

ANGIKA, BHOJPURI, MAGAHI AND MAITILLI SPEAKING MUSLIMS IN

Bihar

Want to move here?

4 MILLION

Angika-Speaking Muslims

4.5 MILLION

Bhojpuri-Speaking Muslims

3.5 MILLION

Magahi-Speaking Muslims

7 MILLION

Maitilli-Speaking Muslims

15+

Unreached and Unengaged
Muslim People Groups



MAP OF INDIA

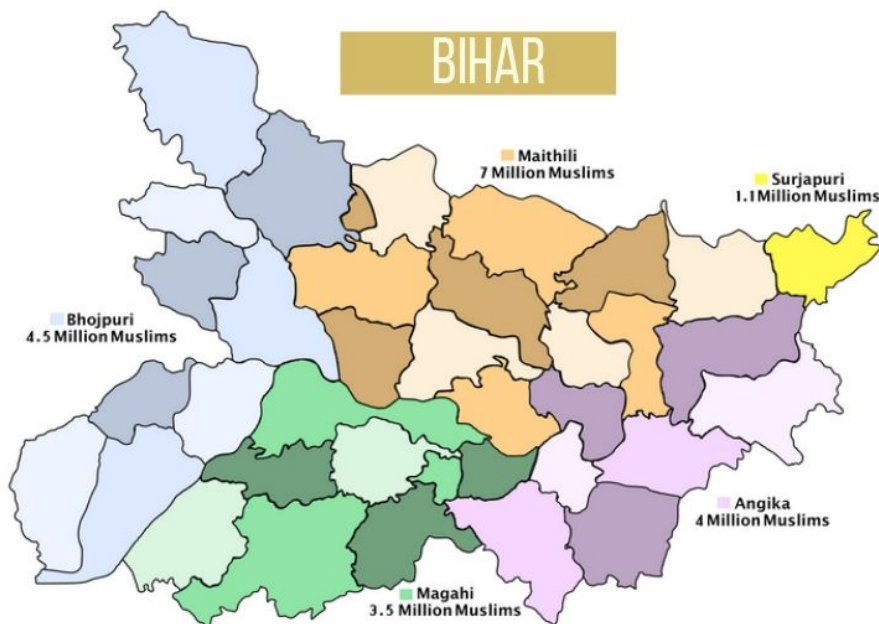


ABOUT BIHAR

Bihar is India's third most populous state, with nearly 105 million residents; 20 million of them are Muslims. The districts of Bihar can be loosely grouped together by the primary Bihari dialects spoken there. These subcategories are helpful to recruit focused teams for the Bhojpuri-speaking districts, Magahi-speaking districts, Maithili-speaking districts, Angika-speaking districts, and Surjapuri-speaking districts. The Magahi and Angika districts are woefully without disciple-making movement teams focused on Muslims, and the other three only have a handful of long-term field workers. Millions of unengaged Muslims, representing dozens of people groups, live in these language groups, with no access to Christ.

"My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else."

— Romans 15:20 —



MUSLIMS IN BIHAR

Overview & OPPORTUNITIES

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LIVABILITY

Bihar is a strenuous place to live, having a reputation as India's most "backward" state. It is one of India's least developed regions, though recent administrations have invested heavily into infrastructure and have sought to combat corruption. High levels of poverty and illiteracy, coupled with low levels of development and hot weather, make Bihar a challenging place to live. Flooding and poverty force family members to seek work elsewhere.



Bihar does, however, have a profoundly rich history, having served as the seat of powerful ancient kingdoms and the birthplace of important religious traditions. Buddhism, for example, traces its history to Bihar's Gaya district. Today, Bihar is racing to catch up with the rest of India in terms of development and education. Things are steadily improving. Fertile land is, perhaps, the regions' greatest resource – nourished by the Ganges River. With the highest percentage of youth in the country, 58% of people in Bihar are under 25 years of age.

Someone hoping to serve Magahi-speaking Muslims might live in the key cities of Patna or BodhGaya. To reach Angika-speaking Muslims, a team could focus on the key cities of Bhagalpur or Katihar. To live among Maithili-speaking Muslims, a family might choose Darbhanga or Muzaffarpur, all cities in which few foreigners live.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Because the population of Bihar is so astronomically large, and the number of teams focused on Bihari Muslims is so small, additional teams are needed who will strategize not only for a single people group, or a single city, but for the clusters of districts and people groups relating to the primary Bihari dialects. Meaningful collaboration with the few teams present is possible.

Direct engagement opportunities with Bihari Muslims abound through activities related to business, community development, healthcare, and education. However, it should be noted that much of the disciple-making fruit experienced in Bihar to date has come through partnerships with Indian believers. Though the percentage of Christians is extremely small in Bihar, the massive population makes a tiny percentage turn into a total number in the many tens-of-thousands. Such proximate believers can be mobilized and catalyzed to great effect.

Foreigners moving to live in Bihar usually apply for business visas to start or franchise an existing kingdom business, or do consulting or training.

Is God speaking to your heart about the Muslim people in India? Prayagraj offers a unique opportunity for influencing how Muslims throughout India learn about the Savior they have never known.