

THE DZALA OF BHUTAN

Ugyen and Kinley carefully made their dangerous climb of a sheer rock face to the top of a hill overlooking a Buddhist temple. Tradition says that whoever can successfully climb to the top will be forgiven of all the sins he has committed up to that point. Neither one of these two men nor any other **Dzala** people have ever heard of the One who forgives past, present, and future sins. Hours later, the two Dzala men made their way home, having completed their spiritual quest, exhilarated with a false sense of assurance that their sins were forgiven.

The **Dzala** people of northwest Bhutan are one of the world's most remote unreached peoples, living along the highlands by the Kholongchu River bordering China and India. This part of Bhutan is extremely poor, and the rare visitors report that it is like stepping back into medieval times with its simple, slow-paced life. The **Dzala's** population is around 16,000.

Vajrayana (Tibetan) Buddhism completely dominates every aspect of their culture. It is not known as to whether there are any believers among the **Dzala**.

- Pray that doors may be opened, both to the villages and to the hearts of the **Dzala** for the Gospel to be shared.
- Pray against age-old strongholds of religious deception over the **Dzala**.

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