Deshwali (Hindu) in India



he term "Deshwali" combines
"Desh," meaning "country," and
"wali," meaning "lord." They
are a Rajput community whose
ancestors were prestigious warriors
who eventually settled as
landowners, and many Deshwalis
are still landholders. Agriculture is
their primary occupation, and they
employ modern farming techniques.
The community has a council
responsible for safeguarding its
interests. Unlike other Rajput groups,
the Deshwalis do not have a system
of gotras or clans.

Obstacles

The Deshwali have high status, and followers of Christ are usually from low status communities. Many would feel shame in giving their allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ideas

The Deshwali live in a part of India where vibrant Christian believers are close by. These believers can share the ways of Christ with the Deshwali.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Deshwali to find the joy and peace that only comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that the Deshwali would



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POPULATION: 217,000
LANGUAGE: Hindi
RELIGION: Hinduism
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

develop an interest in reading the Bible, and place their faith solely in the blood sacrifice of the Savior. Pray for council leaders to initiate a disciple making movement in their community. Pray for the Lord to raise workers and intercessors dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of the people.

SCRIPTURE And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Tim. 2:2

PRAY Use this verse to pray for a disciple making movement among this people group.