



Vaddar (Sikh) in India

The Vaddar earned the name “earth diggers” because of their traditional roles in stonecutting, digging wells and canals, and literally moving the earth. Today their work follows more contemporary blue-collar jobs such as agricultural labor, as higher status Hindus have replaced the Vaddar earth-working industry with mechanization. Though the Vaddar community historically wandered the Indian subcontinent, today the Sikh Vaddar live in the original Sikh homeland of Punjab. Yet, most Vaddar people belong to other religious communities; only a small and diminishing number remain Sikhs. During the Partition of 1947, the Muslim Vaddars tended to move to Pakistan while the Hindu and Sikh Vaddars remained.

Obstacles

The Sikh Vaddar remain committed to the teachings of Sikhism, which teaches that good action in this or past lives affects present realities. They do not understand God’s grace.

Outreach Ideas

Teams of believers can practice sustained, focused prayer for the Lord to open the minds of Sikh Vaddar family leaders to the need



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POPULATION: 2,200

LANGUAGE: Punjabi, Eastern

RELIGION: Other/Small

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

for hearts transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Sikh Vaddar people hunger for God’s love and truth. Pray for Sikh Vaddar families to seek understanding about Christ’s work on the cross.

SCRIPTURE But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. 1 Pet. 3:14-15

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to give his words of wisdom to believers who share their faith to this people group.

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