

Cocos Islands Malay in Christmas Island



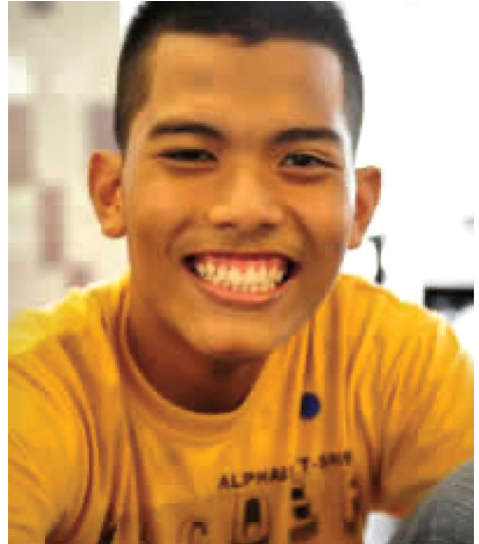
The land of coconuts, Christmas Islands, is the home for the Cocos Malay people. It was part of Singapore until there was a business deal in 1958 with Australia. The Cocos Malays have established an identity for themselves despite their disparate origins. The majority of the group is Muslim, and they are deeply committed to their religion. The most important celebration for the group is the Hari Raya Puasa, which marks the end of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan.

Ministry Obstacles

The Cocos Malays live a very isolated lifestyle. Few outsiders have lived among them, and little has been recorded about their cultural and traditional practices. They are also very committed to their faith and may not be open to change.

Outreach Ideas

The people group needs workers skilled in outreach to Muslims. Opportunities to help with medical and dental services are also available to qualified, mission-minded people.



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POPULATION: 600

LANGUAGE: Malay, Cocos Islands

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Needed

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for the word of Jesus to spread among the Cocos Malays until there is a massive harvest among them. Pray that they will not be exploited by outsiders. Pray for their protection, and for their spiritual and physical needs to be met.

SCRIPTURE The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Ps 19:1, NLT

PRAY *that many from today's people group will look to the sky, see God's artwork, and commit themselves to following this awesome savior!*