

# Padharia in India



**W**hat good does it do to have public jobs and special consideration for university admissions if you have a low literacy rate? That is the situation for the Padharias, a Scheduled Tribe of Gujarat. They live as landless agricultural workers. Some fish and rent out their boats. The large majority of the Padharia profess to be Hindus. Their brand of Hinduism is influenced by traditional animism and a veneration for their ancestors. As a tribal group the Padharia are considered by higher castes to be Dalits, outside the Hindu system.

## Ministry Obstacles

Since many of the Padharia are illiterate they are unable to read the Bible that is available in Gujarati, their primary language. The gospel will have to be presented to them in oral and visual forms.

## Outreach Ideas

Believers can show the Gujarati JESUS Film. Medical teams of believers can bring the benefits of modern medicine to the Padharia.

## Prayer Focus

Ask the Lord to increase the tiny



**POPULATION:** 31,000

**LANGUAGE:** Gujarati

**RELIGION:** Hinduism

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

number of Padharia who claim to follow Jesus Christ. Pray that the Lord sends teachers to help the Padharia increase their literacy rate. Ask the Lord to give the Padharia a hunger for His Word and the desire to have their sins forgiven. Pray the Lord raises up a Disciple Making Movement among the Padharia in this decade.

**SCRIPTURE** Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms. Ps 68:19

**PRAY** *May today's people group allow the Lord to carry them in His powerful arms.*