

Bisaya in Malaysia



Have you heard of the "middle people," the Bisaya of Western Saba and Brunei Bay, Malaysia? They live along the "middle" stretches of the Limbang River, hence they are known as "people of the middle" or "people of the river," where they live in stilt long houses on the river front where they fish. They also farm inland. Their houses are divided into apartments where extended families live. This indigenous people group is overwhelmingly Muslim, but they mix orthodox Islamic beliefs with animistic and shamanistic practices.

Ministry Obstacles

Obstacles to ministry include a lack of Scripture in their language, lack of Spirit-empowered witness and evangelism, and a lack of intercessory prayer for them.

Outreach Ideas

Outreach is possible through Scripture portions and gospel messages in their language. There are other indigenous peoples with a gospel witness who can reach out to them if motivated by the Holy Spirit. Medical clinics are replacing shamans. Pray that the churches on Sarawak would pray for their kinsmen in Western Saba and Brunei Bay and seek to evangelize them as the Spirit leads. Pray that Christian doctors and clinics would be established among the Bisayas



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POPULATION: 74,000

LANGUAGE: Bisaya, Sabah

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

of Malaysia.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Christian doctors and clinics would take root among the Bisaya of Malaysia. Pray that they would become open to the gospel and Christian witness. Pray for a mighty movement to Christ among them this decade.

SCRIPTURE Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

PRAY that this people group hungers for God and begins to feed spiritually on the Bread of life, Jesus Christ.