Jogi in Bangladesh



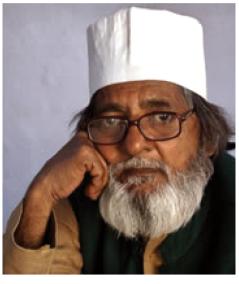
When you think of Jogis, you usually think of Hindus and India. However, they also have Muslim communities in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. They are also known as Jogi Faqirs, holy men who are often beggars. Faqirs are often wandering Sufi mystics who teach Islam. Historically, they have been a landless community whose main occupation has been to provide specialized religious services and religious-medical assistance. Their help in curing diseases and in the removal of evil spirits is sought by both Hindus and Muslims.

Ministry Obstacles

Whether they are Hindu or Muslim, many people in South Asia look up to these people who have sacrificed much for spiritual reasons. It is very hard for anyone in this position to be willing to humbly admit that they themselves need a savior.

Outreach Ideas

Ironically, the Muslim Jogis are looked up to by some, but disdained by many others. Their spiritual beliefs and practices often straddle Islam and Hinduism, which is frowned upon by many from both religious communities. Their numbers are dwindling as well. Given these circumstances, it is



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POPULATION: 5,000

LANGUAGE: Bengali

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

possible that some might be willing to look to new spiritual answers.

Prayer Focus

Pray for them to accept the spiritual blessings of Jesus Christ and teach them to others. Pray for a movement to Christ among Jogis in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

SCRIPTURE Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. Is 40:28

PRAY that they will soon understand that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.