

The Chak, Thet of Myanmar

“What did you pray for to the Lord Buddha?” asked Kiang to his wife, San. The young **Chak, Thet** couple had just emerged from the temple in their remote village, high on the summit of the forested mountainous region near the Myanmar-Bangladesh border. “For a safe delivery for our future child,” answered San, somewhat shyly. “And that we would be safe and well-provided for in the future.” Kiang nodded, understanding his wife’s words. Their village, poor and under-developed as it was, seemed a haven, away from the communal tensions, political intrigue and abuses by the Myanmar military that they had heard about happening in the lowlands.

Myanmar’s **Chak, Thet** people (population: 1,900) live in western Myanmar, close to the border with Bangladesh. The **Chak, Thet** have deliberately detached themselves from the outside world when they were officially unrecognised by the government of Myanmar as a separate ethnic minority. Due to their remote location, few outsiders have ventured into their villages, making them one of the least known ethnic groups in Myanmar.

The **Chak, Thet** are predominantly Theravada Buddhists. A small Christian minority (0.4%) exists among them.

- Pray that the **Chak, Thet** people may know God as their Creator who made them in His own image, knows each one by name and has provided a plan of salvation to save them from their sins.
- Pray that doors will be opened for workers to be sent to reach the **Chak, Thet** people despite restrictions and prohibitions by the authorities.
- Pray that the few known believers will be strong in their faith and will share their faith with other **Chak, Thet** people.

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