

The Hui of China

The Hui people are one of the largest Muslim peoples in China. They are visually distinguishable from the Han Chinese by their characteristic white cap. They are descendants either from the Turkic people in China who began to adopt Islam, or from Arab and Persian Merchants and Turkic soldiers who settled in Chinese cities and, by marrying Chinese women, began to create a new population group in China. They adopted the local languages. Today there are at least 7 million Hui in China.

After the Muslim uprising of 1862-1877 in North Western China about 10,000 Hui fled west to the much safer Russia. They settled in their new territory, preserving their Chinese way of life in some ways, and adopting the new culture in other ways. For example in Russia, they forgot how to read and write Chinese and adopted the local language. They have used the Cyrillic alphabet since the middle of this century.

To be Dungan means to farm, to live in a big spacious house (which your father probably built himself) in the countryside surrounded by Dungan neighbors, to have about eight children, and to be a Muslim. Dungans are hardworking and successful by Soviet standards; most families own a car, a TV, a tape deck, beautiful blankets and clothing. They grow vegetables, such as onions, carrots, peppers, garlic, eggplants, etc. Women do all the house work, cooking (Chinese style, complete with chopsticks but no pork), and raising children. In summer, Dungans are incredibly busy and may not be overly interested in having visitors, but in the winter they are known for their big weddings and tremendous hospitality. To be Dungan also means, to a lesser extent, to be Chinese. The food, housing, wedding traditions, decorations, chopsticks, etc. are all signs of this heritage. Now there are at least 70,000 Dungans in the non-Chinese part of Central Asia.

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Primary Religion:

Islam

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

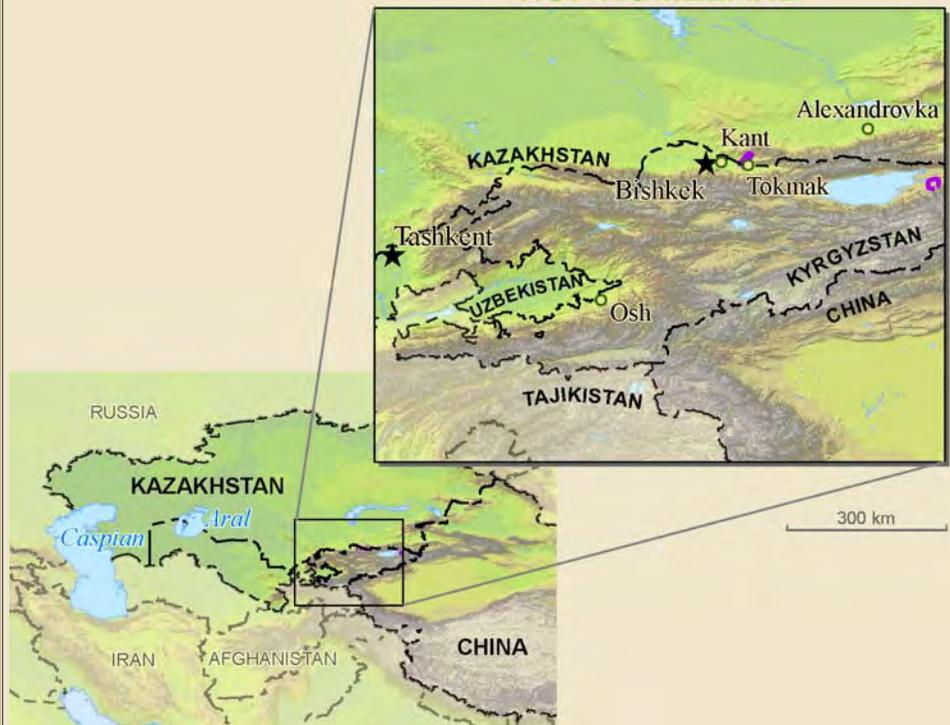
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Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Population (date):



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Item Name

Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

Number Of Churches

0

Profile Summary

Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name

China

Country Name

Uzbekistan

Country Name

Kyrgyzstan

Country Name

Kazakhstan

Group Description

Geography & Environment

Location

Kazakhstan: Villages near Almaty and Djambul, near the Chu river.

Kyrgyzstan: Alexandrovka, villages near Tokmak, Kant Prezhevalsk and Osh,

Uzbekistan: near Tashkent.

Group Description

Literacy

Comment (Literacy)

Literacy in mother tongue 0%

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