



A GUIDE TO THE
TAI LUE PEOPLE

Hundreds of years ago the Tai Lue were part of a kingdom called “Lanna.” That kingdom eventually spread south and is the same people group as those found in northern Laos and northern Thailand. The Tai Lue are located in SW China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar.



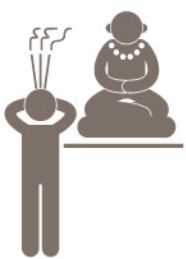
Population: 1.2 - 1.5 million people
Language: Tai Lue.



Their new year is celebrated in April with a giant water fight - called the “Water- splashing festival” (to bring blessing and wash away sins).



They are one of the wealthier minorities. Traditionally they are farmers, but also depend on rubber trees and selling off valuable land.



The Tai Lue would say they are Buddhist, and most villages have a temple, but they in practice are animistic and very superstitious.



Estimated that less than 1% of the population know Jesus.



The Tai Lue are extremely proud of their culture, history and language and they delight in being Tai.



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There are about 200 known Christians in SW China, and we don't have reliable information about the other countries, but we have heard there are some Christians.