

THE T'BOLI OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOME LAND: Southern Mindanao Island

POPULATION: 131,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: T'boli

RELIGION: Animism, Catholicism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 6% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

CHRISTIAN RADIO: Available

GENERAL: The T'boli are generally farmers and hunters living in the mountains. An artistic, colourful people, they practice polygamy and are ruled by tribal chiefs. The T'boli ward off evil spirits with offerings, and honour the Sun God and the Moon Goddess as chief deities. Discriminated by outsiders, they risk losing their ancestral lands to logging and mining activities.

“ ‘My Name will be great among the T'BOLI of the Philippines..in every T'BOLI village, pure offerings will be brought to My Name, because My Name will be great among them,’ says the Lord Almighty.” **Malachi 1:11**
(NIV-personalised)

Father God, let Your deliverance come upon the T'BOLI. Free them from all forms of deception that have prevented them from turning to Christ. Reveal Your Truth through divine dreams and visions.

May these precious ones know of Your power that is victorious over their spirit world. Cause their influential tribal leaders to be open to the Gospel message.

Bless the missionaries working among the T'BOLI. Let the T'BOLI believers draw strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit and the Word. Help them to take a relevant role in their people's efforts to retain the rights over their tribal lands. Use them to redeem the T'BOLI'S rich art forms for Your glory.

Father, may the T'BOLI one day acknowledge You as their One True God. We ask this in Christ's Mighty Name. AMEN.