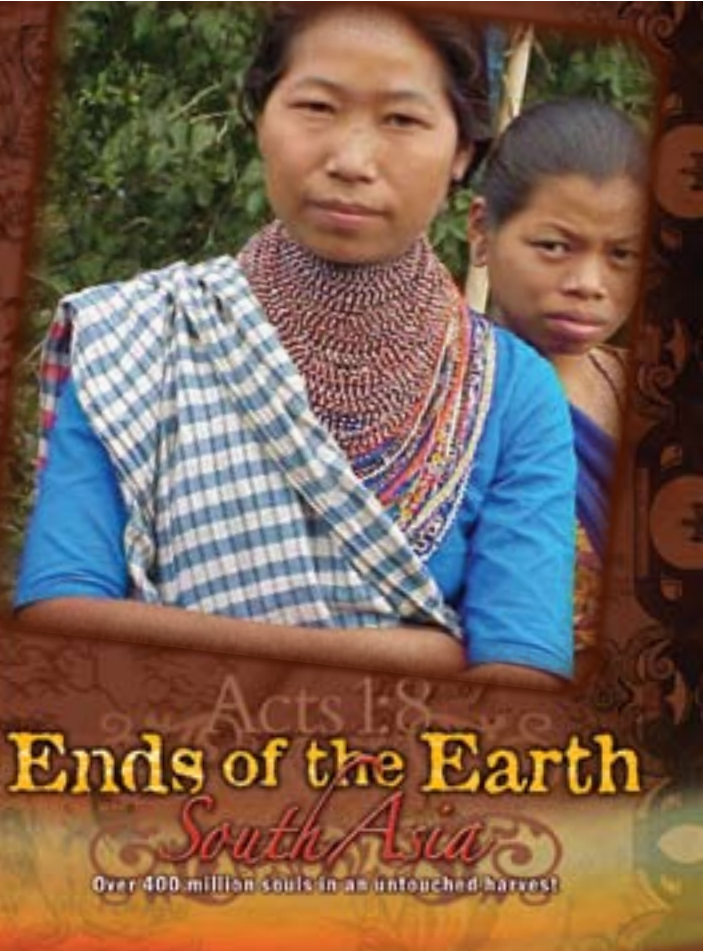


# Pray for the *Tipera* of India

The Tipera are a semi-nomadic farming people who live in northeastern India. They are descended from a prominent Indo-Mongoloid people and retain significant influence in the area they inhabit. Tiperas primarily live in villages, segregated by clan and caste, and are ruled by a village headman. Though the majority of Tiperas are Hindus, their practices and beliefs are highly animistic, appealing to the benevolence of the spirit world for prosperity.

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My name is Manik. I live in a village in Tripura, a state in northeastern India very near Bangladesh. My small village is made up of my family and my clan.

We are farmers. The people of my village used to move around in the hills and valleys of the state with the changing of crop seasons, but when I was a small child the government moved us to our present location in the plains. We now stay in one place and farm rice and wheat. It is difficult for us to adjust to this new form of settled life.

We have no good drinking water and no medical facilities, so life can be very hard and people get sick often.

Our existence depends on the welfare of our crops, so the yearly floods are a constant threat. We pray to the spirits of the land and sky to spare our crops and our village. Sometimes they listen and the flooding is mild, but some years the spirits are very angry with us, and they send great floods that kill crops and people alike. It is then that we must perform special pujas (worship ceremonies) to appease the gods.

*(Manik is a fictional character whose story is based on research and anthropological profiles of the Tipera.)*



### Fast Facts

Religion: Hinduism  
Language: Kok Borok  
Population: 605,000  
Division: Northeast

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