

## The Marma of Bangladesh



The Marma practice shifting cultivation, and many cut wood and bamboo which are sold to the Bengalis. The Marma tend to be rather isolated from the majority population, though this has been changing as more and more Bengalis move into the hill tract areas. The Marmas are mostly Buddhists in faith, yet animism is also in practice. They participate in important Buddhist religious festivals, as well as perform various rites and rituals to satisfy different gods.

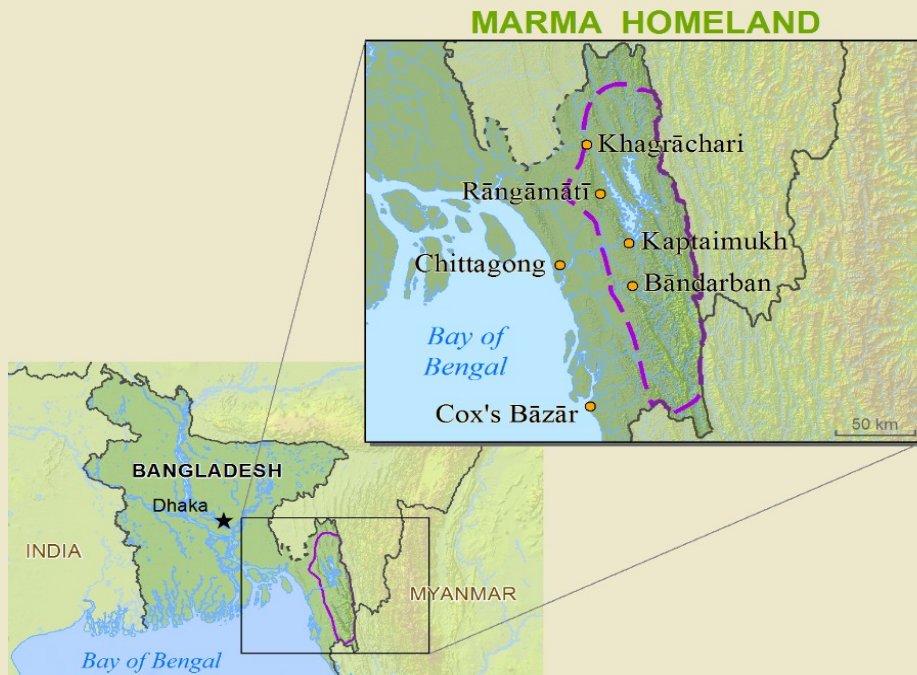
**Primary Religion:**  
Buddhism

**Disciples (Matt 28:19):**  
Less than 1%

**Churches:**  
0%

**Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):**  
None

**Population (date):**  
157,301 (1991)



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### Have They Heard the Gospel?

Call Themselves Christian	Less than 1%
Believe In Jesus As God And Only Savior	Less than 1%
Jesus Is A Prophet, Good Man, Not The Only Savior	Only a few people are Christian
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion	99%
Attitude to Christianity	Somewhat Receptive
Attitude to Religious Change	Somewhat Receptive
Is The Word Of God Translated?	Not yet
Other Forms of Gospel Presentations Available	No
What Kind of Missionaries Are Needed?	The best missionaries will be those from the Community itself or Bangladeshis (some cross-cultural bridging would be needed for those people, but not as much as for someone outside Bangladesh)