

Manchu of China (Northeast Asia)

The Manchu live mostly in the northeastern region of China that borders Russia. They are a Mongoloid people whose origins can be traced back to Siberia. Ancient Chinese sources make mention of them as far back as 1000 BC. Though small in number, in 1644, the Manchu conquered the Chinese Empire and established the Qing Dynasty. This dynasty ruled in China for 250 years. Their success, however, cost them their ethnic identity. Long before the Qing Dynasty collapsed in 1911, the Manchu had ceased to be a distinct people ethnically, linguistically, and culturally. Traditionally, the religious practices of the Manchu were centered around shamanism. This is the belief that there is an unseen world of many gods, demons, and ancestral spirits. Today, however, many of the Manchu practice Buddhism and Confucianism. Modern Manchu tend to rely less on religion and more on logic. Because the Manchu ruled China for 250 years, they are generally hated by other Chinese. These people desperately need to experience the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ. Pray that God will soften the hearts of the Manchu towards Christians. Pray that they will have a hunger for the Truth. Pray that the doors of China will soon open to missionaries.



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Dhobi Hindu of India (South Asia)

As their ancestors before them, they earn their meager living by washing clothes for the higher castes. They are Dhobis, one of India's Dalit communities, formerly known as "untouchables." Their diet is mostly vegetables and grains, with an occasional bit of meat. When a Dhobi girl marries, her dowry usually contains just a few items, but almost always an iron. After the men wash the customers' clothes, the women iron them and keep the money they earn to pay for household expenses. Mothers teach the girls to iron at an early age, and boys help their fathers by washing the smaller articles of clothing and by delivering packages of clean clothes to their owners. Most of the Dhobis follow popular Hinduism and worship local gods as well as the washing stones. The vast majority of these Dalits remain Hindu, but they have contact with other communities. Pray that the Dhobi people will hear the gospel and discover that Jesus Christ can wash away their sins. Pray that believers will tactfully share gospel recordings and play Christian radio broadcasts for Dhobi Hindus. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give faith to the Dhobis and that we will see house churches begin to take hold among the Dhobi Hindu of India.



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Somali of Somalia (East and Southern Africa)

Ten million Somali live scattered across eight countries in the northeastern portion of Africa, commonly called the "Horn of Africa," and in the Middle East. Over two million live in Ethiopia. The Somali share a common language, adhere to a single faith, and share a cultural heritage that is an integral part of their nomadic lifestyle. Somali society is based on the nuclear family, consisting of a husband, wife, and children. A typical family owns a herd of sheep or goats, which the women and girls care for, and a few burden camels. Although the Somali are 99% Shafiite Muslims, numerous pagan beliefs and traditions have been intermingled with their Islamic practices. They believe in a supreme male "sky god." They perform rainmaking rituals, abstain from eating pork or fish, and make animal sacrifices. They also have a ritual bonfire at the solar new year. They believe in spirit possession and in spirits that live in trees, water sources, and on hilltops. Pray that the Somali's would come to know Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life. Ask God to anoint the Gospel as it goes forth via radio and television to the Somali. Pray that a church planting movement could take root among the Somali people.



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