

# Bairagi (Hindu Tradition) in Nepal



The history of the Bairagi commences with Ramanuja, who lived in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, and taught in the southern part of India. A proper Bairagi is one whose principal deity is either Vishnu or any of his incarnations, like Rama and Krishna. A mark (tilak) on the forehead and ear are their identification marks. They worship Gouranga as their family deity and Kali, Manasa and Durga as village deities. They are indifferent to the education of girls.

## Ministry Obstacles

To follow Christ is to risk disturbing community harmony within this Hindu community.

## Outreach Ideas

Much sustained, focused prayer is needed to prepare the hearts of the Bairagi community to understand and receive the good news of Jesus of Nazareth.

## Prayer Focus

Pray the few believers among the Bairagi people would grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and friends. Pray for those that the Lord will soon call to himself.



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POPULATION: 283,000  
LANGUAGE: Nepali  
RELIGION: Hindu  
BIBLE: Complete  
STATUS: Unreached

Pray they would be zealous to learn of Christ, and that they would be sent teachers and pastors to help them. Pray they would live holy lives that honor Christ. Pray for the Hindu Bairagi community to make schooling for both boys and girls a priority.

**SCRIPTURE** The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge! Ruth 2:12

**PRAY** for today's people group to seek and find refuge with the Lord and be rewarded.