

Madura of Indonesia

The Madura people are the third largest people group in Indonesia. They make up 7% of the entire Indonesian population. Currently about four million Madura people still live on the island of Madura while another nine and half million live primarily on Jawa (Java). Other major pockets of Madura people can be found in Jakarta, Kalimantan and Sulawesi. The Madura people are renowned for their harsh character and lifestyles. This is probably caused by their natural surroundings and their history of oppression by others, both of which make life very difficult for them. Nevertheless, their harsh temperament can be seen positively if one examines their work ethic. The majority of Madura people are known for being very devout Sunni Muslims. Nevertheless, many Madura people seek security from the use of magic spells that are used in an attempt to control both good and evil spirits. Those who complete the five pillars of Islam by going on the Haj (pilgrimage to Mecca) receive a special place of honor in the eyes of the people. Pray that we can see church planting movements take hold among the Madura and that we can see strong local churches planted among them. Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will specifically pray for the Madura of Indonesia.

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Pathan (Pushtun) of Pakistan/Northern India

Most of the Pathan live in southern and central Asia. Their homes lie along a chain of barren, rugged mountains (the Indus and the Hindu Kush) and the Syistan Plateau of Iran. Large Pathan communities can also be found in ten other countries. 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 and India; many of them were Pathan. The nation is in extreme turmoil as a result of Soviet occupation and the on-going civil war. Many of the Pathan are extremely poor and live in unsanitary conditions (mainly poor water). A large number of the adults are also illiterate. The need for qualified medical teams and school teachers is great. Since their entire way of life is opposed to change, the Pathan present one of the strongest challenges to the Christian Church today. Much intercession is needed if they are to be successfully reached with the Gospel.

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Reddy (Vakkaliga) of India

The Reddy are a prominent community of Karnataka. They can also be found in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Pondicherry, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa and Maharashtra. However, traditionally the Reddy belong to the fourth of the Hindu Varnas, Sudra. One section of the Reddy is called Kapu which means guardian. The traditional occupation of most of the Reddy groups is settled cultivation, followed by animal husbandry and labour. Both men and women smoke a homemade cheroot (chutta) which results a high incidence of mouth and throat cancer. The Reddy community have social divisions such as clans, lineage, subcastes and sects. These social divisions regulate marital alliances; cross-cousin marriages of both types are allowed. Widow remarriage is not permitted. They speak the Kannada and Telugu languages. They are Hindu by faith and worship many deities. Their main festivals are Ugadi, Akshade and Dussehra. They play bhajans and kirtans. Pray for the salvation of the Reddy people and that God may send several Christian workers to work among them and meet their spiritual and physical needs. Pray for the Reddy Christians to reach out to their own people so that we may see the Gospel flourish among them.

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