

## THE TIRURAY OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Southwest Mindanao Island

POPULATION: 100,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Tiruray

RELIGION: Animism, Catholicism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 7.5% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

**GENERAL:** Renowned for their skilled basket weavers, the Tiruray possess an honest, peaceable nature. Many live in remote villages, lacking access to proper sanitation and medical facilities. The Tiruray believe in a Creator God who is merciful yet distant from mankind. Their fear of the spirit world can be seen in their many rituals and charms to ward off evil.

**“But now, this is what the Lord says - He who created you, O TIRURAY tribe, He who formed you, O precious TIRURAY: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine...for I am the Lord Your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.’**

**Isaiah 43:1, 3 (NIV-personalised)**

Father God, we declare Christ’s redemptive power over the TIRURAY and His victory over every stronghold of fear and deception. Reveal Yourself as their Creator God who desires close fellowship with them.

Touch the hearts of the TIRURAY community leaders. Free the powerful and influential witchdoctors from the clutches of the evil one.

Strengthen the few TIRURAY Christians. Let their daily lives be powerful testimonies of Your transforming power. Raise godly leaders to shepherd these believers.

Send workers especially to the remote villages. Enable them to reach out in culturally appropriate and sensitive ways. Send Christian community development workers to help upgrade their sanitation and healthcare. May their acts of love and commitment open the door for the Gospel to be brought to the TIRURAY.

Father, may the TIRURAY acknowledge Jesus as their Creator, Saviour and Lord. We ask this in His Matchless Name. AMEN.