## Bonan, Tongren in China



he Tongren Bonan are the descendants of Mongolian troops who were stationed in a region of what is now China during the Mongolian Empire of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. After the collapse of Mongol rule in 1368, most soldiers retreated to Mongolia, but a few remained behind. After centuries of intermingling with other nationalities, they became a distinct group called the Bonan.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

The Tongren Bonan are committed either to Islam or Tibetan Buddhism. It will be hard for them to accept the teachings of Christ given their spiritual confusion. The shamanistic aspect of Tibetan Buddhism adds a formidable spiritual obstacle to the gospel.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Followers of Christ can produce skits and songs that would appeal to the Tongregn Bonan. After much prayer, they can take these to their villages.

## **Prayer Focus**

Today, there are no known Christians among the Tongren Bonan. Pray for Christian believers from other



**■ Control Control boh-NAHNG TONG-ren POPULATION: 7,300** 

LANGUAGE: Bonan

**RELIGION: Buddhism** 

**BIBLE: Translation Needed** 

STATUS: Unreached

communities to take Christ to the Tongren Bonan. Pray for a movement to Christ among both the Muslim and Tibetan Buddhist Bonan communities. Pray for them to seek and find the adequacy of Christ to provide for all their material and spiritual needs according to his riches and glory.

**SCRIPTURE** In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. Isa 11:10

**PRAY** that today's people group will soon allow Jesus Christ, the son of David, to be their banner of salvation.