## Highland Bali Baliagi in Indonesia



The Baliaga are a people group residing in several remote villages on the island of Bali. They are considered to be the original inhabitants of the island and were there long before the 16th century arrival of the people group we now know as Balinese. The culture, language, and religion of the Baliaga differ significantly from that of their Balinese neighbors. They maintain a strong sense of cultural identity and still practice unique rituals found nowhere else. It is difficult to distinguish between the culture and religion of the Baliaga people because these are so intertwined. Although they practice the Balinese form of Hinduism, they are also animistic. They worship at various Balinese temples, but also practice a form of ancestor worship.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

Generations of belief in Hinduism mixed with animism make it quite difficult for a person to comprehend the gospel when it comes.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Perhaps Christian tourists to the island of Bali will be given an interest in making their trip more fruitful by telling the Baliaga about Jesus, who he is and what he offers to the Baliaga.



■ bah-lee-AH-gah POPULATION: 62,000 LANGUAGE: Bali

RELIGION: Hinduism
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray for the Baliaga people to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Pray for their elders to open the door for their people to embrace the only savior. Pray for a disciple making movement among the Baliaga people this decade.

**SCRIPTURE** Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Jas 2:8

**PRAY** for today's people group to obey God's law and love their neighbor as themselves.