

Unreached Peoples: The Tribes of Myanmar Burma Rakhine State

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The sermon highlights the cultural diversity and resilience of the ethnic minorities in Rakhine State, Myanmar.

Scripture: Psalm 133:1, Colossians 3:23

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Description

This sermon explores the rich cultural diversity and traditions of various ethnic minorities in Rakhine State, highlighting the resilience and unique practices of the Rakhine, Murul, Thet, Kamui, and Chaunga tribes. It emphasizes the importance of preserving heritage and community bonds through activities like basket weaving, traditional music, and resourceful practices like tapping kerosene oil. The narrative paints a vivid picture of village life and the interconnectedness of these tribes within the larger Rakhine community.

Transcript

If we go up for northern reaches of Glenin River in Rakhine State, we are on the land of Rakhine, Murul, Thet, Kamui and Chaunga, different ethnic minorities, collectively called Rakhine. After landing from the country boat, we approached a village of Thet minority, which was hidden behind a lake and hillocks. But a footpath and cool green shady trees is leading into the village main road.

We first found an elderly woman weaving baskets. Though persistent, she finally shows us how she takes off and puts on her large earrings. In another village, further north on Glenin River, another Murul tribes are found very musical.

While pounding rice, while weaving, everywhere girls are humming, singing their traditional songs, depicting how their tribes have survived and emerged. In another village, in the delta of lower Kaladan, Chaunga tribe is almost termed energy-minded because they tap crude kerosene oil from neighboring soil by local means for small-scale home use. One villager says they have been tapping for years and years for their own local use.

This is a Rakhine dance number performed by the culture troupe. Rakhine dance number

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