

Bhutan

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“We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.”

Romans 10:4 (NIV Version)

Bhutan is a tiny kingdom nestled in the Himalayas. Tibetan Buddhism is woven in to every fiber of Bhutanese culture. Bhutan is portrayed as one of the happiest places on earth, yet Bhutanese people’s lives are filled with fear. These fears are centered around appeasing local deities and warding off evil with religious rituals. The elderly can often be found in trance-like states spinning prayer wheels and reciting mantras in hope of a better life after death.

To convert to Christianity could mean losing jobs and being disowned by family and friends. Having a “house church” or even a meeting with friends with the intent of sharing the love of Jesus can result in imprisonment.

Bhutan is isolated from the rest of the world not just by its terrain, but also because of its suspicion of outsiders. Visas cost \$250 a day and visitors must always be accompanied by a registered guide. Visiting a temple or other areas requires special permits.

There is a fledgling group of Tibetan Buddhists that have turned to Jesus, less than 1000 at this time.



Ways To Pray:

- Pray that the small but growing group of Jesus followers would stay firm in their faith and be bold to share the good news with those who are most broken.
- Ask for the Holy Spirit to create a massive outpouring across Bhutan that would create visions of Jesus and a spiritual openness in every segment of society.
- Pray for the gospel to be taught through oral stories and traditional art forms as literacy is low and tools for evangelism in their language are very limited.

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