

### Pashtun of Northern India (South Asia)

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 Pathan have played an important role in the history of their region. From their community have come Muslim rulers, administrators, and soldiers. 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 are very strong. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel, so that a church planting movement may take hold and multiply. Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Pashtun and give them true peace.



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### Albanian Ghgeg of Albania (Eastern Europe and Eurasia)

The Albanians are believed to be descendants of the Illyrians, who were the original inhabitants of the western Balkan Peninsula. In the sixth century, migrating Slavs began to settle on Illyrian territory and pushed the Illyrians into what is present-day Albania. Centuries ago, many Albanians were converted to Islam by the Ottoman Turks. However, they practiced a type of "folk Islam," which embraced occult practices such as praying to the dead, seeking cures for sickness, and praying for protection from spirits and curses. In 1967, Albania declared itself as "the world's first atheistic state," closing its borders to any influence from the outside world. Before this time, religion was mostly based on superstition. Many of the Ghgeg Albanians professed to be Catholic; however, it was—and still is—nominal, and superficial. Pray that the legislation restricting the preaching of the Gospel will not be passed. Pray that Bibles will be effectively distributed throughout Albania and have a strong spiritual impact on the people. Ask God to use the small number of Ghgeg believers to share Christ's love with their own people.



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### Uyghur of China (Northeast Asia)

The Tamang (also known as Murmi) are one of the several ethnic groups living in Nepal descended from Tibeto-Burman origins. The word Tamang may be derived from the Tibetan words "ta" and "mang", meaning horse and soldier respectively. Living mainly north and east of the country, they constitute 5.6% of Nepal's population, which places their population at 1,280,000. The Tamang generally follow Tibetan Buddhism mixed with elements of the pre-Buddhist Bön and the Tambaist religion. Due to their proximity to the Newar, a slight Hindu influence can be seen in their practices. Their priests include Lamas, Bombos and Tambas. According to the 2001 census, 98.26% of the ethnic Tamang in Nepal were Buddhists and 2.69% were Hindus. Tamang (Devnagari) is a term used to collectively refer to a dialect cluster spoken in parts of Nepal and Sikkim. Pray that God's Word would be made available for all Tamang. Pray that a church planting movement would begin and thrive among the Tamang in Nepal.



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