

### Kui of Thailand

The Kui live in east central Thailand, primarily in the Buriram, Sisaket, Surin, and Ubon provinces. They are also found living along the border of Cambodia. The Kui are called Sui by the Thai, which means "tax-paying." It is thought that the Kui were settled in the area long before the Thai arrived there, and that they were Mon-Khmer or Isaan natives. In 1932, a revolution of intellectuals ushered in a democratic, constitutional monarchy. Since then, Thailand has had several constitutions and changes of government, as well as military coups and riots. Seventy-eight percent of the Kui practice ethnic religions such as animism (belief that non-human objects have spirits). They believe in a spiritual realm that contains both good and evil spirits. Some spirits are associated with natural objects such as trees and fields. The spirits of deceased parents and grandparents are looked to for help and guidance. Pray that God will encourage and protect the Kui who have accepted Jesus. Ask God to use these new converts to reach out and share the love of Christ with their own people. Take authority over the spiritual principalities and powers that are keeping the Kui bound.

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### Pushtun (Pathan) of Southern Afghanistan

The Pathan, or Pushtun, are a race of warriors who live primarily in Afghanistan and Pakistan. They consist of about sixty tribes, each with its own territory. Although their origin is unclear, their legends say that they are the descendants of Afghana, grandson of King Saul. However, most scholars believe that they probably arose from ancient Aryans intermingling with subsequent invaders. The majority of Pathan are Sunni Muslims. Islam came to them as a great liberating and unifying force, freeing them from the cult of Brahminism and the harshness of Buddhism. For this reason, their underlying faith and steadfast devotion to Islam is very strong. The Pathan are a people who have known frequent war. In 1979, the Soviets led a massive invasion into Afghanistan. Since that time, approximately three million Afghans have fled across the border into Pakistan; many of them were Pathan. The nation is in extreme turmoil as a result of Soviet occupation and the on-going civil war. Ask God to grant wisdom and favor to the mission agencies that are targeting the Pathan. Pray for the Pathan children who grow up in fear and hatred of outsiders. Ask God to encourage and protect the small number of Pathan believers.

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### Yerukala of India

Yerukala (or Erukala or Erukula) is a caste or social group indigenous to South India. They call themselves "Kurru". They are called "Yerukula" after their women's traditional profession of fortune telling. Yerukalas worship benevolent gods, which are common gods in Hindu pantheon and appease malevolent deities. The Yerukalas celebrate all the Hindu festivals. The Yerukala tribe has its own social control mechanism at each habitation inhabited by Yerukala to ensure proper observance of prescribed codes of conduct. This traditional council (Kula Panchayat) is headed by an elderly man whose office is hereditary traditionally. The traditional council (Kula Panchayat) tries and decides the domestic disputes, disputes relating to theft, adultery, loans, property and land. Today, most of the Yerukalas are settled in the villages/towns and trying to make their way out of the poverty by getting education to obtain financial freedom which has been denied to them since the ages. Pray that the Yerukala will be open to the gospel as they begin to look for educational opportunities and that God will have the right ambassadors waiting to share the gospel with them. Pray that their hearts will be ready to receive the truth.

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