

Moro Joloano Tausug in Philippines



The Tausug are the most dominant of the Muslim groups in the southern Philippines. The name Tausug means "people of the sea current." They make their living through fishing and agriculture. Their major cash crops are coconuts, coffee, and fruit. The ideal marriage among the Tausug is still one arranged by the parents, although nowadays young people may select their own mates. First and second cousins are favored as spouses.

Ministry Obstacles

The Tausug are staunch Muslims. Children study the Koran and, when ready, recite the scriptures in a public ceremony. The Tausug showed great determination in their fight for independence from Filipino control. Conflicts between them and cultural Christians left deep wounds. There is a need for sensitive Christian workers to minister Jesus' love to the emotionally scarred people.

Outreach Ideas

The Tausug believe that after death, a person goes to hell, although eventually, he can reach heaven. Christian workers can share assurance of immediate presence in heaven.



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POPULATION: 1,337,000

LANGUAGE: Tausug

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Ask the Prince of Peace to heal the wounded hearts of these people. Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favor to mission agencies focusing on the Tausug people. Pray that God will use Tausug believers as bold witnesses to their own people.

SCRIPTURE He answered, Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. (John 9:25)

PRAY that the Lord removes the spiritual blindness of today's people group and they begin to see God's truth revealed in Jesus Christ.