

# BENGALI MUSLIMS IN Chandpur & Noakhali

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2.7 MILLION

Number of Muslims in Chandpur District, Bangladesh



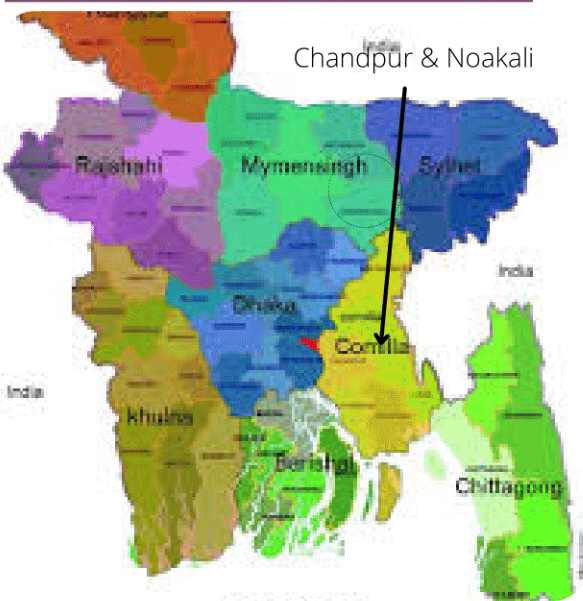
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Number of Muslims in Noakhali District, Bangladesh

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Number of Long Term cross-cultural movement workers

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## ABOUT BENGALI MUSLIMS IN THE SOUTH

A wide road from the big city of Dhaka opened up easier travel into the Chandpur and Noakhali districts, where no known long-term disciple-making movement effort is currently happening from any agency, local or foreign. Most cross-cultural workers are clustered in Dhaka or Chittagong, leaving millions of Bengalis in the southern districts without access to the Good News. Seventy years ago, Gandhi waged peace in Noakhali with his famous sojourn walk in response to a massacre in the villages, that led to India's independence. A recent survey to explore how kingdom-minded business people might live here showed extreme welcome, openness to consider Jesus Christ, and encouraging options for livability.

## LIVABILITY

Mostly rural, villages and farms wind through the region through a tropical landscape, and a tropical hot climate with a long monsoon season. Lush green foliage, with access to water on all three sides, mask the feeling of millions of people living on such a small space of land. Life is slower paced here, with tight communities, banding over a shared history of the still recent Indo-Pakistan war of 1971. Many families also have a father or brother working abroad or in the big city to supplement their income. With a cell phone in every hand, young people are learning English and may have a more western worldview due to social media and western media influences. Facebook is big in Bangladesh!



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## Overview & OPPORTUNITIES

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### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Because few foreigners choose to live in Chandpur or Noakhali, what a foreigner does, even where they shop or eat, will be closely followed and everyone in the city will know about it. An acceptable identity and gaining welcome ahead of time will be important.

It's possible to first study Bangla in Dhaka or in the northern city at an established school at a kingdom language place, taking survey trips into Chandpur or Noakhali until a viable identity is found. While non-profit NGOs cover the countryside and have made significant progress in poverty alleviation, community development, and elevating dignity, most of them are not focused on a movement of disciples coming to Christ.

Foreign business people are highly regarded and welcomed, especially those that might create jobs through service-based businesses. Learning English is highly desired, for example. Someone with a sustainable agriculture or related business degree that could increase productivity or distribution capabilities for farmers might do well here. On YouTube, search "*Twinsauce Business in Bangladesh*" to see a vlog of three kingdom businesses in the city of Dhaka for examples or franchising.



*The present and the future potential right here in these kids eyes who live in the villages. They've got hopes and dreams!*

### SOCIETY

With 160,000 in the town of Chandpur, and only 130,000 in the town of Noakhali (also called Maijdee), foreigners choosing to move here would be quite visible. Locals are welcoming, but cautious of foreigners, wanting to protect the guest (and Bangladesh's international reputation) from any terrorist activity. Both cities now boast several malls with modern amenities, selling foreign goods, and several restaurants, hospital and colleges. However, most people would go to Dhaka (4 hours from Chandpur and 8 hours drive from Noakhali) for higher quality education and care.

Bengalis themselves have a reputation for welcome, smiles, loving life, music and art, and are characterized as warm and friendly. There are 130+ million Bengali Muslims in the world today.

My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else. - Romans 15:20

Is God speaking to your heart about the Muslim people in Bangladesh? Southern Bangladesh offers a unique opportunity for influencing how Muslims throughout Bangladesh learn about the Savior they have never known.