

# Pattani Malay in Thailand



**T**he Pattani Malay, a devout Muslim people, are the descendants of Malaysian Muslims. Over the years their unique Muslim culture has led to many separatist movements against the Thai government. Most Pattani Malays are self-employed either as farmers or fishermen.

## Ministry Obstacles

Islam teaches that one is saved through obeying the law. There is no room for a holy savior in Islam. Muslims hear negative things about Christian theology before they have a chance to hear otherwise.

## Outreach Ideas

There are churches in Thailand that can potentially reach the Pattani Malay people with church planting efforts. OneHope tries to give Scriptures to children in all parts of Thailand, including Pattani Province.

## Prayer Focus

There are no known followers of Christ among the Pattani Malay, so pray for the Lord to do a new work in their community. Pray that they will soon accept the blessings of Christ for their families. Pray for God's peace in southern Thailand. Pray that



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**POPULATION:** 1,568,000

**LANGUAGE:** Pattani Malay

**RELIGION:** Islam

**BIBLE:** New Testament

**STATUS:** Unreached

the Holy Spirit will reveal Christ to Pattani Malay leaders. Pray that God the Son, Jesus Christ, will come to Pattani Malay leaders in dreams. Ask the Lord to raise up persons of peace among the Pattani Malay who will receive the gospel and disciple others.

**SCRIPTURE** Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:8)

**PRAY** *that God draws this people group to himself. Pray that their hearts are purified and become completely devoted to him.*