

## The Intha People of Myanmar



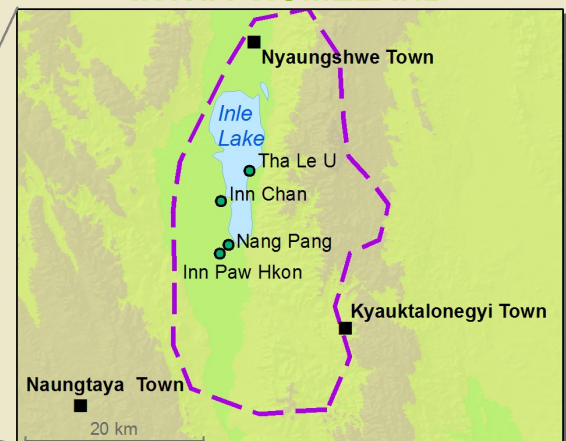
The Intha people speak a nonstandard variety of Burmese [mya]. They live within southern Shan State, Myanmar, in the township of Shwe Nyaung. They are fishermen and agriculturalists. Many of their villages are built right on top of Inle Lake. They travel around by boats, which they row with their legs. Almost all of the Intha people are Buddhists. Some outreach is being done among them by local evangelists and missionaries from other people groups within Myanmar. Since the Intha people speak a non-standard variety of Burmese, they would probably be able to adequately use the Burmese Bible. However, it would be beneficial to produce evangelistic materials (such as audio-visual materials, songs, tracts, etc.) in the Intha language.

Though local evangelists have visited the Intha, they are strongly attached to their Buddhist practice and belief and have not been receptive to belief in Jesus.

<b>Primary Religion:</b>	Buddhism
<b>Disciples (Matt 28:19):</b>	0%
<b>Churches:</b>	0
<b>Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):</b>	None
<b>Population (date):</b>	9,000 (2011)



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### Have They Heard the Gospel?

Number of Missionaries	
Comment	Local evangelists from other people groups within Myanmar
Call Themselves Christians	0%
Believe in Jesus As Their Savior And Only God	0%
Attitude to Christianity	Very resistant
Attitude to Religion Change	Very resistant
Number of Churches	0%
History of Christianity	Local evangelists from other ethnic groups within Myanmar have done outreach and evangelistic activities among the Intha people
Is the Word of God Translated?	No, although they could use Burmese [mya] materials, since their Burmese bilingual ability is very high. However, it would be beneficial to produce evangelistic materials (audio-visual, songs, etc.) in the Intha language.
Other Forms of Gospel Presentations Available	Recordings: No Literature: No Radio: No Video/Films: No TV: No
Comment	There are a wide variety of materials available in Burmese [mya] that could be used among the Intha people

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## Group Description

### Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists and fishermen
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### Education

Language of Instruction Early Years	Burmese
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Language of Textbooks Early Years	Burmese
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Language of Instruction Later Years	Burmese
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## Status of Christianity

### Religion 1

Buddhism

Adherents

99%

### Religion and Response

Resistance/receptivity

Very resistant

### Scripture

Uncertain Need Explained

For written materials, the Intha people should be able to use Burmese [mya] materials adequately, since their Burmese bilingual ability is very high; in some communities, Intha language vitality is low and Intha people speak Burmese as their first and best language. However, for evangelistic and outreach purposes, it would be very beneficial to have materials (such as audio-visual materials, songs, etc.) produced in the Intha language.

### Missions and Churches

Organization 1

Local Evangelists

Country of Origin

Myanmar

Ministry

Evangelism