Overview of the Khamnigan Mongols

Countries: China, Russia, Mongolia
Pronunciation: “Khahm-nee-gahn”
Other Names: Khamnigan, Kamnigan, Xamnigan, Hamunikan
Population Source: 1,600 (1993 J. Janhunen); Out of a total Mongol population of 4,806,849 (1990 census); Also in Russia, and Mongolia
Location: NE Inner Mongolia: Chen Baehru Banner of Hulunbuir League
Status: Officially included under Mongolian
Language: Altaic, Mongolian, Eastern Mongolian
Dialects: 2
Religion: Shamanism, Animism
Christians: None known
Scripture: None
Jesus film: None
Gospel Recordings: None
Christian Broadcasting: None
ROPAL code: None

Status of Evangelization

A = Have never heard the gospel
B = Were evangelized but did not become Christians
C = Are adherents to any form of Christianity

A = 94%
B = 6%
C = 0%

Religion: Unlike most other Mongol groups, the Khamnigan Mongols have never adhered to Tibetan Buddhism. Their primary religion is shamanism. They worship the elements of nature, not unlike the Mongols at the time of Genghis Khan.

Christianity: One missionary visiting the Khamnigan Mongols in 1995 revealed that there are no known Christians or churches among them. Some may have heard the gospel through the witness of the Ewenki, who number more than 100 Eastern Orthodox believers in China. Most Khamnigan Mongols in China, however, remain completely ignorant of the person of Jesus Christ. No Scriptures or audio gospel recordings have been translated into the unique Khamnigan Mongol language.