

Hui

The Hui is the largest Muslim group and the third largest minority group in China with an official figure of 10.6 million. They are scattered throughout every city, with the highest concentration in the Ningxia, Gansu and Qinghai provinces.

The Hui retained their religion but lost most of their ancestral languages. They speak Mandarin and the local dialects of their dwelling places. They have well integrated into the Han society in their daily practices with the exception that that they do not eat pork. The Hui are also found in Myanmar, Taiwan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakstan, Mongolia and Thailand. In these countries, they are known by different names such as Dungan, Pathay and Khotan.

The Hui of China are the descendants of the Arab Persians, the Central Asian and the Mongols who settled in China in several waves beginning in the 7th century. The most significant mass immigration perhaps was the 1270 influx when Mongol leader Kublai Khan brought a notable 2 to 3 million Central Asian Muslim reserves into China to help quell uprising and expand Mongol territories. The ancestors of Hui came either as soldiers or traders who inter-married each other and the Han people, giving rise to the Hui of today.



We have been praying for the Hui and since October 2007, there is a couple committed to working among this group. Some Han workers are also trying to work among them while serving other people groups in this part of China. The Hui in general are quite open but the process is tough and slow due to security reason. Persecution of conversion to other faiths is not unheard of.

Needs are great among the Hui in China and doors are open. There is a platform available at this moment for those who have heard the far cry and are willing to commit to serve them.

Urgent Prayer Need

Bingham Academy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, urgently needs a [French teacher](#) to join their staff team in August. Pray that God will provide the right person to meet this need.