

THE ISNEG OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Northern Luzon

POPULATION: 55,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Isnag (also known as Isneg)

RELIGION: Animism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 9% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: Living in the Apayao highlands, the Isneg are a tough people who value their independence. They are skilled basket and mat weavers who possess a rich folk literature. Their traditional beliefs deny the existence of gods but centre around the worship of numerous spirits. Many Isneg live in remote villages with little access to basic amenities and healthcare.

“For God chose the ISNEG in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined them to be adopted as His sons and daughters through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will.” **Ephesians 1:4-5 (NIV-personalised)**

Father God, let Your salvation come upon the precious ISNEG. Deliver them from wrong mind-sets that have prevented them from knowing You. We break the chains of witchcraft, spirit-worship and fear over their lives. Reveal Yourself as the Sovereign God who loves them and who is victorious over their spirit world.

Grant Your missionaries favour with the ISNEG village headmen. Sustain them both physically and spiritually. Guide them as they coordinate Bible-translation and community development projects.

We praise You for the emerging ISNEG Church. Cause these believers to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Let them be disciples of Your Word. May they walk in intimate relationship with You as their Father and Friend.

Father, may the ISNEG know the joy of being called as Your sons and daughters. We ask this through Christ our Redeemer King. AMEN.