

Kachchi In Tanzania



What happens to people from India who move to East Africa? The Indian Gujarati people living in Tanzania have developed a hybrid language called Cutchi Swahili. It is a creole composed from the languages of Gujarati and Swahili. The Gujarati originally came to East Africa during the British colonial period to help build railroads. Now the descendants of these Indians own business and make up a middle-class population in Tanzania.

Ministry Obstacles

The large majority of the Kachchi are Muslims. To turn from Islamic ways is viewed as a threat to their community.

Outreach Ideas

Linguists have begun a Bible translation for the Cutchi Swahili language. A Bible in their own language can motivate the Kachchi to read the Bible without feeling like they are abandoning their culture.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to raise up pastors and Bible teachers for the small Kachchi church. Pray that Kachchi believers would grow strong in the faith and



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POPULATION: 75,000

LANGUAGE: Kacchi

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

share the good news with their family and friends. Ask God to strengthen, encourage, and protect the small number of Kachchi believers. Pray that the Bible translation project for the Cutchi Swahili language would proceed smoothly.

SCRIPTURE I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. *Psa.146.2*

PRAY for the Lord to raise up people from this people group with this kind of dedication to the Lord.