

Teli (Muslim traditions) in India



The word Teli is derived from a Sanskrit word meaning “oil pressed from seeds.” They are a community that presses mustard or sesame oil. In India, they can be Hindu or Muslims. Among the Muslims, they are also known as “Shaikh Mansuri.” Some are landless farmers.

Ministry Obstacles

It is very difficult for Muslims to listen to someone who tells them that Jesus Christ is essential for salvation. They have been taught their entire lives that the way to please God is through obedience to the teachings of Mohammed.

Outreach Ideas

This community places great importance on oil. Therefore, since the Bible identifies oil as a symbol of the Spirit of God, it could be helpful in creating a connection between the Holy Spirit and their daily lives.

Prayer Focus

There are no Christ followers among the Muslim Teli now. Pray for church planters and disciplers to reach out to this community. Pray for the Lord



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POPULATION: 2,026,000

LANGUAGE: Urdu

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

to thrust out loving workers who will not stop until Teli Muslim leaders have heard of the saving power of Christ. Pray for a spiritual hunger and a desire for the “oil” of the Holy Spirit to guide their families and communities.

SCRIPTURE Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. Amos 8:11

PRAY that the Bible becomes available to this people group. Pray that they listen to and obey the words of the Lord.