

There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. -Rev 7:9

2024 Unreached People Group Focus: JHAADE GOND OF MAHARASHTRA

The Gond are a major ethnolinguistic group found mostly in central India. There are many subgroups among this tribe. One is the Jhaade Gond, which means forest dwellers, who have a low status in Hindu society. Most of the Gonds practice agriculture while others tend goats and cattle. They are animistic in their faith and believe that evil spirits are the cause for sicknesses; animal sacrifices will keep them away. For the past few decades, the group has been witness to the Naxalite insurgency.

Ministry partner Gospel India Ministries report they have 4 native missionary families and one single working in two districts among the Jhaade Gond. Presently there are 5 churches and 15 worshiping groups among the 500,000 members of this community. The goal is **500 worshiping groups and 100 workers by 2030**. GIM leaders feel this group is receptive to the gospel and deserves much more attention. Bible training is being provided for pastors but motorcycles, children's homes, self-help projects, and other provisions are needed for wellrounded ministry. "Pray especially that there will be relationships of trust built up with the leaders from the Jhaade Gond community so that in the days ahead we will see mass-movements to Christ." NAYA JEEVAN, OFFERING STRATEGIES, RESOURCES, & TRAININGS TO MOBILIZE BELIEVERS FOR MINISTRY TO SOUTH ASIANS

- For South Asian churches, leaders, and believers everywhere to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ 2 Pet 3:18
- For the governments of South Asia to promote peace, justice, and freedom for the gospel 11Tim 2:1-2
- For the Indian national elections to be conducted fairly, peaceably, to elect servant leaders, and to bring relief to oppressed minorities 2 Sam 8:15
- For the Love Your Neighbor trainers-in-training to persevere through the coaching process and become full trainers 2 Tim 2:2
- Thank God for new LYN translations and pray for more bilingual trainers for even greater expansion Ps 90:17
- The LYN e-learning course has met many delays; pray for completion, thank God for a partner ministry coming alongside in this work Ps 20:4
- That God will use the Concise Bible, Jesus film cards, and other excellent resources we offer to bring salvation to many during holiday and festival outreaches Col 4:4
- Pray for Cathy and John Douglass as they make a major move midyear Pr 3:5-6
- Pray for AAs Prakash and Jennifer, and all the faithful volunteers and partners who work together to make Naya Jeevan ministry happen Col 3:23-24
- For the digital strategy team creating a new website to reach South Asia with Jesus-centered, culturally relevant content Ac 10:36
- For our Breakthrough Prayer Laborers to be alert and pray continually with prayer cards, concerts, WhatsApp group, Strengthening Your Prayer Skills, and other resources Eph 6:18
 - Thank God for Naya Jeevan's faithful financial partners and churches and for his gracious provision 3 Jn 5-6

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