## Jhalo Malo in Bangladesh



Malo" is an Arabic word that means "boatman," and many of them live in the Bangladeshi states of Dhaka and Khulna. This Dalit people group can be separated into two major divisions: of Bengali and non-Bengali identity. The traditional means of survival for the Malo people is fishing. When fishing is good, they can earn enough money to provide for themselves, but when fishing is harder than usual, they often starve. Some of them also work as landless agricultural laborers.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

These Hindus are devoted to Vishnu (the Hindu preserver god and his avatars: Rama and Krishna). It will be very hard for them to give Jesus Christ their full devotion. They also believe that performing good works will give them moksha, or freedom from reincarnation.

## **Outreach Ideas**

The Jhalo Malo people have a need for quality education for their children. They also need modern medicine and improved job training and opportunities. Believers with the right skills can help them with these practical needs while also showing them the way to the cross.

## Pray for the Entire Group

Pray that the Holy Spirit will show them



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how futile idolatry is and that their good works are fruitless.

Pray for the physical and spiritual safety of the Malo people as they encounter all-powerful landowners' discrimination and demonic forces. Pray that their elders will turn to Christ, the only one who can truly give rebirth. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ.

**SCRIPTURE** You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas. Ps 65:5

**PRAY** Thank the Lord that He is the hope of all the earth and the hope of all nations!

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