

Riau Malay in Indonesia



The Riaus are peaceful farmers and fishermen living on the northern coast of central Sumatra. They are closely related to the Malays living across the sea from them in Malaysia. It would be reasonable to call them a Malay subgroup. They keep to themselves and don't mingle with outsiders.

Ministry Obstacles

They cling tightly to Islam, the one outside idea that this people group has embraced. The Riau tend to be distrustful of Christian missionaries, or anyone else bringing them foreign religious ideas.

Outreach Ideas

There are believers from other people groups on Sumatra Island who can reach out to the Riau Malay people.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Riau Malay people will be so full of the love and joy of the Holy Spirit that others will be willing to put their faith in Jesus as well. Pray for believers' protection from persecution. When a Riau Malay person decides individually to follow



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POPULATION: 1,894,000
LANGUAGE: Malay
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Christ, he is usually viewed as a rebel who has rejected his own people. Therefore, pray that the Lord will give dreams and visions to Riau Malay family leaders that will open their hearts to Jesus. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Riau Malay people.

SCRIPTURE They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)

PRAY that this people group understands the fact that the Lamb's victory over evil is assured. Pray that many in this people group will choose to be the faithful ones of the Lamb of God.

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