

Banjar in Indonesia



Although they are devout Muslims, the Banjar proudly trace their origins to a legendary Hindu kingdom, the Negara Dipa. In 1526, Banjar Prince Samudera accepted Islam and took the name of Sultan Suriansyah as a condition of receiving help from a Javanese army in overthrowing his uncle. The Banjar people do not look positively upon modern methods and technologies, nor do they mix socially with other people groups. This isolation has limited their development in education, health care, sanitation, and water purification.

Ministry Obstacles

Because of their lack of urban and cross-cultural engagement, their society has not progressed with surrounding cultures. They shun most who become Christians for the rest of their lives, making it difficult to spread the name of Jesus.

Outreach Ideas

Missionaries could build schools to encourage education and cultural engagement.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Christian Banjar find community and fellowship together.



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POPULATION: 4,397,000

LANGUAGE: Banjar

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for Banjar believers to be disciples who make other disciples. Pray that God grants repentance and grace to those who need Christ and provide them opportunities to receive him without fear. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit among the Banjar people, leading to many faithful disciples.

SCRIPTURE Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28, ESV

PRAY that they will soon understand that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.