

Paiaku in Brazil



The Paiaku were once a large group of indigenous people who lived in east central Brazil. They refused to submit to the Portuguese colonizers. Almost all the Paiaku were wiped out by disease, war, and slavery. Today, the Paiaku are a tiny group of people who have lost their original language and now speak Portuguese. They make their living by agriculture, fishing, and hunting-gathering.

Ministry Obstacles

The Paiaku may associate Christianity with Portuguese-speaking Catholics. Many Paiaku believe that by coming to Christ, they would have to abandon their people and culture.

Outreach Ideas

The JESUS Film is available in Portuguese. Medical teams can show the love of Christ to the Paiaku in practical ways. Agricultural experts can help the Paiaku with their crop yields.

Prayer Focus

A small fraction of the Paiaku claim to be Roman Catholic Christians. Pray that they read their Bibles and grow in their knowledge of God. Ask the Lord to preserve the Paiaku along with their



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POPULATION: 300

LANGUAGE: Portuguese

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

culture and traditions. Ask the Lord to send workers to the Paiaku to tell them about their Savior. Pray that the leaders and elders among the Paiaku would be open to spiritual things. Pray the Paiaku would be successful in their legal battles to retain their lands.

SCRIPTURE Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Psalm 32:10

PRAY for many from this people group to notice this stark difference and turn to the Lord.