

# PRAY

## FOR THE PERSECUTED



## BHUTAN



### LOCATION & OVERVIEW:

Located in southern Asia between Tibet and India. Until the 1980s, Bhutan was isolated from the rest of the world by its Himalayan geography, poor infrastructure and poor international relations.

### MAJOR RELIGION:

88 percent of the Bhutanese people are Buddhists. Approximately 1 percent are Christians.

### PERSECUTOR:

Christians are restricted by federal laws and persecuted by local authorities.

### FOLLOWING CHRIST HERE:

The king identifies himself as the defender of the Buddhist faith, and the government works covertly to discourage the spread of Christianity. Christians are viewed as followers of a foreign, Western religion. There is no opportunity for the legal registration of churches in Bhutan. Christians often lose their jobs and are unable to find work because of their faith. Many Christians must worship in secret.

### ACCESS TO BIBLES:

Though small numbers of Bibles are allowed into the nation legally, the government continues to restrict widespread distribution. Most Bibles must be smuggled into the country from neighboring nations.

## PRAY FOR:

### How to pray for BHUTAN

- Pray that those reaching out to college students will be granted grace and favor.
- Pray for Bibles to be more readily distributed and accessible to the people in Bhutan.
- Pray that God will mobilize more Bhutanese Christians to share the gospel with the unreached.
- Pray for an increase in youth engagement with the gospel.