

The Tai Lue of Laos

“Go take a quick nap now, children. And get started with your homework after that,” called Chanh to her three teenaged children as she stacked the washed dishes to dry. She proceeded to her weaving loom and began weaving, still mentally active despite having worked with her brother and sister-in-law in their rice field the whole morning. The traditional textiles she was weaving was a major source of income to raise her children. Life as a divorcee and a single mother was tough but Chanh however never regretted being divorced by her husband. She was surprised at herself for being able to single-handedly raise her children for the past seven years. Most of all, she was finally free from his emotional abuse.

The **Tai Lue** people in Laos (population: 156,000) live in the northwest rural regions of the country. Farming remains their main economic activity. Their women enjoy a higher degree of liberty, inheritance rights and decision-making roles than those of other ethnic groups. Divorce is generally easily granted in their society.

The **Tai Lue** practise Theravada Buddhism mixed with strong elements of spirit worship. Most **Tai Lue** rice planters observe rituals after ploughing, before sowing and after the harvest. A handful of **Tai Lue** (0.1%) professes Christianity. Little, if any outreach is taking place among the **Tai Lue** as the communist government of Laos strictly prohibits evangelism.

- Pray for God-ordained circumstances that will cause the **Tai Lue** to question their prevailing spiritual beliefs.
- Pray for Christ to be revealed through dreams and visions despite severe restrictions placed by the communist authorities.
- Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send workers who will respond to His call to reach the **Tai Lue** people.
- Pray that the **Tai Lue** believers may grow in spiritual maturity and not fall away amidst trials and temptations.

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