

Jawa Mancanegari of Indonesia (Southeast Asia)

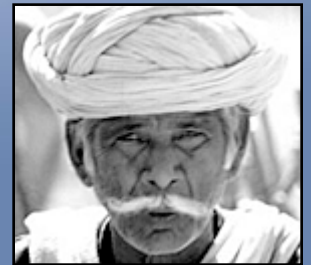
The Jawa Mancanegari live primarily in the province of East Jawa (Java). The name, Mancanegari, is a Japanese word meaning "outside the nation." This name was given to them by past Jawa Negarigung kingdoms in Surakarta and Yogyakarta and refers to the fact that they resided outside of their kingdoms. The majority of Jawa Mancanegari call themselves Muslim. However, most mix Muslim beliefs with Hindu and Pre-Hindu beliefs. This mixture of beliefs is called Agami Jawi. Many Jawa Mancanegari learn to read the Qur'an (Islamic Holy Book) and vocalize prayers and Qur'an recitations in Arabic. However, they seldom understand the meaning of what they are reading or vocalizing. They often use the Islamic prayers as mantras and written verses from the Qur'an as good luck charms or to ward off evil spirits. Most Jawa Mancanegari give sajian (offerings) to the Danyan (guardian spirit) which watches over the village in order to ensure the protection of their village, houses, and well-being. Pray that the strongholds will be broken down and they will desire to know Christ. Pray that a church planting movement will take hold among the Jawa Mancanegari people and we will see the Gospel penetrate their hearts. Prayer will be a key in seeing this people group reached.



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Bhil of India (Southeast Asia)

There are two divisions of Bhil: the Central or "pure" Bhil, and the Eastern or part-Rajput Bhil. The Central Bhil live in the mountain regions of India, particularly in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Rajasthan. They are known as the connecting link between the Gujarati and the Rajasthani and are one of the largest tribal communities of India. They speak Bhili, which is an Indo-Aryan language. Almost all of the Central Bhil practice ethnic religions that have been highly influenced by Hinduism. Shiva is considered the supreme god. Ancestor worship (praying to deceased ancestors) is also quite popular. Shamans (priests) are also called upon to offer sacrifices to the many gods and mud idols. At the turn of the century, one guru warned his disciples that there would be a great famine, after which they should look for teachers from the North and West who would teach them the true way of salvation from a book, free of cost. They would teach about the true God, and about a sinless Incarnation who was born of a virgin. The guru also said that they should worship this sinless, invisible God, turn away from stones and idols, and live blameless lives. A famine occurred in 1899-1900, soon after the guru's death. Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel and receive Christ.



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Tujia of China (Northeast Asia)

There are many ethnic groups living in China, and the Tujia are one of the largest with almost 9 million. Although their name suggests that they are a people native to the area in which they now live, their exact origin is uncertain. Some sources trace their ancestors to the ancient Ba people of the Sichuan province, while others identify them as the Wu Man (black barbarians) of the Guizhou province. Another explanation is that they originated in Jianxi province and moved westward at the end of the Tang dynasty. Prior to the Cultural Revolution of the 1960's, some Tujia families embraced the Catholic faith. Today, however, little or no evidence of Catholicism remains. Nearly 100% of the Tujia now practice ethnic religions. Their beliefs are a mixture of shamanism, Taoism, ancestral worship, and earlier beliefs involving ghosts and evil spirits. Neither the Bible, the Jesus film, nor radio broadcasts are available in the language of the Tujia. Much work remains to be done among these precious people. Pray that God will raise up qualified linguists to develop a written language for the Tujia so that the Bible may be translated into their language. Ask the Lord to open the hearts of China's governmental leaders to the Gospel. Pray that the Tujia will grow weary of serving many gods and will begin searching for the one true God.



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