

# Eli-Elat Banda in Indonesia



Until the beginning of the 19th century, the Banda islands were the world's only source of nutmeg. Growing nutmeg is still a major source of income for the islands along with fishing and agriculture. The Eli-Elat Banda also grow rice, corn, coffee and coconuts. Tourism is becoming a major part of the economy as the clear, warm waters of the islands are perfect for scuba diving. The inhabitants of the Banda islands became Muslims through the influence of Arab and Indian traders. The Eli-Elat Banda practice Islam combined with folk religion. They believe that spirits of nature dominate the environment in which they live.

## Obstacles

The vast majority of the Eli-Elat Banda believe in Islam and folk traditions. Their faith is in the spirit world, not in the sovereign Lord.

## Outreach Ideas

There is a small community of believers among the Banda. They can share the gospel with Muslim families around them.

## Prayer Focus

Pray the Lord would send workers to



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POPULATION: 4,900

LANGUAGE: Banda

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Unspecified

STATUS: Unreached

the Banda to tell them about Jesus and his great love. Pray the tiny group of believers would multiply and grow into many churches. Pray that the Lord would raise up pastors to lead and feed the Bandanese church.

**SCRIPTURE** For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. Heb. 3:3

**PRAY** for God to grant this people group the wisdom to know that Jesus' glory far exceeds the glory of any human prophet.