

BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh there are 423 distinct people groups. Following are two of the groups.

Shaikh



Spiritual darkness has prevailed over the land of the Shaikh for many centuries. The real struggle is unseen. Much, much prayer is needed.

Outreach Ideas

Prayer must precede and accompany efforts to tell the Shaikh about Jesus Christ. Only the Spirit of Christ can persuade them.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are only a few believers in Jesus among the very large Shaikh community of Bangladesh. They need much prayer support. Pray for their physical and spiritual protection. Pray they will be lights reflecting the goodness of Christ in a dark land. Pray they will be faithful to fellowship together.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the Shaikh people to increasingly be drawn to Isa (Jesus) as they read the Koran. Pray He will reveal Himself in numerous ways, perhaps including dreams and visions. Pray for release from spiritual bondage that has hung heavily over Bangladesh for centuries.

Scripture Focus

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14



Country: Bangladesh

Continent: Asia

Region: South Asia

Persecution Rank: 45 (Only top 50 ranked, 1 = highest persecution ranking)

Population in this Country: 132,950,000

People Name General: Shaikh

People Cluster: Bengali

Primary Language: Bengali (85,428,000 Speakers)

Secondary Languages: Rangpuri (9,937,000), Chittagonian (7,456,000), Sylheti (6,181,000), Urdu (42,000), KokBorok (3,700)

Religion: 100% Islam, Christianity 0%

Namasudra, Hindu



The effective literacy rate may well be less than 29%. If the Gospel of Christ comes to them only in printed form the literacy rate will be a problem.

Outreach Ideas

Oral communication of the good news of Christ may be most appropriate. Stories from Scripture, Gospel radio, films, and recordings will all be useful.

Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few people in the Namasudra community who identify themselves as Christians. Pray they will come to truly trust in Christ, and follow Him obediently. Pray they understand that to be a Christian means more than cultural identification.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray the Namasudra community will make schooling a priority for their children, and will be able to care adequately for their families. Pray for health care, clean water, and sufficient food.

Scripture Focus

"And those who lead many to righteousness [will shine] like the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3

