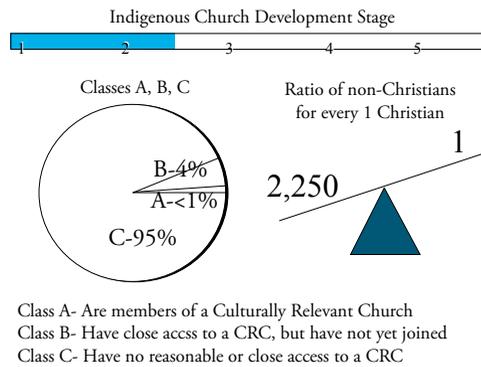




## Quick Facts

**Population:** 2,700,000  
 India: 2,500,000  
 United Kingdom: 30,000  
 Malaysia: 30,000  
 Philippines: 20,000  
**Religion:** Hinduism  
**Believers:** 0.04%  
**Scriptures:** Yes-NT  
**Ministry Tools:** JRT  
**Church Status:** 2  
**Mission Status:** 2  
**MS Subgroups:** 20+



**Identity:** The Sindhi Hindus are the descendants of primarily Vaisya castes which resisted conversion to Islam under the Arab-Turkic invasions in the Middle Ages. As such, they exhibit a higher degree of homogeneity than any other Hindu society in India.

**Lifestyle:** The Sindhi Hindus are one of the most prosperous communities in India. Widely scattered throughout the country, they are almost entirely urbanized. Most families operate their own business, including textile plants, moneylending, banking, hotels and general trading. They are a highly educated community, parents encouraging both boys and girls to complete graduate-level degrees. As a result, many have now become engineers, doctors, artists, and professors.

**Customs:** Unlike other high-caste Hindu communities, the Sindhis are known for their social egalitarianism. They freely share water and food

sources, as well as temples and religious festivals with other communities of lesser social status. Their women also have a high socio-religious role, contributing to both the family business, and conducting home *pujas* (family worship).

**Religion:** Sindhi Hinduism has been greatly influenced by Sikhism and the teaching of its founder, Guru Nanak, who is worshipped in the manner of a Hindu god. The sacred book of the Sikhs, the Guru Granth Saheb, is also included among their dieties. This syncretism, may in part be due to the fact that Muslim conquerors killed off the entire Brahman caste among the Sindhis, resulting in a void of spiritual leadership. Today, the Sindhis either borrow or have imported Brahmans from other communities to perform sacred life-cycle ceremonies.

**Christian Outreach:** There has been a greater response of Sindhi Hindus coming to Christ outside of India than

within. This is partly due to the fact that very intentional efforts have been made by international mission organizations to reach the diaspora communities with the hope that believers will return to India to evangelize their extended families. Though the response among overseas Sindhi has been relatively encouraging, the strategy has yet to prove effective.

## How to Pray:

☞ There are several attempts being made by indigenous Indian organizations to reach the Hindu Sindhi. Pray that God would supernaturally open doors for them to share the love of Christ with this wealthy, socially elite group.

☞ Most diaspora Sindhi believers find it difficult to wrest themselves from their family business responsibilities. Pray for a Kingdom mentality to be given to families and churches, and for God's call to reach the hearts of those whom he has apostolically set apart.

☞ An international association of Sindhi fellowships has been established to network the scattered believers and churches around the world. Pray for unity, vision, strategic planning, and wise Kingdom use of potentially

**Every year 24,000 Sindhi Hindus die without Christ.**