

Paite *of Northern India*



Over thousands of years, India has become the home of a countless number of ethnic groups, including the **Paite** people, which have maintained their own distinctive culture.

The **Paite** can be distinguished by their social systems, marriage customs, languages, religions, and to some degree, their isolation. They have formed their own socially distinct community. These people, which were also known as “untouchables”, form the lowest Hindu caste. Because they are very underdeveloped, the Indian government has attempted to bring them into the mainstream of political and economic life.

Most Paite live in small secluded, communities, often with a very weak structure of leadership. The basic unit of the society is the family and most tend to marry within their own social groups. Though mostly free to chose a spouse, a few require the sometimes costly payment of a “bride price” to the girl’s family. This means a great deal of work and sacrifice from the groom’s family to acquire the funds.

Statistics

- **People Group:** Paite
- **Country:** India
- **Language:** Paite
- **Family:** Sino-Tibetan
- **Alternate Names:** Chin, Hainte, Haithe, Kuki, Lushai, Oarte, Paithe, Parte, Sahte, Tedim, Vuite
- **Population of Paite:** 78,000 +
- **Mission agencies working amongst people:** Unknown
- **Christian broadcasts in their own language:** None
- **Population of India:** 1,022,021,300 (2000)

Prayer Points

- ◆ Ask the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into India to share the love of Jesus through the Word of God in the newly printed Paite Bible.
- ◆ Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the spiritual soil of India through worship and intercession.
- ◆ Pray that the small number of tribal believers will begin to share the Gospel with their own people.
- ◆ Take authority over the principalities and powers that are keeping these tribes bound.
- ◆ Pray for the salvation of key leaders who will boldly declare the Gospel.



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The **Paite** in Northern India



Country

The Republic of India consists of 25 union states and 7 union territories and the nation dominates South Asia and the Indian Ocean.

Since 1947, India has been the world's largest functioning democracy. Tensions have increased resulting in savage rioting and destruction following the 1991 elections, destabilizing India's political life and social balance.

Beliefs

Being heavily influenced by their more powerful Hindu neighbors, the Paite have given up many of their traditional customs to imitate the Hindu customs of the Brahmans (highest caste of Hindu priests and scholars). Although some remnants of their ethnic religions are evident, the tribes are primarily considered Hindu.

Needs

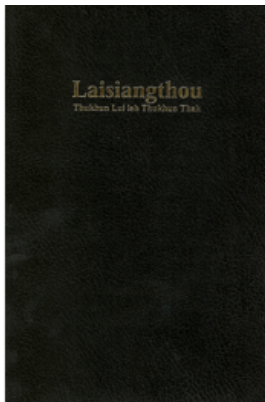
The isolated, smaller tribes have no Christian resources available in their language. Efforts need to be made to reach them.

Practical help is sorely needed in the areas of agriculture, education and especially health care. Medical supplies along with qualified doctors and nurses are severely lacking in remote areas.

FirstBible and the New Paite Bible

Unreached People Group: Paite, Northern India

Bible Presentation & Dedication: India, February 11th, 2005



Above, a copy of the Paite Bible

Right, a sample of scripture from its pages.

FirstBible International in partnership with its affiliate *Bibles International*, completed the translation and printing of the first full Bible in the Paite language. The work was finally completed and in February 2005 Dr. Charles Keen, Director of *FirstBible* International was part of a delegation presenting the Paite people the Bible in their own language.

