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LAO PEOPLE

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He told them,

*'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'*

Luke 10:2

## PRAYER POINTS

- ~ Pray against the lies of the enemy that keep Lao people bound.
- ~ Pray for effective new strategies to evangelize the Lao.
- ~ Ask God to use Lao believers to share Jesus with their own people.
- ~ Pray for the Lord to call workers to bring the gospel to the Lao.

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## STATISTICS

Population 3,252,000

Christian 3.5%

Ethnic Religion - 3.0%

Largest Religion - Buddhism - 87.5% (Other - 6.0%)

Main Language - Lao

In Laos, almost 90% of the Lao people are Buddhists, & the Wat, or temple, is the center of village life. Buddhists believe that right thinking, ritual sacrifices, & self-denial will enable the soul to reach nirvana (eternal bliss) at death. Buddhists live in fear of spiritist gods, constantly seeking to appease them with chants, rituals & sacrifices.

Other Laos follow Ethnic Religions combining animism with Buddhism. They seek help through objects they believe have powerful spirits & territorial deities are of major importance to them.



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