

East Africa

Communities and kingdoms located on the western edge of the South Asian continent developed commercial ties that reached as far as East Africa long before colonialism. These ties produced what has sometimes been called a 'trade diaspora.' This diaspora was marked by a seasonal migration based upon trade winds across the Indian Ocean that created a sort of circular migration between East Africa and the western coastline of South Asia.

Later in the 19th century, Indian traders, including Hindus, established a more long term presence in East Africa. Much of this was the result of the import of thousands of indentured Indian labourers to British colonial plantations and construction projects.

The British used Indian labourers to build the railway that would eventually stretch from

Mombasa, Kenya all the way to Lake Victoria in Uganda. This was a grand imperial project that would shape East Africa for many years to come. However, the cost in terms of human suffering and lives lost was huge and largely borne by Indian labourers. With the opening of the railway and the boom in the associated economy, there was a second influx of Hindu traders, teachers, clerks and other administrators.

Today, about 0.2% of the population of Africa is made up of Hindus with only a small population in East Africa. However, prayer needs to seep into every corner of a population, and it is appropriate that the Hindus of East Africa receive the sowing of prayer, specifically prayer that petitions Jesus to make His great love for Hindu peoples known through scripture, witness, miracles and any other means He deems necessary.

HOW CAN WE
PRAY?



Pray that Hindus in East Africa will have a chance to hear the Good News that in Jesus they will find peace and fulfilment.
(REVELATION 21:4)

Pray that Hindus will discover Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who knows the needs of Hindu peoples everywhere.
(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

Pray for Hindus who seek relationship with the living God, that they will find Jesus and His miraculous gift of liberation from sin.
(ACTS 17:23)

