## Tuvans-Todzhan in Russia



he Todzhan Tuvans are a subgroup of the larger, Tuvaspeaking group in Russia. They are reindeer herders and breeders. Divorce is common among the Tuvinians. Tuvinian culture is noted for its rich, oral epic poetry, and Tuvinians love music. They have been traditionally shamanists and Tibetan Buddhists. Today, the Todzhan Tuvans are mostly Buddhists, but the influence of shamanism is still strong.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

The current religions of the Tuvan people present a very different worldview than that of the Christian believer. A new way of thinking is necessary to accept the lordship of Christ.

## **Outreach Ideas**

The Tuva language has the complete Bible available, and other resources are also available, including the JESUS Film.

## **Prayer Focus**

There are probably no followers of Jesus among the Todzhan Tuvans although there are likely a few believers among the larger Tuvan group. Pray for Tuvan believers to be



TOO-vuns TOE-zhun
POPULATION: 1,900
LANGUAGE: Tuvan
RELIGION: Buddhism
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

taught accurately how to know and follow Christ, and that they will grow in numbers. Pray for workers to go to the Todzhan Tuvans as Christ's hands and feet, blessing them in every way. Pray that Christian believers will be able to take these resources to the people.

**SCRIPTURE** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. Psalm 27:4

**PRAY** for eternal salvation of many from today's people group.