

Qassab



Introduction / History:

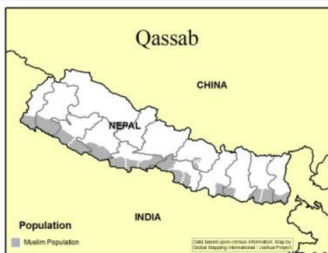
The Qassab are a small community in Nepal however quite large in north and central India as well as Pakistan. In India they are commonly known as Khatik or Kasab. The term *khattika* in Sanskrit means “butcher” or “hunter”. The Qassab are traditionally known as a Muslim caste of butchers and meat sellers. Many Qassab today are working in small business or as daily labourers.

What is their life like?

Because of their profession of slaughtering animals they occupy a generally low status among the majority Hindu population. They speak Nepali and Urdu among themselves but also often understand Hindi. As a community they allow both child and adult marriages. The Qassab community can have a council known as Jamat, which constitutes of five chosen members, which handle disputes among the families. They follow Islamic laws in relation to marriage, divorce, remarriage and the inheritance of property. The Qassab people are Sunni Muslims. The Imam and Qazi give religious teachings and conduct religious rites. They are known to share their burial grounds and mosques with other Muslim groups.

Ministry needs:

May God send Christian workers to work among them and meet their spiritual and physical needs. That they would know that in Christ they are not lower than others but equal in God's eyes to receive the Good News of Jesus.



Population:

Nepal : 1,400

Total 1,974,000

Language: Nepali,

Urdu, Bhojpuri & Awadhi

Believers: 0