Vanniyan in India



Does your ancestry include royalty? The Vanniyan believe theirs does. They claim to be descendants of medieval Pallava kings who ruled South India. Today Vanniyan are the most politically mobilized and well-informed caste in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Their main language is Tamil. Most Vanniyan engage in agriculture and animal husbandry for a living. Educated Vanniyan are politicians, engineers, administrators, scientists and university professors.

Ministry Obstacles

The Vanniyan are part of the Kshatriya caste, the second highest caste grouping in Hinduism. They are proud of their Hindu religious heritage. Pride can keep people from coming to the Savior.

Outreach Ideas

Higher caste background believers in South India can build relationships with the Vanniyan and tell them about Jesus Christ.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the small number of Vanniyan believers would be able to find each other and become part of



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POPULATION: 12,807,000
LANGUAGE: Tamil
RELIGION: Hinduism
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

growing churches. Ask the Lord to enable Indian believers to share Christ with the Vanniyans and help them begin their own Disciple Making Movement. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts of the Vanniyan towards Jesus so that they will be more receptive to following Him.

SCRIPTURE While they stood in their place, they read from the book of the Law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day. And for another fourth they told their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. Neh 9:3

PRAY that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.