



Who are the Rangji people?

The Rangji live in the hilly region of north central Tanzania. They are primarily farmers, growing crops such as maize and millet. Travelling in search of permanent water sources, their ancestors were water diviners. They believe that their ancestors travelled across Ethiopia and Kenya, and south to Tanzania through the Rift Valley, until they reached Haubi. At one stage there was a large lake in Haubi, but this has dried up in recent years.

They are farmers and grow crops like sunflower seeds, maize, millet, beans, lentils, peas, and onions.



They are a matriarchal society.



What do they believe?

The predominant religion among the Rangji is Islam, but it is mixed up with their traditional beliefs. There are lots of reports of witchcraft and sorcery, which have sometimes generated a fear among the people living in the surrounding areas. A very small percentage has been influenced by Christianity from outreach from the Catholic church. Many evangelists and pastors from non-Rangji Protestant backgrounds have worked among the Rangji, but this has so far had very little impact.



They live in villages and get their identity from their communities.

What is being done to reach them?

Two AIM Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) teams have lived and worked among the Rangji, in 1998-2000 and 2012-2014. There are missionaries currently living among them. There are portions of the Bible available in the Rangji language, and translation work is continuing. The Jesus film has recently been completed in Rangji, and a Rangji believer travels from village to village showing the film.



Only 2% of the Rangji population hold a salaried job. Most other incomes come from small businesses or cargo transportation.

Give thanks:

- * For 10 new Rangji believers living in Kon (the largest town among the Rangji), who meet each week to pray and read God's word.
- * For the effectiveness of the Jesus film in Rangji.

Please pray:

- * For God to raise up more workers to go and serve among the Rangji of Tanzania.
- * That God would lead missionaries and local believers to Rangji people who can act as a bridge into their communities.
- * That God would sustain the group of new Rangji believers in Kon. This group is extremely fragile and following Jesus is so new for them. Pray for their spiritual growth and that they would cling to truth.
- * That Rangji leaders in the community will begin to follow Jesus, and that their decisions will open the door for others, who are scared of the social consequences of following Jesus.
- * That the Rangji will understand the seriousness of sin, and that sin cannot be erased by doing a lot of good deeds.
- * That God would meet the critical material needs of Rangji people who are in desperate need, but even more, that he would meet their spiritual needs.

Who is AIM?

Africa Inland Mission is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work amongst African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a life-time of ministry.

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