

Andh of India (South Asia)

The Andh is one of the many smaller “scheduled” tribes that can be distinguished by their social systems, marriage customs, languages, religions, and to some degree, their isolation. Unlike the surrounding peoples, each of the scheduled tribes forms its own socially distinct community. These tribes, which were also known as the “untouchables,” form the lowest Hindu caste. Because they are very underdeveloped, the Indian government has attempted to bring them into the mainstream of political and economic life. Christian ministries that reach out to these tribes must be sensitive to their physical as well as spiritual needs. Perhaps Christian teachers and medical teams will have opportunities to show these precious people the love of Jesus in practical ways. Pray that Christian radio broadcasts, Bibles, and other literature will be made available to each of these groups. Ask God to take authority over the principalities and powers that are keeping these tribes bound. Pray for the salvation of key tribal leaders and that they will boldly declare the Gospel.

MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.joshuaproject.net/peopctry.php?rop3=111326&rog3=IN>



Turkmen of Afghanistan (Central Asia)

Although the Turkmen are one of Central Asia’s major people groups, they are a minority in Afghanistan, which is notable because they have formidable economic impact there. As less than 3% of the country’s total population, their herdsman supply world markets with prized Karakul sheep pelts and magnificent wool carpets from their renowned weavers. More than utilitarian or even an art form, carpet weaving is integral to Turkmen culture. Historically Turkmen have lacked powerful chieftains or political figures. The seven major tribes maintained a neutral stance during Soviet and Taliban domination, avoided joining the Northern Alliance of Uzbek and Tajik resisters, and formed no fighting force of their own. Turkmen are Sunni Muslims of the Hanafi School, although the designation is largely one of cultural identification. Few know or practice its beliefs, intertwining them with old shamanistic holdovers that include curses, “evil-eye” charms and magic. Please pray that the strongholds of Satan will be broken and a church planting movement will begin among the Turkmen of Afghanistan. Pray that God would move as never before.

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Dhanuk of Nepal and India (South Asia)

The Dhanuks live all across India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Dhanuks are scattered from Morang in the east to the Terai in the west. Their language and culture of the Dhanuks are similar to the Tharus. The houses of Dhanuks are built in cluster in the river basins and edges of forests. They like to settle in river basins. Since they dwell in the river basins and the edges of forests, they do fishing and animal husbandry. In some places among the Dhanuks, Brahmins are appointed as priests while in other places they use Dhanuk priests. Dhanuks believe in magic, witchcraft and ghosts. They are divided into two groups in terms of religion: those who worship Kali are called Kaliyaha and others are called Maharkhiya. Those who worship Kali eat meat of pig (pork) and drink spirit or wine, whereas Maharkhiyas do not do so. They worship a goddess called Gahil, who is one of five sisters. The other goddesses are Shitalmata and Goureya Gaiya. Pray that the Dhanuk will come to know the one true God. Pray that a church planting movement will begin among the Dhanuk and spread rapidly.

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