

Aguri of India (South Asia)

The Aguri's are mostly located in the Districts of West Bengal concentrated in Anguna Village and other neighboring villages. They are a cultivating and trading caste representing Ugra Kshatriyas. They were brought by the King Of Burdawan Mehtha from Agra to west Bengal to fight against the British. They are by nature aggressive and hostile people. The Hindu book Manu say's Ugra (Cruel creature) was born to a Sudra girl by a Kshtriya. They worship Shiva and old "Shiv Mandirs" are prevalent in the village. They also celabrate Durga puj and Kali Puja during the Bengali festivals. They have two caste among them now the upper and the lower. The upper caste are agrictlural people who own land. Some of the younger generations have moved out of the village and now live in Kolkata and different parts of India. They have a spiritual hunger for knowing the truth. Pray that the Strong holds are broken and families may come to know Jesus Christ. Many have already accepted Christ and are coming forward. Pray that schools are opened by the government so education to reach the poor section. Pray for access to clean water. Pray for good harvest of farmers which will bring joy into their lives. Pray that we are able to reach them with the word of God.



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Bugis of Indonesia (Southeast Asia)

The Bugis (sometimes called the Ugi) live in the province of South Sulawesi in a region called Tellumponcoe. Most Bugis people make their living by hunting, fishing, farming, raising livestock or making handicrafts. Typically, the Bugis who live in the mountain ranges gain their livelihood by working the soil, while those living in the coastal areas generally work as fishermen. Two of the most important cultural values for the Bugis people are called siri (personal honor) and siri-pesse (communal honor). A Bugis person must defend, maintain, and build one's own siri. The effort to obtain and maintain siri varies according to the context. For instance, in an economic context, siri means working hard and being faithful. In a personal context, if one's siri is offended serious forms of revenge will be considered. The Bugis people are famous for their fervent adherence to Sunni Islam. However, many of them are still bound to their traditional system of animistic beliefs (panngaderreng). In part due to its religious values, traditional culture has a significant impact on the Bugis. Pray that a church planting movement will take hold among the Bugis. Pray that they will be open to the truth of God's Word and turn from the stronghold of Islam.



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Gurung of Nepal (South Asia)

The Western Gurung are primarily located in the Kaski and Syangja districts, a central strip of mountainous country in the Western Gurung region of Nepal. Their language, also called Gurung, is a dialect of the main Gurung family. The origin of the Gurung is unknown; however, they are believed to have come from Tibet to settle in Nepal. Most of the Western Gurung are farmers. Despite the fact that they are hard workers, most of them are very poor. The meager amount of food that they are able to produce is barely enough to sustain them. Although the Western Gurung are predominantly animists (believe that non-human objects have spirits), they have been strongly influenced by Hinduism. When a Gurung dies, an astrologer consults his horoscope to determine whether the body should be buried or cremated. Then, thirteen days after the death, an image of the deceased is made and dressed in his or her clothes. The priest recites scriptures while the headman of the village and the relatives of the deceased bring offerings to the image. Ask God to soften the hearts and open the ears of the Western Gurung to the Gospel. Pray that the Lord will raise up qualified linguists to complete translation of the Word of God into their language.



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