

THE NAMUYI OF CHINA

Nawa watched her mother walking down the road outside their house. Mother carried a bowl filled with uncooked rice grains. An uncooked egg was set upright on the rice grains. Her hair braid band was wound around the bowl. As she reached the fork of the road, her mother began softly chanting in a sing-song manner: “Come, little Libu, come home, little one. Listen to your mother calling, come home, my child.”

Nawa observed silently. Her brother Libu had a fall from his motorcycle the day before. Though he was uninjured, he began complaining of lethargy and later at night, experienced a force pressing him on the chest. The family knew that the fall had caused his soul to wander away from his body into the realm of the ghosts. Nawa’s mother was performing the ritual to quickly call back Libu’s soul to his body. They all knew that if a ghost enticed Libu’s soul to follow it, Libu would fall sick and eventually die. Nawa fervently prayed that Libu’s soul may be brought home safely.

The **Namuyi** (population: 8,700) live in the Liangshan mountains of southern Sichuan Province. Though officially considered a branch of the Tibetan ethnic minority, the **Namuyi** possess distinct cultural traits that set them apart from other ethnic groups.

They practice a mixture of mainstream Tibetan Buddhism and animistic beliefs. The **Namuyi** have had little, if any exposure to Christianity due to their geographical and cultural isolation, and restrictions by the communist authorities on Christian missionaries. There are no known believers among them.

- Pray for the **Namuyi** that they may have an opportunity to hear the Gospel. Intercede against the spiritual deceptions that have kept them bound in sin and idolatry.
- Pray that their hearts may be open to receive Christ who has given His life for the salvation of their souls.

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