Bangka in Indonesia

he Bangka live on the island of Bangka in the South China Sea, off the east coast of Sumatra Island in Bangka-Belitung Province. Other Indonesians often visit this island because it has beautiful beaches. Inhabitants of the island are composed of two groups: those descended from the Malay and those descended from the Chinese. The Bangka Malay are Muslims; however, they are not particularly orthodox in their beliefs. Mosques have few visitors during the sunset ritual prayers.

Obstacles

The Bangka are Muslim, so their faith is in the teachings of the Koran rather than the blood of Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ideas

There has been an economic downturn in tin mining, the main industry among the Bangka. This presents an opportunity for Christ followers to minister to the Bangka by helping them build new businesses and explore new industries.

Prayer Focus

Pray that there would be economic prosperity in the Bangka community,



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LANGUAGE: Bangka
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

and that the Lord would be faithful in providing financial resources to struggling families. Pray that the small group of Christ followers among the Bangka would rise up in courage and share the love of Christ with their unbelieving neighbors. Pray for spiritual hunger among the Bangka, leading them to the cross.

SCRIPTURE Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, Heb. 2:14

PRAY for today's people group to escape the power of death and the devil and to flee to Jesus Christ.