

Makassar in Indonesia



The primary source of income among the Makassar is rice farming; however, the people are also well known for their trading skills. They accept polygamy, but only the wealthy practice it since the man must provide a separate home for each wife. Siri (respect and honor) is the social code by which the Makassar live. Anyone seriously offending another person's siri runs the risk of being killed; external authorities often refuse to become involved. The Makassar people are almost all Muslims, yet they are influenced by traditional beliefs.

Ministry Obstacles

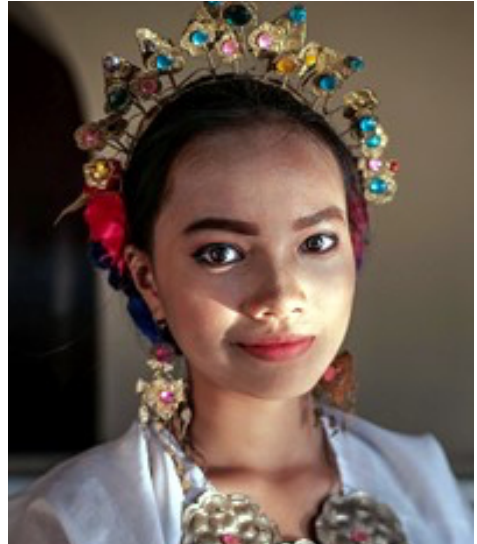
Following Jesus among the Makassar is likely to upset community harmony and to lead to excommunication.

Outreach Ideas

Perhaps mature Christian believers in other Indonesian peoples will become burdened for their Makassar neighbors.

Prayer Focus

Pray the faith of the few followers of Christ among the Makassar people will be strengthened. Pray they will grow in their knowledge of Christ, and that their love for each other will also grow. Pray they will be excellent



🔊 MAH-kah-sar
POPULATION: 2,438,000
LANGUAGE: Makasar
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

witnesses to the goodness of Christ to family and friends. At this time the Makassar people need training to increase their agricultural production. They lack medical and nutritional personnel, and the Makassar in rural areas still suffer from poor nutrition. Pray for skilled missionaries to meet these needs.

SCRIPTURE Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. (Revelation 14:12)

PRAY *that the Lord grants endurance to the believers in this people group and that they are faithful to share the good news.*