

Rai of Nepal (South Asia)

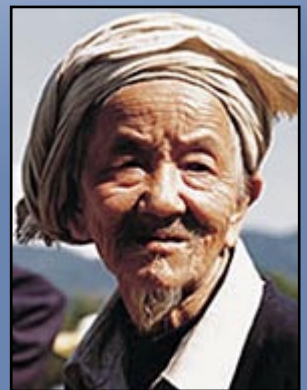
The Chamlinge Rai belong to a cluster of people known as the Rai, the largest ethnic group in eastern Nepal. Each of the Rai groups speaks a different dialect and has its own religious beliefs. Their languages have transformed from the original language to a mixture of local dialects, from which most take their names. Ninety percent of Nepal's population (including the royal family) is Hindu. However, Hinduism and Buddhism exist side by side and are somewhat intermingled. Nepal has long been hidden away and forgotten by most of the world. The government is fiercely opposed to any form of evangelization, and has restricted the spreading of the Gospel. The penalties for sharing Christianity have been harsh. Many believers have spent time in prison for their beliefs. The Chamlinge Rai have neither the Bible nor the Jesus film in their language. There are only a few known believers among them. Pray against the spirits of Hinduism and ethnic religions that are keeping the Chamlinge Rai bound. Ask God to call out prayer teams to go and break up the soil through worship and intercession. Ask the Holy Spirit to complete the work begun in the hearts of the few Chamlinge believers through adequate discipleship.



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Adi of India/Tibet (South Asia)

Most of India's Tibetans are either peasant farmers or nomadic shepherds. Though these Tibetan emigrants are surrounded by Indian culture and traditions, Tibetan schools have been set up for their children in an attempt to preserve their native culture. Traditional Tibetan ceremonies are also still observed. Three groups of the Tibetans in India still practice their form of Buddhism, called Lamaism. Lamaism was practiced in Tibet for hundreds of years, and many consider it their native religion. Within this sect, the priests are called "lamas." These three groups (the Groma, the Lahuli, and the Lhasa Tibetans) live in close proximity to the Dalai Lama. Two groups (the Balti and the Burig) are located in northwestern India and have adopted the dominant religion of that area: Islam. Most Tibetans in India have only portions of the Bible available to them. Only one group, the Tibetan Lhasa, has some Christian broadcasts and the Jesus film in their language. These precious people must know that true peace can only be found through knowing Christ. Pray that God will raise up qualified linguists to complete translation of the Bible into the various Tibetan languages. Ask God to encourage and protect the small number Tibetan Christians and grow His church.



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Tipera of Bangladesh (South Asia)

Although most Tipera live in Tripura, India, a large number also live in Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Tipera are a tribal people living in the Chittagong Hills Tract district. The district is characterized by low mountains, hills, and valleys, all covered by dense tropical growth. The Tipera are also called the "Tipra" or the "Tripura." Most still speak their native language, Tiperah, but many are learning Bengali, the principal language in Bangladesh. The Tipera are nominally Hindu but are animists in practice, believing that non-human objects have spirits. They also have a number of shamanistic practices, which are based on the belief in a world of unseen gods and demons. They worship various gods of nature, such as those of fire, water, and the forest. The Tipera have staggering physical and spiritual needs. Their nation, Bangladesh, has one of the lowest standards of living in the world. Medical care is poor, income is low, and illiteracy is high. Periodic cyclones and floods ravage the country, causing widespread death and destruction. Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the spiritual soil through worship and intercession. Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Tipera church for the glory of His name!



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ONE minute...TWO times a day...
for THREE unreached people groups

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