

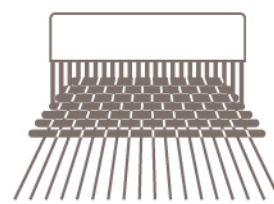


A GUIDE TO THE BOUYEI PEOPLE

The Bouyei, and many other Kadai people groups, are descendants of the ancient “Yue” peoples of south-central China. Throughout history, the Chinese have used many various terms for the Yue people and recently for the Bouyei. Only since 1953 has the name “Bouyei” (Buyi in Chinese) become official. Most Bouyei live in Central, Southern, and Southwest Guizhou Province of South-west China.



Religious influences: Animism and spirit worship, Ancestor worship, Daoism, Buddhism, Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, Materialism.



Known for their making of batik textiles in China.



Agricultural people and farm for subsistence.



Live in Southwest China - About 3 million people.



More than 250,000 working away from their homes as migrant or factory workers.



Christianity: less than 0.0003%.



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In 1877 Guiyang was entered by China Inland Mission's J.F. Braumton. Originally portions of the Bible may have been translated into Bouyei in 1904 by missionary Samuel Clarke. However this translation work is now obsolete as today it cannot be read by the Bouyei. Before China Inland Mission workers were forced to leave China, there was little mention of work or believers among the Bouyei.

