

Ilavan in Sri Lanka



The Ilavan people work as toddy-tappers. This means they extract sap from palms such as coconut and palmyra to make an alcoholic beverage. They grow coconut, palm and sugar. Most Ilavan people in Sri Lanka are now farmers. Others are builders, chauffeurs, handymen, truck drivers and taxi drivers.

Ministry Obstacles

Ilavan people in Sri Lanka practice Hinduism, the ancient religion of South Asia. For centuries, they have believed that the Hindu gods are the only ones who can provide for their needs. There is social pressure to remain in the Hindu fold.

Outreach Ideas

Since the Ilavan people don't have a god they can lean on for love and actual care, they might be drawn to the God of the Bible if someone would go to them.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the tiny Ilavan church would live as a light in a spiritually dark part of the world. Pray that many would have the power of the Holy Spirit to be Christ's hands and



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POPULATION: 69,000

LANGUAGE: Tamil

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

feet to their Hindu neighbors. Pray for spiritual hunger. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Ilavan people of Sri Lanka this decade. Pray for their elders to have a desire for true spiritual nourishment that can only come from Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12, ESV

PRAY *for this people group to find forgiveness and relationship with the Lord Almighty.*