

Dawei in Myanmar



Most Dawei people inhabit a long coastal stretch of the Tanintharyi Division in southern Myanmar. A small number have made their way across the border and now live in refugee camps inside Thailand. They fled to Thailand to escape oppression at the hands of the Burmese authorities who conscripted many to work on a new railroad under inhumane conditions. For centuries the Dawei people have been a peace-loving and gentle people. Their language is viewed as a "nonstandard Burmese with profound pronunciation and vocabulary differences from Burmese," by the Ethnologue.

Ministry Obstacles

The Dawei have proven to be disinterested in the gospel in the past.

Outreach Ideas

The youth among the Dawei can find good quality Christian resources (videos, music, websites, etc.) as they search the media.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Dawei people would be joyful always, praying continually,



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POPULATION: 460,000

LANGUAGE: Tavoyan

RELIGION: Buddhism

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

giving thanks in all circumstances and willing to give a reason for their faith. Pray for peaceful relations between the Dawei people and Burmese authorities. Pray that those refugees in Thailand would be less resistant to the gospel. Pray for a movement to Christ among these Buddhists.

SCRIPTURE Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:1-2, ESV

PRAY Let many from today's people group sing a new song of praise to the Lord.