

THE JIARONG OF CHINA

“What is all that noise?” exclaimed Lobsang, startled. The **Jiarong** teenager and his friends were at his cousin’s village to attend a wedding. As they looked out of the window, they saw an unkempt man in rags, wandering along the mountain road, shrieking some incomprehensible words. “Oh, that’s Dargey, our village’s crackpot,” remarked his cousin Norbu. “Gone mad a few years back, probably because of black magic. His wife and children eventually deserted him, out of fear for their own safety. Now he wanders around from place to place, surviving on scraps from some kind villagers.” “Poor man!” remarked Lobsang’s sister, Pema. “Didn’t anyone bring him to the nearest town to see a doctor?” “What’s the point?” answered Norbu. “Everyone says that he’s suffering because of the evil he had done in his past life. It will be better to let him suffer and make amends now. That way he will have a better reincarnation when he eventually dies.”

The northern mountainous region of Sichuan Province is home to the 239,900 **Jiarong** people. Their ancestors were ethnic Tibetans who had adopted the cultures of their neighbouring ethnic tribes to the point that they are quite different today from the mainstream Tibetan people. The **Jiarong** comprise five subgroups, speaking various dialects.

Vajrayana Tibetan Buddhism is the main religion of the **Jiarong**. It is not known if there are any believers among them.

- Pray for the **Jiarong** that doors may be opened for the Gospel to be proclaimed to them.
- Pray that spiritual deception in the form of false religions and values may be dispelled with the Truth of the Gospel.

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