



Reaching Muslims in Asia: India The Land of Diversity

Where else in the world can you find over 150 million Muslims as the minority religion? Only in India! Where else can you find over 400 different Muslim people groups, based on occupation, geographical location or shade of Islamic believe? Only in India!¹

India is Accessible

Yet even with these facts considered, many Christians around the world seem to ignore or give scant attention to, the needs of this huge group of Indian Muslims. We can also say that the Muslims of India are perhaps the largest accessible Muslim population in the world. This is due in part to India's pluralistic framework and secular constitution. Opportunities for open Christian witness abound and there are open doors for many kinds of Christian ministry.

Islam was introduced to India by conquest and grew through the successful efforts of Muslim missionaries and high birth rates. **Today India is the second largest Muslim nation in the world.**

Hour of Opportunity in India



Muslim boys in India memorizing the Qur'an in a Madrasah – an Islamic religious school. Many memorize the entire Qur'an!

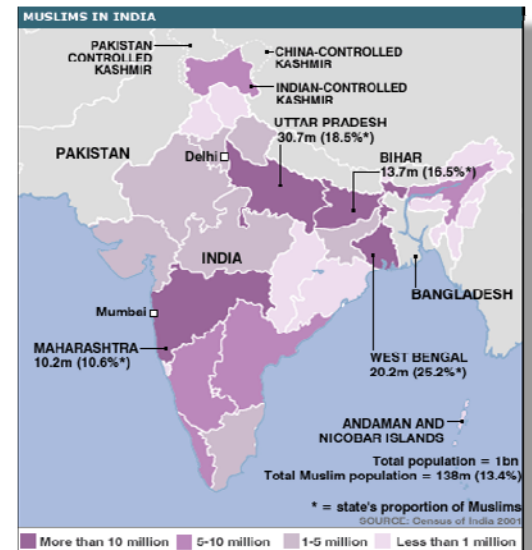
Some of the largest Muslim people groups in India include the Bengalis, the Biharis, Jat, Pathan, Julaha, Shaikh, Rajput, Kashmiri, Ansari and the Labbais.

Having read this article, so far, we could conclude that there must be hundreds, if not thousands, of Christians sharing the love of Christ regularly with their Muslim neighbours in India, right? WRONG!

Alas, **as of this date there are perhaps not more than 150 workers** (including both Indians and expatriates) in full time witness to Muslims. There are some very encouraging developments happening, however, with more unity between churches and organisations reaching Muslims in India. There are also continued reports of Muslim leaders receiving visions and dreams of Jesus!

It is the hour of opportunity for the Muslims of India - may we not miss it!

References: ¹ This week's article courtesy of <http://www.30-days.net/muslims/muslims-in/asia-south-central/india>



India has an estimated total population of 1.3 billion, and approximately 13% (169 million) are Muslim. Where are the workers for these people?

Online Resources: Digging Deeper

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Prayer Points for India:

- Pray for the religious freedom in India to continue. It is under threat from certain groups in the nation.
- Pray the Muslims of India will each have an opportunity to hear and see the Gospel in a culturally relevant way.
- Pray for the many large indigenous Indian Missions organisations, that they will "tithe" some of their people for Muslim work.
- Pray for continuing and new training initiatives to train workers and church planters for Muslim ministry.

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