

## THE TALAANDIG OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: North Central Mindanao Island

POPULATION: 7,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Manobo, Western Bukidnon

RELIGION: Animism, Protestantism

CHRISTIANITY: 7% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: Available

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: The Talaandig live in villages governed by tribal elders. An artistic people, they are engaged in farming, blacksmithing and weaving. They worship numerous deities, with each household having five guardian spirits. The encroachment of nominally Christian settlers and loggers into their tribal lands have alienated the Talaandig from Christianity.

**“Because of His kindness, you O precious TALAANDIG, are saved through trusting Christ. Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done, so none of us can take any credit for it.”**

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (Living Bible - personalised)**

Father God, we pray for the TALAANDIG tribe. Open their hearts towards the Gospel message that they may know that You are their Creator God. Free them from bondages of false belief systems, witchcraft and fear.

Grant the TALAANDIG tribal leaders wisdom as they deal with land issues affecting their people. Touch the hearts of these influential men and their households. Let every prejudice against the Gospel be nullified in Jesus' Name. Reveal Yourself to their witchdoctors through divine dreams and visions.

Sustain the outreach work. Cause Your servants to present a Gospel message that redeems the spiritual, social and cultural aspects of the TALAANDIG society. Cause the believers to arise and become a strong indigenous church that will lead the entire tribe to You.

Father, may the TALAANDIG put their trust in Christ alone. We ask this in His Worthy Name. AMEN.