

THE KANKANAELY OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Northern Luzon

POPULATION: 630,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Kankanaely

RELIGION: Animism, Catholicism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 15% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: Comprising two subgroups, the Kankanaely are skilled farmers and weavers. These hardworking, mountain people highly respect their community elders. Pagan beliefs remain strong with many offering sacrifices to spirit beings despite professing to be Christians. Various cult groups have begun trying to make inroads into the Kankanaely communities.

“The Lord declares: ‘There is no God apart from Me, O KANKANAELY, a righteous God and a Saviour there is none but Me. Turn to Me and be saved for I am God and there is no other.’ ” Isaiah 45:21-22 (NIV - personalised)

Father God, we intercede for the unsaved KANKANAELY. Let all chains of falsehood, pride and fear be broken in Jesus’ Name. Enlighten the KANKANAELY’s eyes that they may know the eternal hope You extend to them.

May they realise that animistic rituals and offerings will not bring them the peace and security they long for. Convict their hearts to renounce all links to the occult and turn to Christ. Awake the many nominal Christians in their midst.

Strengthen the KANKANAELY Church. Let Your Word be their guard against all heresy and legalism. Cause them to be united in Christ’s love. Give them a vision to carry Your Light to those who remain trapped in darkness.

Father, may the KANKANAELY acknowledge Jesus as their God and Saviour. This we pray in His awesome Name. AMEN.