

THE OBO MANOBO OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Central Mindanao Island

POPULATION: 70,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Obo Manobo

RELIGION: Animism, Catholicism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 3% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: Portions

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: The Obo Manobo are mainly farmers living in the mountains. A self-sufficient people, their folk culture is colourful and varied. Despite exposure to Christianity, spirit-worship and witchcraft are widespread. The remote location of their villages and difficulty in reaching them have hampered evangelistic efforts.

God declares: “I will betroth you, OBO MANOBO to Me in faithfulness and love, and you will really know Me then as you never have before.”
Hosea 2:20 (Living Bible-personalised)

Father God, we stand in the gap for the OBO MANOBO. We declare Christ's victory on the cross over strongholds of fear, witchcraft and deception. Cause the scales to be removed from their eyes. May they see the depth of Your faithfulness and love towards them.

We pray for the OBO MANOBO Christians. May they truly enthrone Jesus as Lord of their lives. Convict the hearts of professing Christians who dabble in the occult. Cause the chains of man-made religious traditions to be broken that they may experience true freedom in Christ.

We thank You for the faithful missionaries serving the OBO MANOBO. Bless the ministry of Bible translation. Protect and sustain these men and women who serve despite tough physical conditions, political unrest and spiritual opposition.

Father God, may the precious OBO MANOBO really know You as they never have before in their lives. In Jesus' Name, AMEN.