

Afghans in India

There are an estimated 20 000 Afghans living in India. Most of these are refugees, who live in and around Delhi. Many of them are waiting for permission to move to other countries, and some have already been denied entry to other places, having left Afghanistan. They are not permitted to work in India legally, and it is difficult to get their children enrolled in Indian schools.

A group of local believers put their faith into action by serving these families. They provide education in maths, English and computer training, and offer skills development classes to help them find work. They also distribute food and medical hygiene kits.

Alongside this practical help, Bible studies in Afghan languages are offered. One leader reports, “We have made good relationships with the people of this community and that has led to the opportunity to share the gospel. Please pray that more and more families here may experience the love Jesus by meeting Christian believers through our programs.”

Muslims and Christians are both small minorities in India, although India has one of the world’s largest Muslim populations. Rising Hindu nationalism has created conflict and violence towards both groups in recent years and threatened the peace of the entire nation.

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Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

MATTHEW 25:34-35

How can we pray?

Pray for peace in India, for the government to encourage freedom of religion and for the different religious groups to live in peace.

Pray for Christians like this group, who are boldly serving Christ and demonstrating His love to Muslims in India.

Pray for Indian Muslims and Muslim refugees in India to experience the love of Christ and come to faith in Him.