Malay in the UAE



The Malay people live in Southeast Asia, and they rigidly enforce Sunni Islam on their people. Their country, Malaysia, hosts many ethnic groups that can be Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, animists or Christian. Though their country hosts many others, some Malay are hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as they work there. They tend to take high status positions in engineering, banking and education.

Ministry Obstacles

There is much more pressure to remain Muslim for Malays than there is for most other Sunni Muslim peoples. They get even less influence from other religious communities in the UAE than they get in Malaysia. All their lives it is drilled into the Malay that to be Malay is to be Muslim.

Outreach Ideas

There are believers in the UAE, and there are fewer restriction than there are in Malaysia. The UAE might be a good place for Christian businessmen to reach the Muslim Malays.



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POPULATION: 30,000

LANGUAGE: Malay
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray for a spiritual hunger that will give the Malays in the UAE a willingness to question institutionalized Islam. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Malay in the UAE.

SCRIPTURE So I (Paul) want you to know that this salvation from God has also been offered to the Gentiles, and they will accept it. Acts 28:28

PRAY for this people group to hear and to accept the message of God's salvation.