

Buddhist Diaspora

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“The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 19:34 (NIV Version)

Many of the adherents of Buddhism live in poverty. Children are sold to pay debts, alcoholism is a common problem, and life is a constant attempt to ‘make merit.’

When the opportunity to go to another country for work or education presents itself young Buddhists grab ahold of it. Another way that they are able to relocate is with a relative who has gone before and can help them emigrate. Many young women will marry foreign nationals and go to their country.

What frequently happens though is they get to their new location but find it very difficult to assimilate into the new culture. Language and customs are so different and frequently they are ignored or sometimes discriminated against.

The Buddhist temple may provide some familiar customs, but the monks can do little to relieve the loneliness and frustration.

Many of these people would be willing to discuss spiritual things if only someone would take the time.

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Ways To Pray:

- Pray that Western Jesus followers will actively seek the Buddhists in their midst and introduce the Prince of Peace.
- Ask that Buddhist background believers living abroad will become disciples and tell their families back home too, so they also can become disciples.

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