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The Cheq Wong (also known as Chewong or Siwong) are peaceful people who live mainly in the deep forests of Peninsular Malaysia. They are primarily farmers and hunters and earn money from selling durian and other local crops. While some work as day laborers, many are shifting cultivators, moving from place to place and maintaining a traditional hunter-gatherer lifestyle.

Cheq Wong people hold animistic beliefs and tie religious rituals closely to their use of the forest. For example, they build campfires to ward off evil spirits. They greatly fear a spirit called the *bas*, which they believe feeds on human souls. While they have no official religious leader, any Cheq Wong individual may use trances and chanting to communicate with spirits.

Development projects are taking away the ancestral forest lands of the Cheq Wong people, and many of them are gradually changing their traditional lifestyles. They don't yet have any portions of God's Word in their language, and there are very few Christ followers among them. Pray for Bible translation to begin soon for the Cheq Wong people in a way they can understand and accept. Pray for their physical and spiritual needs to be met in Christ.

**PRESENCE** - For God to prepare hearts to receive His Word. (Isaiah 48:17)

**PROVISION** - For needed financial provision, prayer partners, translation consultants, and translators. (Luke 10:2)

**PROTECTION** - Against spiritual and physical opposition. (Ephesians 6:12, 18)

We are passionate about growing in prayer with you. Here are five prayer habits for you to practice when praying for this language community:

- 1. Before you read your Bible, pray for the ministry of Bible translation to begin for this language community.
- 2. Before you eat, pray for the provision of Bible translators who will bring the eternal food, the Scriptures, to their people group.
- Write out a "breath prayer" to pray for your language community. Something like, "Jesus, rescue this people group out of darkness with the light of your word."
- 4. When you walk, pray for the "word of God to run swiftly" to this language community (Psalm 147:15).
- 5. Invite others to join you in praying for this language community (Acts 2:42).

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