

Cape Malay in South Africa



Ancestors of the Cape Malay came to South Africa centuries ago as hired workers and slaves to serve the Dutch settlement. Most came from Indonesia and Malaysia. Later, since Islam was used in Indonesia as a way of protest against the colonial powers, the Dutch colonialists brought Islamic leaders from Indonesia to the Cape for imprisonment. The captive Indonesians taught their fellow countrymen a lot about Islam and helped to spread it at the Cape. Today, the Cape Malay define themselves as Muslims.

Ministry Obstacles

The Cape Malay live in a culture surrounded by Christians. Yet their identity remains bound in their Islamic religion. Most view turning to Christ as a traitorous act.

Outreach Ideas

Many good Christian resources exist in Afrikaans, the language of the Cape Malay, yet few show interest. Someone must call their attention to these resources.

Prayer Focus

The few followers of Jesus among the Cape Malay need prayer support.



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POPULATION: 324,000

LANGUAGE: Afrikaans

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

Pray they will faithfully fellowship together for encouragement and will develop into prayer warriors. Pray the Lord will open the eyes of the Cape Malay to see Jesus as he truly is, the Son of God, who came to take away the sins of the world. Pray for them to soon have an unstoppable movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you... 2 Thessalonians 3:1

PRAY *Make this your prayer for this people group.*