

### Mangkang of Laos (Southeast Asia)

The original home of the Mangkong was in the mountains between Laos and Vietnam, but many have moved to the lowlands during the last two generations and have mixed with the inhabitants there. The Mangkong language is part of the Western Katuic branch of Mon-Khmer. Some linguists consider it merely a dialect of the Bru language. According to a government survey, 25% of Mangkong are able to read, including only 12% of women. More than 75% of Mangkong people in Laos have never attended school at any level. The majority of Mangkong are animists. For centuries they have lived in fear of evil spirits, who they make regular sacrifices to in attempts to placate them. Ancestors are also held in high regard. Incense is burnt and prayers are offered for the dead on certain occasions throughout the year. There are approximately 2,000 Christians among the Mangkong in Laos, especially in Khammouan Province. The Mangkong believers have endured great persecution and hardship from the Communist authorities in recent years, but most have stood firm in their Christian faith. Ask God to multiply the Mangkong church for His glory. Pray the Mangkong church would receive God's call to take the Gospel to the lost throughout Laos.



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### Helambu Sherpa of Nepal (South Asia)

Although they practice Buddhism, the Helambu Sherpa live in the only official Hindu state in the world: Nepal. This small nation is landlocked between India and Tibet, and the Helambu Sherpa live in the south central portion of the country. The Helambu Sherpa migrated from Tibet to Nepal in the 15th century in order to flee religious persecution. At that time, a Mongol King attempted to force them to convert to his sect of Buddhism. The people fled to the Khumbu region, and later moved further into the Helambu region. Every home has a decorated corner set aside for their gods. High places are often areas of worship. There, flags with prayers written on them are hung in hopes that some god may hear their pleas. Ask God to strengthen, encourage, and protect the thirteen known Helambu Sherpa Christians. Pray that God will raise up qualified linguists to translate the Bible into the Helambu Sherpa language. Ask the Lord to remember His blood sacrifice for the Helambu Sherpa, and to draw them to Himself with loving-kindness. Pray against the spirit of Buddhism that has kept the Helambu Sherpa bound for many generations. Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go to Nepal and share Christ with the Helambu Sherpa.



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### Alambadi Kurichchan of India (South Asia)

The Kurichiya live in the forested areas of Kerala state, southern India, where they were the earliest known inhabitants. It is said that their name comes from the word kuri, which is the sandalwood that they put on their foreheads and chests. In India, there is a very complex hierarchy of castes, or social classes. This system is extremely important to the Indians and observed by all. However, the Kurichiya consider themselves to be above even the highest caste of Hindi Brahman (priests and scholars). No group in India can equal the Kurichiya in devotion to their faith. The Kurichiya are Hindus and their supreme deity is, Shiva, "god of the hunt." They worship a variety of gods and demons in addition to their own tribal gods. While their faith may be as deep as that of the Brahmans, their rituals are much simpler. Pray against the spirit of Hinduism that is keeping the Kurichiya bound. Ask God to call forth prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through worship and intercession. Ask the Holy Spirit to complete the work begun in the hearts of the few known Kurichiya believers through adequate discipleship. Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Kurichiya church for the glory of His name!



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