




Dawei - Myanmar (Burma)

 dah-WAY

Most Dawei inhabit a long coastal stretch of the Tanintharyi Division in southern Myanmar. A small number have made their way across the border and now live in refugee camps inside Thailand. They fled to Thailand to escape oppression at the hands of the Burmese authorities who conscripted many to work on a new railroad under inhumane conditions. For centuries the Dawei have been a peace-loving and gentle people. Their language is viewed as a "nonstandard Burmese with profound pronunciation and vocabulary differences from Burmese," by the Ethnologue. Missionaries working in their region for decades have found the Buddhist Dawei slow to respond to the gospel. The youth among the Dawei can find good quality Christian resources (videos, music, websites, etc.) as they search the media.

Ministry Obstacles

The Dawei have proven to be disinterested in the gospel in the past.

Scripture Focus

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1


Prayer Focus

Pray that this people group will be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.

Pray for peaceful relations between the Dawei and Burmese authorities. Pray that those refugees in Thailand would be less resistant to the gospel. Pray for a movement to Christ among these Buddhists. Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Dawei would be joyful always, praying continually, giving thanks in all circumstances, and willing to give a reason for their faith.



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People Name:	Dawei, Tavoyan
Pronunciation:	dah-WAY
Country:	Myanmar (Burma)
10/40 Window:	Yes
Population:	462,000
World Popl:	462,600
Main Language:	Tavoyan
Main Religion:	Buddhism
Scripture:	New Testament
Online NT:	Yes
Jesus Film:	No
Audio Recordings:	Yes
Christ Followers:	Few, less than 2%
Status:	Unreached
Progress Level:	

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