

Marma in India



Formerly known as the pirates, most of the Marma people live in Bangladesh. A small number have migrated to India. Having left the seas long ago, the Marma were forced into the hills and are now valley farmers. In their society, farmland is community property.

Ministry Obstacles

Although several religions are represented among the Marma, the most common religion is a blend of Buddhism and animism. Buddhism alleges that man undergoes a cycle of separate existences and that all living things have individual souls. The animistic ingredient includes the worship and appeasement of various spirits. Mediums enter trances to communicate with the spirits to discover future events. These beliefs pose a barrier to them accepting the gospel.

Outreach Ideas

The Marma people in northeastern India live near groups of believers. If these believers could share Christ with them, the Marma might respond by following Christ.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Christian believers would



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POPULATION: 55,000

LANGUAGE: Rakhine

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

be thrust out to this completely unreached people. Pray that God would send culturally sensitive missionaries who will show the Marma the way to the cross. Pray for a movement to Christ to flourish among them. Pray for the Marma to be blessed with peace, joy and boldness as they follow Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth. Psa.104.13-14

PRAY for this people group to be amazed at His abundant blessings!