

Aiton in India



The ancestors of the Aiton originated in northern Myanmar, where they lived for centuries along with other Tai-speaking groups. In the latter part of the eighteenth century, the Aiton entered Assam as political refugees. Elders are responsible for handing down the oral traditions, folk tales, and songs about their origin and migration. Their songs tell of oppression in their original homeland, which led to their long and difficult journey across the mountains into India. They are Theravada Buddhists, and also worship Medham Medhphi, their deity, every morning and evening.



Ministry Obstacles

Buddhism presents a very different worldview than that of the Christian Bible. Communication of the gospel has substantial barriers to overcome. There are no scriptures in the Aiton language.



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POPULATION: 4,300

LANGUAGE: Aiton

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Translation started

STATUS: Unreached

Outreach Ideas

The Ethnologue reports that people also use the Assamese, English, and Hindi languages. Speakers of these languages can communicate the gospel to the Aiton people, especially orally and begin work on respective Bible translations.

Prayer Focus

None of the Buddhist Aiton have reported themselves as Christians. Please pray this small people group will be given a desire for forgiveness of sin. They need to know of their need for a savior.

SCRIPTURE Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

PRAY *Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.*