

Minangkabau in Indonesia



The Minangkabau people are well known for their tradition of merantau, which is going to distant areas to seek success. Many of them have moved to other islands in Indonesia to accomplish this. In the 1800s, the Dutch took advantage of a conflict between the Minangkabau cultural guardians and Muslim leaders, intervening to gain control of the area. Islam was used as a rallying point in the struggle against the Dutch and resulted in Islam being incorporated into Minangkabau traditions.

Ministry Obstacles

Islam is firmly entrenched in the Minangkabau people as part of their identity.

Outreach Ideas

Individuals living outside their original home area are often somewhat open to new perspectives. Perhaps workers can seek these individuals and share the love of Jesus with them.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the few believers among the Minangkabau to become firmly established in the faith. Pray for them to share their faith with family



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POPULATION: 6,886,000

LANGUAGE: Minangkabau

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

and friends, leading to a movement to Christ. Pray that they will be known for their love and kindness, drawing Muslims to the Lord. Pray for the Lord to move mightily in this people group this decade. Ask him to establish his Kingdom and Church among the Minangkabau.

SCRIPTURE But the lord said to me, “Do not say, “I am only a youth”; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.”

PRAY for people who have a heart to respond to the Lord’s call to go to this people group.

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