

THE MANGRIK OF INDIA

“Has Norbu finally fallen asleep?” Stenzin asked his wife Sonam as she entered their bedroom yawning. “Yes,” sighed Sonam wearily. “He kept insisting that there was a presence of an evil spirit in his bedroom. Something has to be done! Our little boy has been plagued with nightmares for almost a month now.” “Well, the shaman’s amulet seems to have no effect in protecting him,” remarked Stenzin. “I’ll take Norbu to the lamas at the monastery tomorrow and see if they can help.”

The homeland of the 114,000 **Mangrik** people is the Ladakh region in Jammu and Kashmir state, one of the most isolated places on earth. They are also referred to as ‘Bota’ and form the largest ethnic group in Ladakh. Their mother tongue is the Ladakhi language.

From the time a **Mangrik** child is born, they are raised in Vajrayana (Tibetan) Buddhism. Along with Buddhism is the belief in ferocious demons introduced by the pre-Buddhist *Bon* religion, which is shamanistic by nature. The blending of Buddhism and the Bon religion has created Vajrayana (Tibetan) Buddhism. Fear permeates the life of the **Mangrik** from a very young age until their death.

The spread of the Gospel continues to be slow. 19th century European Protestant missionaries started a mission in Ladakh and brought some to Christ. There are however no reports of any believers among the **Mangrik**.

- Pray against the spiritual darkness shrouding the **Mangrik** that their spiritual eyes may be opened.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to penetrate the hearts of the **Mangrik** people so that they can experience spiritual freedom in Christ.
- Pray for many to be given the opportunity to see the Jesus Film and hear the Gospel in their own language.

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