

The United States



As the school bell rings, Pooja quietly gathers her books. She gets on her bus and sits alone, avoiding eye contact with other students. At her stop, Pooja exits with a sigh of relief. Yet again, no one talked with her other than her teacher. But today no one teased her about her name, her lunch or her background.

Pooja unlocks the door to her home and smells that her mum was frying something earlier. Her mum and dad are at the motel as usual, preparing rooms, welcoming newly arriving guests and doing repairs. She knows her parents are proud to own their own business, which has excellent reviews, but she wishes they did not have to live in such a small town. A bigger city might have other Indians, if not other Gujaratis, or friendlier classmates.

Gujaratis have a long history of involvement with international trade and business, so there are large, established Gujarati communities in many nations. However, in the United States, around 4 out of 10 hotels and a significant percentage of

all gas stations and convenience stores are owned by Gujaratis. As a result, many rural villages and small towns across America have one Gujarati family. The Hindu population in the United States is around 3.3 million.

Gujaratis are among the least reached, with fewer than one in a thousand Gujaratis following Christ. Who will share God's good news with Gujaratis like Pooja?

In 1965, the United States passed the Immigration and Nationality Act which opened the door to much more diverse population. Gujaratis like Pooja's family are contributing in significant ways where they now live.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?



Ask God to send forth more labourers to connect with Gujarati persons of peace. Pray for Gujarati owned businesses and homes to become places of peace and healing. (LUKE 10:2-9)

Pray that the Spirit will lead Christ-followers to have conversations with Gujarati business owners who have spiritual questions. (ACTS 8:26-31)

Pray for the children of Gujarati immigrants to know they are perfectly loved by their Creator. Pray that God's good plans for their lives will become clear. (PSALM 139:13-16)

