

Bawaeen in Malaysia



In 1350, sailors saw a glimpse of light around an island in South East Asia and named it Kawi. It was a fitting name as it meant, "having the sunlight." Six hundred years later, "Kawi" officially became an island of the Republic of Indonesia. Now named Bawean, the island is home to the Bawean people. Bawean also live in the neighboring country of Malaysia. The Bawean are majority Sunni Muslims with some influence from traditional local beliefs. Many grow rice, maize and coconuts for a living.

Ministry Obstacles

Sharing the gospel with Muslims in Malaysia is very challenging; the government equates focusing on Christ as lord with "converting" out of Islam.

Outreach Ideas

Many Bawean people live in Singapore, where there is freedom of religion. Perhaps Christ followers can reach out to the Bawean in Singapore first, and new Bawean believers can take Christ to their people in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the love of Christ would be



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POPULATION: 57,000

LANGUAGE: Madura

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

experienced and embraced by the Bawean people. Pray that the Bawean would understand they can be adopted into the kingdom of light. Pray for believers in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore to shine Christ's light to those around them. Pray that there would be a movement to Christ among the Bawean.

SCRIPTURE On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" John 7:37-38

PRAY for this people group to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit and the overflowing, gracious love of God.

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