

Limin in China



In the 1982 census the Limin were included in a list of China's undetermined minorities. The leaders told Chinese authorities that they wanted to be identified as Yi. Their desire was granted in 1985, yet most Limin still consider themselves a distinct people group. Today, they have a reputation for being savvy businessmen and romantic poets.

Obstacles

The Limin practice spirit worship and ancestor worship, yet do not consider themselves religious. If an outsider asks them what religion they follow, their answer will be "none" as they do not consider animism to be a religion. A few hundred Limin Christian believers are scattered in Guizhou Province. In 1999, two Limin evangelists tried to reach out to their own people but, finding a cool reception, turned instead to the Bouyei living in the same area.

Outreach Ideas

Mission workers could use the books of Psalms and Proverbs as a point of connection with the poetry-loving Limin. Messianic passages such as Psalms 2 and 118 look ahead to Jesus.



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POPULATION: 101,000

LANGUAGE: Chinese, Mandarin

RELIGION: Ethnic religion

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Lord to draw the Limin to the poetry in his word. Pray for loving workers. Pray for their hearts to be drawn to the Lord of lords. Pray for a church planting movement to thrive in their communities.

SCRIPTURE I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. (Revelation 3:8)

PRAY for a wide-open door for the gospel to penetrate the culture of this people group.