

Kayasha of India (South Asia)

Kayasthas mostly belong to the Hindi-speaking states of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. Kayasthas also migrated to various other parts of the country. As to their origin, some historians hold the view that during the reign of the Mughals, a number of Hindus who were educated and endowed with sharp intellect attained administrative positions through rapid adaptation to the Persian language and culture of India's new rulers. These influential Hindus got together and formed a new caste known as Kayastha. Most of the Kayasthas who shifted to Hyderabad from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in the middle of the eighteenth century got employment in the court of the Nizam. In 1820, out of the 400 North Indian mansabdars, 60 were Kayasthas. With the passing of time, the Kayasthas have broken new grounds in vocations other than those relating to writing and record-keeping, and excelled in them. Pray that the Kayasha will be open to hearing and responding to the gospel. Pray for a church planting movement to begin to flourish among the Kayasha of India and that they will turn from Hinduism. Pray that God would send laborers to work among the Kayasha in India.



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Hmong of Laos (Southeast Asia)

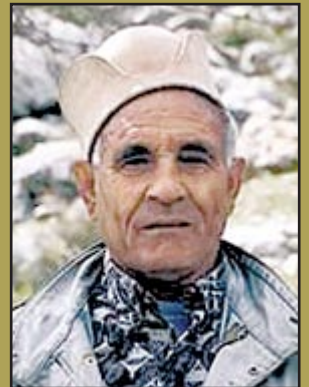
More than 150,000 Hmong Daw ('White Hmong') live scattered across more than 12 provinces of northern Laos. The Hmong Daw are usually found living at the top of the highest mountains in a particular area. The Hmong Daw and the Hmong Njua are the only two Hmong groups in Laos. The two often live alongside each other. The Hmong Daw seem to be the dominant culture of the two. Despite their similarities, the Hmong Daw and Hmong Njua speak different dialects and practice different customs. There continues to be a measure of inter-group rivalry and tension between them. In 1975, around 10% of Hmong in Laos were Christians, most of whom belonged to churches affiliated with the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Fearing for their lives, almost all of these believers fled Laos as the Communists took control of the country. Today they are scattered throughout Thailand and Western nations, leaving behind only a small Hmong Daw church in Laos. Pray the revival among the Hmong Daw in Vietnam and China would also impact the Hmong Daw in Laos. Ask God to raise up laborers to plant churches among the Hmong Daw. Pray that a church planting movement will take hold and that they will be ready and open to receive the gospel.



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Qashqai of Iran (Central Asia)

The Qashqa'i (pronounced KASH-kai) are a nomadic people who roam across the harsh deserts of southwest Iran. Although they are made up of many different linguistic, cultural, and tribal origins, they all call themselves "Turks." Qashqai Turki, their spoken language, does not yet exist in written form; most of them communicate in the Farsi language instead. The Qashqa'i are considered a minority people group in Iran. Forceful attempts have been made to incorporate them into the mainstream of Iranian society; however, such efforts have failed, and these fascinating people have remained independent and proud. Although the Qashqa'i are professing Muslims, they have little use for organized religion beyond political purposes. Iran today faces serious economic and political problems. The Qashqa'i live in a constant state of political unrest, and there is a tremendous need for true, inner peace. Ask God to create a hunger in the hearts of the Qashqa'i and an openness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that God will raise up laborers who understand the Muslim culture and who can effectively take the Gospel to them. Ask God to send qualified linguists to develop a written script for Qashqa'i Turki so that the Bible can be translated into their native language.



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