

Malayo in Colombia



Who are these men, all dressed in white with long black hair? They are the Malayo, also known as Wiwa people. They live in the valleys of the Sierra Nevada Mountains of north Colombia. The Malayo have a democratic way of governing. Every few weeks, the men gather at night to discuss and vote on the various issues their tribe faces. Village shamans act as leaders and are in charge of carrying out the decisions.

Ministry Obstacles

The Malayo suffer from extreme poverty. Child malnutrition is a major problem. In addition, the Malayo are struggling to keep their land from encroachment of Spanish-speaking settlers. Education among the Malayo is almost non-existent.

Outreach Ideas

Linguists are currently developing an alphabet for the Malayo language. An alphabet could lead to a ministry of teaching God's truth from the Bible.

Pray for the Church

A tiny fraction of the Malayo are believers. Pray that they would grow in the faith and be bold in sharing the



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POPULATION: 18,000

LANGUAGE: Malayo

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Translation Started

STATUS: Unreached

good news. Pray that Malayo parents would be able to provide for their children. Pray that teams would go to the Malayo to help with both their physical and spiritual needs. Pray that God would raise up many disciples among the Malayo in this decade.

SCRIPTURE Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Psalm 85:8, ESV

PRAY Pray that those who follow the Lord among this people group will never return to their old ways.