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South Asia -

Where does the Hindu Diaspora originate?

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The term South Asia is often used interchangeably to denote either the country of India or the subregion of Asia that includes India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives and sometimes Afghanistan.

Around 98% of the earth's 1.2 billion Hindus call the South Asia subregion home and just under 95% of the world's Hindus reside in India alone.

Another 1% of the world's Hindus reside in countries such as Indonesia (Bali), Malaysia, the United Kingdom and the United States. The remaining 1% of the Hindu Diaspora is scattered widely around the world.

Most Hindus identify South Asia as their religious motherland and consider Hinduism's origin to be there.

Most Hindus in South Asia do not know any Christians, but many of them know someone who has left the region. Hindus who encounter Jesus abroad can become a powerful witness to their family and friends in South Asia. It is likely the only way that most South Asian residents will ever hear the gospel.

The Global Hindu Diaspora, can be generally divided into three eras:

The first era, called the Ancient Hindu Diaspora, involves the spread of Hinduism through South East Asia mostly via trade and cultural exchange.

The second era, what we will call the Old Hindu Diaspora, was dispersed mostly through the actions of colonial powers prior to India gaining independence from the British Empire in 1947.

The third era, which we call the New Hindu Diaspora, has largely evolved over the 75 years since Indian independence. The majority of this era includes the economic immigration by Hindus to other parts of the world.

HOW CAN WE
PRAY?



Pray that God will bless the homeland of Hindu peoples and that Hindus themselves would encounter Christ and respond to receive that same blessing.

(MATTHEW 5:45)

That the South Asian Diaspora would become like channels of living water for the good news of Jesus to flow from lands already awash with the witness of Christ into South Asia where many are thirsty.

(ROMANS 10:12-17)

Pray that Hindus in South Asia would experience a move of God through believers that already reside in South Asia and that South Asia Diaspora who encounter Christ will sow seeds of the good news of Jesus back into South Asia.

(1 PETER 3:15)