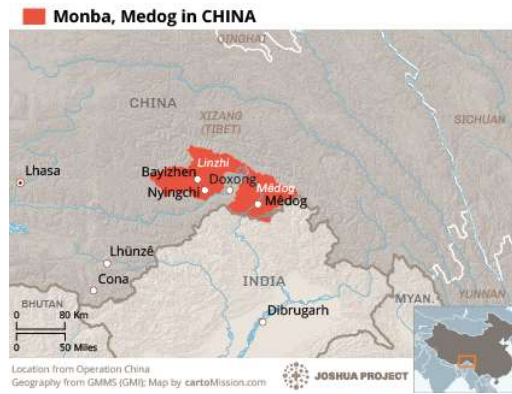


# Monba, Cona in China



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*"Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*

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## IDENTITY

Some of the Cona Monba were counted in the Tibetan nationality, whereas all of the Medog Monba have been counted as part of the Monba nationality.

## HISTORY

The Monba became poverty stricken following the implementation of a feudal system imposed on them by the Zhuba Geju faction in the fourteenth century. For centuries they were effectively slaves of the Tibetans.

## CUSTOMS

The Monba are known for their hospitality. They have a great love for music, singing, and dancing. "Most of them are able to play the traditional bamboo flute, a short thick instrument with four finger holes. ... Their silversmiths are skillful in designing bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and other ornaments." At Monba weddings, the bride's uncle is the most honored guest. According to tradition, he "finds fault in everything, complaining the meat slices are too thick and the drinks too cheap. He bangs on the table with his fists, glowering angrily at everyone who passes. He behaves in this way to test the groom's family and observe their reactions."

## RELIGION

The majority of Monba follow Tibetan Buddhism. Some, however, still maintain their traditional belief in unseen gods, demons, and ancestral spirits. Shamans and some Buddhist monks frequently use magic to cure the sick.

## CHRISTIANITY

The Medog Monba are completely unaware that Christ came two millennia ago and died for their sin. No missionaries were allowed to work in this area of Tibet in the past. There are no churches near Medog for more than a hundred miles in any direction. The Monba have existed for generations without any flicker of spiritual light to brighten their lives. Few have ever interceded on their behalf for Christian workers to reach these lonely communities with the good news.

## PRAYER POINTS

\* Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers to this people group. (Mt 9:37-38, Jn 4:35)

\* Pray for the Holy Spirit to equip, empower, and guide these laborers to bear fruit through disciple-making and church-planting movements within this people group. (Mt 18:8, Mk 4:8, Jn 15:8)

\* Ask the Holy Spirit to multiply these movements until there is no place left in this people group where Christ is not

People Name	Monba, Cona
Country	China
Status	Unengaged Unreached
Population	44,000
Language	Monpa, Tawang
Religion	Buddhism
Written Scripture	Yes
Oral Scripture	No
Jesus Film	No
Gospel Recordings	Yes
Christ Followers	No
Churches	No
Workers Needed	1
Workers Reported	0

preached or known. (Mt 24:14, Mt 28:18-20, Acts 19:10, Rom 15:23)

\* Ask that these movements transform this people group's culture to fully glorify God and represent His Kingdom on earth. (Mt 6:9-10, Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 3:18)

\* Pray for every opposing spirit to give way to the liberating, life-giving gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the coming King. (James 4:7, 2 Cor 10:4-5, 1 Cor 15:58, Mt 18:18)

## SOURCES

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