## Maranao in Philippines

Maranao is the term used for the inhabitants of Lanao, a predominantly Muslim region on the island of Mindanao. The word Maranao means "people of the lake." The people are famous for their artwork, sophisticated weaving, wood and metal craft, and epic literature. Small communities of Maranaos, mostly traders, live in all major towns of the Philippines. They are the descendants of Muslim Malays.

## **Ministry Obstacles**

To follow Jesus within this Muslim community is to invite criticism and ostracism within their families.

## **Outreach Ideas**

Perhaps the Christians among the Maranao people will grow in maturity and in numbers to the extent they will be able to effectively carry the gospel of Christ to their own people.

## **Prayer Focus**

Pray for Maranao believers to become effective and fruitful in sowing God's Word among their families. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower them to fuel a movement of God's blessings spreading from household to household. Pray for



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POPULATION: 1,420,000

LANGUAGE: Maranao

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

them to be zealous as they learn the ways of Christ. Pray they will be united around the truth of Scripture. Pray the Lord will reveal himself to the Maranao people. Pray for them to experience a movement to Christ this decade that will bless them economically and spiritually.

**SCRIPTURE** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

**PRAY** that today's people group would receive God's Spirit and become empowered to tell others about the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

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