

Ucayali Asheninka in Peru



The South Ucayali Asheninka in Peru are very similar to other Asheninka groups. However, the South Ucayali Asheninka live in the central jungle areas of the Peruvian Amazon. Like their cousins, they have suffered greatly at the hands of outsiders and terrorist groups. They are subsistence farmers and work mostly in the morning and rest during the heat of the afternoon. The men go hunting and fishing in the evenings. They have an animistic worldview, and they rely on shamans to appease wicked spirits.

Ministry Obstacles

Their animistic worldview is a major barrier to understanding that there is only one God and that He has already provided the only sacrifice needed to save them and give them eternal hope. Lack of education and the confusion from an outside alphabet system is an obstacle to literacy.

Outreach Ideas

Mission agencies and personnel that can provide health care, educational opportunities and agricultural skills would give the South Ucayali Asheninka a more stable lifestyle.



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POPULATION: 17,000

LANGUAGE: Asheninka, Ucayali-Yurua

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

There may be few true believers in this people group. Pray for their growth and the courage to share Christ with their families and communities. Pray for those trying to improve the lifestyle of the Asheninka group to make great strides in the 2020s, resulting in a people movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!” But the people were completely silent.
- 1 Kings 18:21

PRAY that today’s people group will indeed see the vast difference between the Lord and any other deity. Pray that they will follow Him.

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