



PRAY FOR EAST ASIA

Pray for Mekong Minorities

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

— Revelation 7:9

People Profile

About the Mekong Minorities

A river is by definition a movement and that we are looking to God to bring about movements to Christ amongst the region that the Mekong river flows. Rivers always start small and get bigger. They have to overcome obstacles sometimes going underground for a season but they always achieve their destination. This is true with the unreached people groups of the Mekong region. Many of these, like the Mekong river, are transnational and God has purposed to establish his ever growing kingdom until such time at the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

The diversity of peoples within the Mekong region is visible through the tremendous range of languages and cultures represented between them. From groups with several hundred thousands in population to groups up to twenty million, they all share an urgent need: The Word in their language, the church in their culture and workers in places where they live. The Mekong region includes southwestern China, Laos, and the northern parts of Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The peoples include the Akha, Bai, Bouyei, Bru, Bunu, Dong, Hani, Hmong So, Kachin, Karen, Lahu, Bal Headed Lahu, Lisu, Lowland Lao, Lao Phuan, Mien, Palaungic, Phu Tai, Shan-Tai, Shui, So, Tai Dam, Tai Lue, Tai Yuan, Talieng, Wa, Yi Nisu, and Zhuang.

Church

Some of the peoples still have no opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus and there continues to be opposition to any chances to learn about Jesus. Many of the peoples have a few believers and the beginnings of a church movement. We praise God for some peoples that have thriving church movements and send out missionaries to share the good news with other peoples.

Population estimates

- **Tai related groups:** 43.6 million
- **Hill-tribe Minorities:** 15 million



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Religions

- Buddhism
- Animism
- Communism

Lord, we pray for the peoples of the Mekong Region. Thank you for places where your church is growing strong spilling out in missions to other peoples. Please encourage and help new believers in peoples where the church is just beginning. Please send Christians to share the good news with people that haven't heard it yet.