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The traditional occupations of this Scheduled Caste were carrying carcasses and working as village servants. They used to remind the Lingayat Bania about the full moon and new moon days of the month, so that the latter could perform the necessary rites to Lord Shiva. More recently, they are engaged as wage labourers in agricultural operations and some are employed in government service. Some of their deities are Durgamma, Mariyamma, Hanumantha, Yellamma and Huli gamma. They accept water and cooked food from all communities except the Madar and Dhor. The 1981 census shows their literacy rate as 22%.

### Ministry Obstacles

The low literacy rate will be an obstacle if the good news of Christ comes to this community only in written form.

### Outreach Ideas

Much prayer is needed to prepare hearts to understand and receive the Gospel message. Teams of workers relating and explaining stories from scripture can partially overcome the low literacy rate.

### Pray for the followers of Christ

There are a few followers of Jesus Christ within this community, and they need our prayers. Pray they will consistently clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, and will represent Christ well.

### Pray for the entire people group

Pray this low caste community will be able to increasingly educate their children, find improved employment situations, and see their standard of living rise in years ahead.

### Scripture Focus

"...that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no one else." I Kings, 8:60