

## THE GOLOG OF CHINA

Nyima kept a close eye on her goats grazing in the pasture. Her long hair, meticulously braided into the auspicious number of a hundred and eight braids, flapped along with the strong wind. The **Golog** girl gazed upwards at the majestic Mount Anyemaqen, its snow-covered peaks shrouded by forbidding dark clouds. A sense of awe filled Nyima as she recalled tales of the fierce deities believed to dwell on the peaks. She also recalled tales from her late great-grandfather of the terrible time in the 1920s when the Muslim Hui warlords launched massacres upon the **Golog**, and the 1950s and early 1960s when the Chinese communist army finally subdued her fiercely independent people resulting in the deaths of thousands of **Golog**. Nyima always wondered why the deities of Mount Anyemaqen never protected her people from their enemies. The **Golog** girl shook away her thoughts. Life with its present grinding poverty and harsh circumstances seemed more of a pressing reality than the questions in her heart.

During the 7<sup>th</sup> century A.D., the king of Tibet dispatched his fiercest warriors to guard the empire's northernmost mountainous frontier. Upon the eventual collapse of the Tibetan Empire, these Tibetan warriors remained in the region present-day Qinghai Province in north central China. Their descendants became the distinct **Golog** people. Various subgroups are said to exist amongst this mysterious people who number around 163,000. Their reputation as a stubborn and rebellious people remains to this very day.

Their remote location and fearsome reputation have kept most outsiders away including Christian missionaries. The **Golog** remain bound in Vajrayana Tibetan Buddhism with no known believers among them.

- Pray for the **Golog** that the strongholds of rebellion, violence, pride and idolatry will be torn down.
- Pray that doors may be opened to the **Golog** settlements and that believers will respond and go to the **Golog**.

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