

### Hakka of China (Northeast Asia)

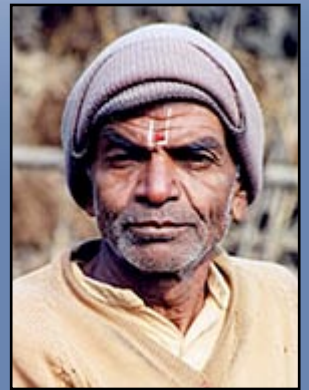
The Hakka, although proud of their cultural differences, have never claimed to be non-Chinese. Many famous Chinese have been Hakka, including Deng Xiaoping, Lee Kwan Yew, and Hong Xiuquan (the leader of the Taiping Rebellion). There is much speculation concerning the historical roots of the Hakka. Some claim that they were the first Chinese people to arrive in China. Others claim that the Hakka are the descendants of the Xiongnu tribe. This much is agreed upon: At various stages between the fourth and thirteenth centuries AD, large numbers of people were forced to flee their homes in the war-torn Yellow River valley to seek refuge in southern China. These war refugees came to be known as Kejia—a Hakka word meaning “strangers” or “guests.” When the savage Mongol hordes swept across China in the thirteenth century, many Hakka fled to the south to escape the carnage. Since the advent of Communism most Hakka could accurately be described as nonreligious. Aspects of animism and shamanism are found among some of the more remote Hakka locations. Pray that there would be a sweeping of the Holy Spirit across this people group. Ask the Lord to send long term laborers to live among the Hakka and share the love of Christ with them and that we would see churches take root.



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### Gond of India (South Asia)

Gonds call themselves as Koytor. Gonds are tribals (native people) found in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh states of India. Gonds in each of these regions have a language and culture of their own. Though Gonds are listed as tribals today, they consider themselves as a higher race. They were the native rulers once. The eight centuries old fort still stands in Chandrapur town and the remains of the fort in Manikgarh are the surviving historic proofs of their kingdom. Some of the descendants of kings are still in the active politics of the state. They believe that evil spirits are the causes for sicknesses. Sacrifices are believed to be powerful to keep away these evil spirits. Perumal, the high-priest, responsible for three or four villages together, offers these sacrifices for every village. The sacrifice will be followed by a social dinner. The sacrificial goat has to give permission for the sacrifice by nodding its head! The people will wait till the animal does it. Pray that the Gospel can permeate the many years of darkness that the Gond have been bound in. Pray that we could see a church planting movement begin among the Gond and that they will have a desire to know the Gospel, and to follow and serve Christ.



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### Minangkabau of Indonesia (Southeast Asia)

The Minangkabau (Minang) people originate from the province of West Sumatera. These people are famous for their tradition of merantau (going to distant areas to seek success). Many of them have moved to other islands in Indonesia. They are the fourth largest ethnic group in Indonesia and exercise significant influence in the country. Most Minangkabau are committed Muslims. In fact, they have a proverb that states, “To Be Minangkabau is to be Muslim.” If a Minangkabau converts to another religion, he will be thrown out of his family and community as well as lose his job. In the 1800s, the Dutch took advantage of a conflict between the Minangkabau cultural guardians and Muslim leaders and intervened to gain control of the area. Islam was used as a rallying point in the struggle against the Dutch and resulted in Islam being incorporated into Minangkabau traditions. Because they have had an impact on nearly every aspect of Indonesian life, including the government and the arts, their power has given them a false sense of security, causing them to see no need for the gospel. Pray that the strongholds will be broken down and they will desire to know Christ. Pray that a church planting movement will take hold among the Minangkabau people and we will see the Gospel penetrate their hearts.



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