

# Mappila in India



**T**he Muslim Mappila people attribute their Islamic conversion to the work of an Arab missionary. These Muslim communities resulted from the unions of Arab sailors and merchants with local women. Mappila people live in both India's southwestern Kerala state and the Laccadive Islands just to the west of that state, and they speak Malayalam, the language of Kerala.

## Ministry Obstacles

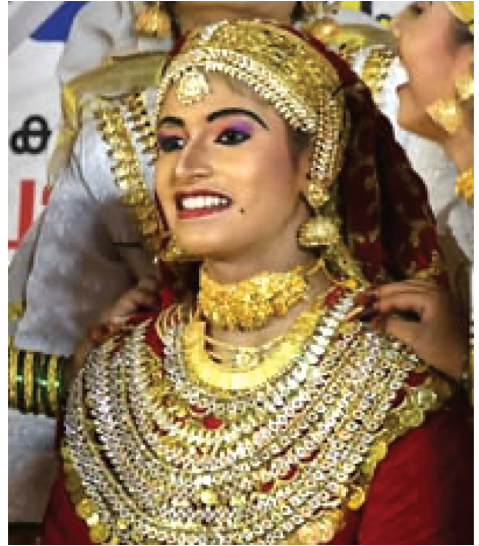
Muslim communities strongly discourage their people from following Jesus Christ unless believers reach their leaders first. There needs to be persons of peace among Mappila leaders.

## Outreach Ideas

Kerala is about 20 percent Christian, and they have strong mission agencies like India Gospel Outreach. Believers who already speak Malayalam could be sent to the Mappila.

## Prayer Focus

Pray that Mappila believers will be sensitive as they share what Jesus can do for a community. Pray for networks of believing families and



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**POPULATION:** 10,179,000

**LANGUAGE:** Malayalam

**RELIGION:** Islam

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

fellowships that will throw the doors open for others to follow Jesus. Pray for the Lord to bless families among the Mappila people with his presence and mercy. Pray for Bible believing fellowships and churches among the Mappila people.

**SCRIPTURE** With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3, ESV

**PRAY** *May many from this people group drink deeply from the fountain of his salvation and mercy!*