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# Balti in India



Do you like bulgur (cracked wheat) and apricots? So do the Balti people who farm these crops. Balti people are a scheduled tribe living in perilous mountains near the Pakistan border. Their seven isolated villages are inhabited mainly by the elderly, women, and children. Most young men go to the cities for education and employment.

## Ministry Obstacles

Perilous mountains and weather contribute to difficult access to Balti villages. Balti ancestors were Buddhist. They converted to Islam in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Today they worship an assortment of gods, all of whom turn them away from the only Savior.

## Outreach Ideas

Balti people are hospitable and willing to spend time with outsiders. Perhaps this is an opening for Christ's ambassadors. They have many practical needs that could open doors for the gospel.



**POPULATION:** 52,000

**LANGUAGE:** Balti

**RELIGION:** Islam

**BIBLE:** Portions

**STATUS:** Unreached

## Pray for the Entire People Group

Pray that Christ followers will produce radio programs that will point the way to the Lord Jesus. Pray that a movement of the Holy Spirit will sweep through all seven Balti villages.

**SCRIPTURE** He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever. Josh 4:24

**PRAY** that the "nation" we are praying for today will know that the Lord's hand is powerful and will give Him praise.