



Partnering Together to Reach Southeast Asian Peoples

SOUTHEAST ASIANS ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION AND ARE PARTNERING TOGETHER TO SEND NATIONALS TO REACH UNENGAGED AND UNREACHED PEOPLES AROUND THE GLOBE. CELEBRATE WITH US AS WE HIGHLIGHT A SIGNIFICANT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SINGAPOREANS AND INDONESIANS AS, JOINTLY, THEY IMPACT THE LOST IN INDONESIA FOR CHRIST.

Monumental Singaporean/Indonesian Partnership to the Unreached



Training and equipping disciples to be sent out.

In 2020, Southeast Asia Prayer Points celebrated the sending of Filipino believers to the nations. This year, God continues to advance globally in creative ways. Even before the idea of “globalization” was coined, Christians have been working toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission. In obedience to Jesus’ command to “go,” countrymen are crossing cultural gaps to share with other countrymen.

Leaders from across Southeast Asia came together for a Senders’ Training in 2018. Godly men from Singapore and Indonesia realized they could do so much more together: Singapore could undergird the work financially while Indonesia provided the training. Over the next two years, a Singaporean/Indonesian partnership was born.



Sending disciples to engage the unreached.

They envisioned “developing a functioning and sustainable system of church-based mission to reach and disciple the unreached people groups (UPGs) and unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs) of Indonesia through local and international partnerships.” To fulfill this vision, they created a five-year goal of planting 14 churches. Their ultimate hope is for 20 Singaporean and 20 Indonesian churches to partner with and send 20 Indonesian missionaries to five UPGs and three UUPGs within Indonesia.

God began setting the stage in 2018 for this monumental partnership. He knew that in 2021, foreigners would be limited to traversing borders, yet Indonesian missionaries could travel freely within their own country. Pray for these missionaries as they seek to fulfill Jesus’ Great Commission and the globalization of the gospel to reach the unreached in Indonesia.

1 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Thank God for the way He works behind the scenes, unifying people in taking the gospel to the unreached of Indonesia. Pray for growth in the partnerships between Singapore churches and First Baptist Bandung, as they focus on reaching unreached people groups.

2 SOUTH ASIAN UNENGAGED

PEOPLES. The Punjabis of Sri Lanka, who follow the Sikh religion and speak Panjabi, number approximately 12,000 and reside on the east coast of Sri Lanka near Batticaloa. Pray that these Sikhs who value truth as the highest ideal will encounter the truth of the gospel.

3 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for the missionaries who are preparing to be mobilized. Pray specifically for the housing and living expenses of F and D, as well as for R's continued preparations to join one missionary team already engaging an unreached people group.

4 PEOPLE OF TAIWAN.

Pastors and co-workers from multiple Baptist churches gathered together to worship, identify vision, set goals, and evaluate church health. Join us in praying that God will use their invaluable time together to make Taiwan a world influencer for the gospel.

5 DEAF PEOPLES.

Praise God that six new Bible stories were translated by one of the DeafWay teams this year! Praise God that even during the pandemic, He continues to provide ways for the gospel to be spread among the Deaf. Pray that these stories will change many lives for Christ.

6 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Even though they are from the same country, Indonesian missionaries will be learning a new culture and a new language to share the gospel in the heart language of an unengaged, unreached people group (UUPG). Pray for encouragement and stamina for these sent out ones.

7 KAZAKHS OF KAZAKHSTAN.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5, ESV). Pray for hope amid the darkness. Pray for Kazakhs to turn to Jesus for the hope that they need. Pray that His Light will penetrate even the hardest of hearts.



8 PEOPLES OF RHINE, RÜHR, MAIN RIVER AREAS, GERMANY.

Baptist representatives, Charles* and Shelley,* train German Christians that they are “people of peace.” In training, they make “name lists” of lost people to pray over regularly. Pray for God to use these believers as Christ’s ambassadors in their relational networks.

9 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for God to raise up churches to support the financial needs of current and future mission ministries, who are focused on sending 20 missionary units to three unengaged, unreached people groups (UUPGs) and five unreached people groups (UPGs) over the next five years.

10 MIXTECS OF GUERRERO, MEXICO.

The Lord recently opened up opportunities to share the gospel with two groups of Mixtec people. Pray these families will listen to the Bible stories and give their lives fully to Jesus. Pray they will no longer worship false gods and put their trust in witch doctors.

