Sikh Mahtam in India



Most of the Mahtam Sikh (or Rai Sikh) in India's Punjab are migrants from Pakistan. Punjab is the only state in India where Sikhs are in the majority. Today they are primarily farmers, but many are engaged in other trades as well. They maintain cordial relationships with the scheduled castes who have low status and other artisan and service castes of the nearby villages. Many now follow the religious teachings of Radha Soami, which has led to less alcoholism and more vegetarianism.

Obstacles

There is a lot of suspicion among the Sikhs that evangelists are bribing their people into become Christians.

Outreach Ideas

Pray the gospel would be proclaimed widely and effectively via gospel radio in the Punjabi languages. Pray for believers to befriend Sikh leaders and discuss religious matters with them to increase understanding between the two religious communities.

Prayer Focus

There are followers of Jesus today among the Mahtam; pray for these



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POPULATION: 633,000

LANGUAGE: Punjabi, Eastern

RELIGION: Other / Small

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

and many others who will soon come to know Christ as Savior and Lord. Pray for a movement of God's Spirit throughout this state and throughout all Sikh communities, especially the Mahtam.

SCRIPTURE But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. (Malachi 4:2)

PRAY that this people group would fear the name of the Lord and experience His healing.

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