Bania in Nepal



he Vania people of India and Nepal are also called Bania or Mahajan. Business, jewelrymaking, and agriculture are their traditional occupations. Floor painting and folk songs represent their art and culture.

Ministry Obstacles

The Vania are devoted to certain Hindu deities. They give utmost importance to religious rituals. They believe that failure to perform rituals would bring ill luck. Converting to other religions brings a stigma to their families and subject them to persecution. Their high status and thriving businesses might prevent them from having the humility to call on the Lord.

Outreach Ideas

Christ's ambassadors can use their flair for art as a bridge to share the gospel. Personal evangelism, distribution of tracts, and womenfocused ministries can serve as a means for reaching the Vania people of Nepal.

Prayer Focus

There are no Christian believers in Nepal from the Bania community. Let's pray that a church planting



■ BAHN-yah

POPULATION: 125,000

LANGUAGE: Maithili

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

movement will soon arise among them. Pray for Christian workers to help them with their spiritual and physical needs. Pray for open hearts and a thirst for the abundant, eternal life that comes from Jesus Christ. Pray for dreams and visions for Bania elders, leading them to open their community to seek the only savior.

SCRIPTURE To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Psalm 25:1-2

PRAY for many from today's people group to give their entire lives to God.