Okinawa than it does to Japan. After WWII there was a thriving black market there. As Japan became more prosperous, and the black market diminished, people left Yonaguni. Yonaguni live either on Japan's westernmost island, or on Taiwan where they depend on the tourist industry. They are also trying to attract Taiwanese fishermen and tourists to strengthen Yonaguni's economy.

## Ministry Obstacles

Yonaguni people are adherents of their own folk religion, blended in with elements of Buddhism and Shintoism. These bring spiritual stronghold that will need to be overcome through prayer.

## Outreach Ideas

They need to find better ways to earn a living in their small island homeland. Jesus' bondservants who can teach job skills to Yonaguni people may also find opportunities to teach them the way to the cross.

**SCRIPTURE** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns. Isa 52:7

**PRAY** for the Lord to send people with "beautiful feet" to bring good news to today's people group.



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**POPULATION:** 800

**LANGUAGE:** Yonaguni

**RELIGION:** Buddhism

**BIBLE:** Unspecified

**STATUS:** Unreached

## Prayer Focus

No known true churches exist among Yonaguni people in Japan. Pray for them to embrace Christ. Pray that Almighty God will stir believers to lead them to salvation and that the Yonaguni realize that he is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.