

## DAY 43: MAY 17

### Dukha

The Dukha, also called Tsaatan, are a small Turkic people group of 500-1,000 people **living in northern Mongolia**. The name Tsaatan means “those who have reindeer” . They speak Tuva and Mongolian and are among the world’s few remaining reindeer-herding peoples.

Traditionally nomadic, the Dukha move frequently and live in portable yurts made mainly from tree bark. **Reindeer are central** to their lives, providing milk products, transport, and companionship. Adults and children alike care for and train them.

The Dukha follow Tengrism, **worshipping creation and ancestors**, and believing ancestral spirits guide them through animals. Their nomadic way of life makes access to the Gospel difficult.



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### Scripture

“Sing praises to the Lord, O ‘Dukha’, and declare among your people what he has done.”

Psalms 9:11

### Prayer Points

- ✓ Pray that God would **break down spiritual strongholds** that are preventing the spread of the Gospel among the Dukha.
- ✓ Pray that **ways are found** to give the Dukha the gospel message.
- ✓ Pray that they will be shown the Bible and **replace their religious books** with it and that the Dukha will come to Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Pray for healthy **multiplication of disciples and churches** among the Dukha.