



A GUIDE TO THE DONG PEOPLE

The Dong people originated from the Bai-Yue minority group and began moving south into present day Thailand and South China more than a thousand years ago. The Dong language is part of, what is classified as, Dai languages. Those who stayed in China evolved into what are now several, but separate related people groups: Dong, Mulao, Shui, Bouyei, Zhuang, among others.

From 1911 to 1949 the Dong were known as “Dong Jia” by the local Han Chinese.



From the mountainous regions of southwest China
- About 3 million people.



They take great pride in their homes, Drum Towers, and Wind and Rain Bridges.



Agricultural society: rice farming, tea plantation and lumber industry.



Animistic and polytheistic society, worship of ancestors and female goddesses.



“Dongnian Festival”: delicious food and many rich and colourful performances.



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Although, CIM (China Inland Mission) commenced work among the Dong around 1910, to this day, majority of the villages have never heard of the Gospel. Thus, it remains as an unreached people group - with almost 0% Christians - having very small numbers of Believers and a few house fellowships.