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## ASIA AOKA PEOPLE

*"This is the confidence we have  
in approaching God: that if  
we ask anything according  
to his will, he hears us."*

1 John 5:14

### PRAYER POINTS

~ Pray against animistic belief & that the Aoka will denounce ancestral worship & look to the true God of the universe.

~ Pray against the demons & evil spirits that harass the Aoka.

~ Pray for laborers to reach the Aoka with the good news & that they will receive Jesus as Lord & Saviour.

### STATISTICS

Population 320,000

Christian 1.00%

Evangelical 0.70%

Largest Religion - Ethnic Religions

Main Language - Chinese, Xiang

Tired of being harassed in the aftermath of Chinese wars against them, the ancestors of the Aoka entered an era of migration. They fled across mountain ranges in hope of finding a new life in peace and isolation.

In many villages, Aoka believe the stove is the center of their home & they are afraid to offend the "spirit of the stove". They are forbidden to place their feet or shoes on the stove and at night they must remove all pots & pans from it to avoid bringing a curse to the family.

Today the majority of Aoka are animists, living under the influence of demons & evil spirits. Many have adopted the ancestral worship & belief systems of their Han Chinese neighbors.



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