

Bengkulu in Indonesia



The Bengkulu people live in the city of Bengkulu, on Sumatra Island. They are descended from the union of multiple ethnic groups who once migrated to the area, including the Malay, Minangkabau, Acehnese and Javanese. The Bengkulu generally work as store clerks, ship builders, mechanics, construction contractors and government workers. In general, they live in wooden homes, raised on stilts and painted and decorated with special motifs. The majority of the Bengkulu are Muslim. However, they still practice certain traditional ceremonies and rituals according to their older animistic beliefs. These animistic ceremonies are focused on seeking protection from spirits by defeating them and driving them out.

Obstacles

The gospel of grace, undeserved favor from God, is difficult to believe and accept by those who have been taught a religion of personal effort.

Outreach Ideas

Building up Christ followers within Indonesia to reach the Bengkulu people is likely the most strategic way to share the gospel with them.



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POPULATION: 69,000

LANGUAGE: Malay, Central

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray the Lord would begin stirring their hearts so that they will be softened toward the good news of Christ. Pray for Christians in other Indonesian tribes to move toward the Bengkulu people and take steps to tell them of eternal life which is only found in Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. Acts 5:41

PRAY that believers in this people group are willing to endure persecution for the name of Christ.