Kerinci in Bahrain

From hot and humid to hot and dry; that is a climate change faced by the Kerinci people who migrated from Indonesia to Bahrain for work. The drop in humidity is only one of the changes they had to face. They were a farming people in Sumatra, Indonesia; but farming is not something many people do in Bahrain. Like the majority of the people in Bahrain, the Kerinci people are Sunni Muslims.

Ministry Obstacles

Islam is the main religion, although the Kerinci retain many animistic beliefs. In their daily lives, they use the phrases tataman (met with a ghost), tatampo (hit by a ghost) and tapijek (stepped on by a ghost) on a regular basis, demonstrating their strong belief in the spirit world.

Outreach Ideas

There are a small number of Kerinci believers who can take Christ to their Muslim neighbors.

Prayer Focus

Pray for God's abundant spirit and physical blessings for the Kerinci



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POPULATION: 27,000
LANGUAGE: Kerinci
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions
STATUS: Unreached

people. Pray for those who love the Savior to go to the Kerinci people in Bahrain. Pray for Kerinci elders and other decision makers to accept those who come in the name of the Lord. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Kerinci people this decade.

SCRIPTURE But Jesus deserves far more glory than Moses, just as a person who builds a house deserves more praise than the house itself. Heb 3:3

PRAY for God to grant this people group the wisdom to know that Jesus' glory far exceeds the glory of any human prophet.