



South Asia

Transforming Urban Centers

The Culture and People

The culture is collectivistic, cooperative, and focused on personal relationships. They favor indirect communication but do not shy away from public displays of emotion. The culture(s) exhibits relatively strict and restrictive social norms and is resistant to change.

The honor and shame aspects of the Gospel are most likely to resonate with the peoples of this region since they are concerned with others' perceptions of them and the notion of 'saving face.' Understanding these cultural values will be crucial to forming effective approaches to communicating the Gospel message.

In many of the areas of South Asia, those that identify as Christian are fewer than 1%. Many of those believers come from Hindu backgrounds, posing many cultural and language obstacles to reaching their Muslim neighbors. Yet in the last forty years, Muslim-background believers have multiplied from about a dozen to perhaps 10,000 today.

The population in the area is quite young, and the median age is only 25. These young people are often dynamic and open to change and willing to hear about alternatives to their current lifestyles. This often means they are willing to hear about the gospel.

Many citizens have ambiguous or negative attitudes toward foreign aid. They worry that their dependence on foreign aid over their decades of independence has come at the cost of national self-respect. There is also skepticism toward foreign aid due to the misuse of funds that has occurred in recent decades.

Still, many organizations are effectively using innovative methods to draw people to Christ and plant churches among the Muslim populations in this region.

South Asia, with its immense population and density, is one of the largest Muslim-majority areas found in the world. South Asia is home to more Muslims than most of the Middle East and North Africa combined.

Its cities are large and growing, with people migrating into urban areas from rural locations. This is causing the population to continue to rise, making these cities some of the most densely populated in the world.

The urban centers in South Asia have experienced economic growth despite some instability. Some areas are recipients of significant international aid and assistance.

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Opportunities to Spread the Gospel

Church planting has been going on in South Asia for hundreds of years. Part of World Team's culture is partnering with like-minded organizations in order to effectively bring the gospel to unreached peoples.

In the communities we seek to work in, we will initially be partnering with a like-minded organization, who has a long-established and effective presence.

We seek to mobilize skilled workers with a deep walk with the Lord, who have a passion for reaching Muslims.

World Team is looking for workers with varied backgrounds and skill sets. From leadership and/or administrative skills to pastoral care personnel, to theological education, to a whole host of holistic approaches for meeting needs and sharing the gospel within the communities in which we work.

Education and community development are specific areas of need. Many of the rural areas are poor and underdeveloped, with literacy rates just over 51%.

The common denominator in all of these opportunities are individuals, couples, and families who are passionate about their faith and have a desire to utilize the unique skills they bring to the table. All of this is with a vision to see healthy churches that expand and multiply.

While these are areas that have already been identified, there are even more needs that World Team may be able to meet in the future. People of all skills and educational backgrounds that have a heart for Muslim people to be led to Christ are needed to spread the gospel to the unreached people of South Asia.

Ministry Overview

People	Muslims
Location	South Asia
Opportunities	Evangelism and discipleship Church Planting Leadership training Transformational Education Poisoning Prevention Community Development Children's Ministry Pastoral Care for Missionaries

World Team's mission is to establish reproducing churches focusing on the unreached peoples of the world.

There is ample opportunity in South Asia to reach, invest in and equip others to release them into ministry in accordance with World Team's vision!

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