



Central Hongshuihe Zhuang

Arriving in Guangxi Province in 1862, Southern Baptist R.H. Graves was the first missionary to work among the Zhuang. In 1895, another mission organization began work in the area. In a period of 50 years the two groups established over 60 churches. A large number of those who attended were Han Chinese but there were also many Zhuang believers. Today there are roughly 7,000 believers among the 2 million Central Hongshuihe Zhuang people.

The Central Hongshuihe Zhuang cover a large area of Northern Guangxi Province. They are primarily farmers and are referred to by other local nationalities as “people of the soil.” Their homes are commonly built up on stilts.

Central Hongshuihe Zhuang tradition still followed today requires a woman who is newly married to live with her parents until after the birth of her first child. Only after the child is born does she move out of her parents’ house and into a home with her husband in his village.

The Central Hongshuihe Zhuang believe that there are spirits inside all of nature including water, trees, mountains, etc. They are very fearful of offending those spirits. The Zhuang need to know the God of Creation who loves and cares for them.



Map courtesy of The World Factbook 2010

Prayer Starters

- Pray for the 7000 believers among the Central Hongshuihe Zhuang to have a passionate desire to share the love of Jesus with everyone they meet.
- Pray that the Central Hongshuihe Zhuang people will realize the futility of believing in the spirits in nature and learn about the one and only God who created everything in nature. Pray they will come to know Him and live their lives by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for strong spiritual leadership for the churches among the Central Hongshuihe Zhuang. Pray that the church will embrace the vision to see all 2 million Central Hongshuihe Zhuang come to faith in Jesus Christ.

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