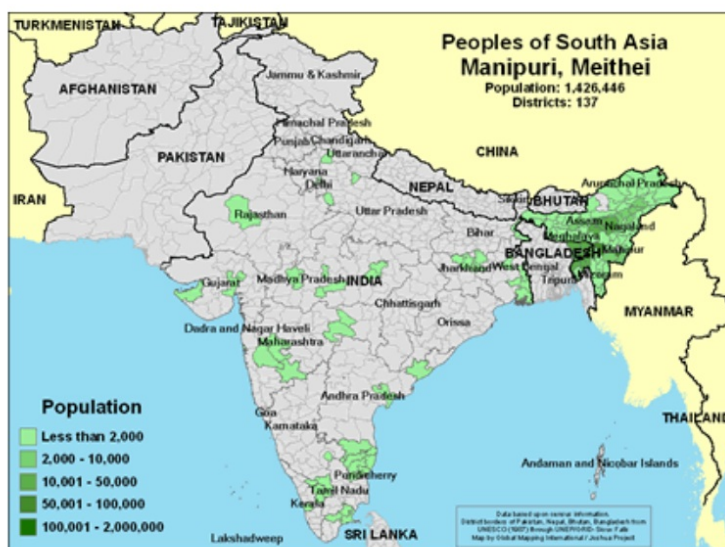


MEITEI

of
India



Population: 1,379,000

Religion: Hinduism

Christian: 0%

Language: Meitei



The Meitei live in far eastern India and the northeastern corner of Bangladesh—mostly in the Moulvibazar district of Sylhet division. The vast majority of their people live in Manipur State in India where Meitei is the official state language.

Most Meiteis still earn a living by farming, though the younger generation would like to use their education to enter more modern fields.

The Meitei are very resistant to change, particularly in the area of religion. Outsiders trying to spread the gospel are not well received, and individuals may resist the gospel for fear that they will lose their place in the Meitei society if they become Christians.

Much work needs to be done to make them aware of their need for Christ. Currently, there are only two Meitei Christians in Bangladesh, and there is no church or active witness in their community.