

Bakkarwals in Jammu & Kashmir, India



Bakkarwals live in a confusing world of tensions between traditional vs. modern, rural vs. urban, and Hindu vs. Sunni Muslim. They are considered a backward caste, meaning they are looked down upon by many in India.

Ministry Obstacles

In recent decades, Kashmir has seen much fighting between the Indian government and Muslim separatists. Bakkarwal and their flocks of sheep have been seriously threatened by violence. Many have abandoned their nomadic lifestyle and livelihood to settle in the foothills.

Outreach Ideas

Bakkarwals are mostly illiterate. Audio resources and the JESUS Film are available in languages that they speak. Because they are considered a backward caste, they have less to lose by turning from their current religious system.

Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray for the good shepherd to “find”



POPULATION: 113,000

LANGUAGE: Gujarati

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

these lost “sheep.” Many Bakkarwal people understand how much God cares for them. May they soon heed the call of God and share Him with others until there is a powerful disciple making movement spreading throughout Kashmir.

SCRIPTURE Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. Josh 1:8

PRAY that many from this people group will not only study but apply what God teaches through His word.