

Badhai in Pakistan



Legend has it that the Hindu god Vishwakarma created two people groups – the Lohar, workers of iron and the Badhai, cutters of wood. Woodcutting and carpentry are the traditional occupations of the Badhai, and though carpentry remains common today, some have acquired land and have begun to work in agriculture. Literacy levels are low among the Badhai as most are unable to afford the cost of education. Modern medicine is available, though it is often coupled with traditional practices, especially in remote areas where modern facilities are less available than medicine men. Most Badhais in Pakistan are Muslim, but there are also many Hindus among them. In Pakistan's Sindh Province, both groups need a gospel witness.

Ministry Obstacles

The traditional religions of the Badhai are very difficult to penetrate. Their leaders are sensitive to people "changing religion," which to them is the same as rejecting their family and community.

Outreach Ideas

Perhaps the Badhai would enjoy stories of the carpenter-prophet who was the Son of God and gave his life on beams of timber. Those who could tell the gospel through woodwork might find great success.



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POPULATION: 87,000

LANGUAGE: Sindhi

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to pave the way for the Badhai people to have access to better education. Pray that workers would be sent to harvest this field and that a Disciple Making Movement would spread like fire.

SCRIPTURE For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children. Is 44:3

PRAY that this blessing will soon reach today's people group.