11 CITY OF SAND, NORTHERN AFRICA.

After learning how to share the gospel from Ben,* Aaadil* confessed that fear had kept him from going to another country with the good news. He said, “Now I will go and do what God is asking me to do.” Pray for Aaadil and the Muslim people with whom he will share.

12 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for wisdom and faithfulness for Pastor JG, who is in the process of recruiting, training, equipping, and sending people from his church as well as other churches in the area.

13 LAST FRONTIER.

Unprecedented natural disasters, along with the COVID-19 pandemic, caused injury and death among an unreached people group. These unreligious people, full of fear, began to pray to an unknown god. Pray for their salvation and for them to know the Creator God.

14 MUSLIM SINDHIS OF SOUTH ASIA.

Praise God for new believers in Christ, rescued from eternal slavery! Pray that these new believers will get connected with other faithful followers of Christ, be discipled well, and that new churches will be formed.

15 JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.

The Johannesburg Evangelism Team recently mapped Jewel City, an area of gentrification in the Central Business District. Close to 90% of the Sub-Saharan African affinity’s targeted people groups live in the area. Pray for future opportunities to make a gospel impact.

16 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for several Muslim-background believers who are facing persecution from their families. One in particular, who is still being discipled, had her baby taken from her because of her proclamation to be a follower of Christ.

17 SWEDES OF SWEDEN.

Pray for “The Stories of Hope” project that Baptist representatives in Sweden are recording this summer and launching in the fall. Pray that many different nations will hear these musical compositions/stories from the Bible, be drawn to Christ, and pray to receive Him.

18 DEAF PEOPLES. A Deaf church in Southeast Asia is helping to develop and disciple a new church plant in a nearby city where one more person recently professed faith in Christ! Continue to pray for this partnership and for the new church to live in faithful obedience to God's Word.

19 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Praise God for raising up Southeast Asian leaders who are passionate about reaching the unreached peoples of Indonesia. Pray specifically for the three-month training of seven disciples before they deploy to engage unreached people groups.



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5, ESV

20 HADRAMAUT YEMENI ARABS OF YEMEN. Pray for the Hadramaut Yemeni Arabs who live on the edge of their society. Ask that each of these people will hear of Jesus' love for the marginalized, those whom society rejects. Pray that entire families will come to faith and spread the good news among their peers.

21 MUSLIMS OF ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA. Rassim* has been on a spiritual journey. Over the years, he has moved from being a committed Muslim to being more receptive of the gospel. This year, he began attending church and listening to sermons online. Pray for God to save Rassim and use him as a great witness.

22 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Plead on behalf of the Singkil peoples, who have yet to hear the saving news. We know, with confidence, the Singkil will be represented on the last day before the throne of God. Pray for workers to answer the call to go to this unengaged, unreached people group (UUPG).

23 WOK PEOPLE OF EAST ASIA. Children among the Wok people study English in school, hoping to have better job prospects later in life. One local sister in Christ uses English tutoring classes to build relationships in her city. Pray for her as she tutors and shares the gospel with her pupils.

24 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray for students and professors at Unibautista, the Baptist seminary in Cali, Colombia. Ask the Lord to grant grace for deep, practical learning and sound doctrine. Pray for wisdom for the administrators as they make decisions regarding curriculum and programming.

25 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for the many new believers reached with the good news across Southeast Asia. It takes great courage, especially for Muslim-background believers, to seriously examine the gospel and be faithfully disciplined in the Word.

26 EUROPEAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES. The 200,000 Polish in Lithuania are the largest ethnic minority in the country, making up almost 7% of the population. Although 90% profess to be Christian, only 0.3% identify as evangelical. Pray for the Lord to send workers to declare His glory among these people.



Persons of peace in Southeast Asia

27 KARACHI, PAKISTAN. Fear is crippling and silencing the witness of believers in Karachi. Over tea, a Pakistani harvest worker declared to another believer, "Brother, this year, we overcome fear!" Pray for the Lord to cast out all fear in the church as they boldly proclaim the gospel.

28 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for the Singkil people who believe God's blessings are directly tied to their compliance of Islamic law. Pray for them to come to know the truth of the one true God. Pray they will realize their longings are only satisfied in the kingdom of heaven.

29 FULANI OF WESTERN NIGER. In a Western Niger Fulani village where there was once an IMB missionary presence, jihadists have burned the school and issued threats against those who do not follow their directives. Pray for the Jesus followers in the village to have opportunities to share truth.

30 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for collaborative spirits and unity in purpose among the Indonesian Baptist churches, as they partner together to send missionaries to unreached people groups, in obedience to the Great Commission.

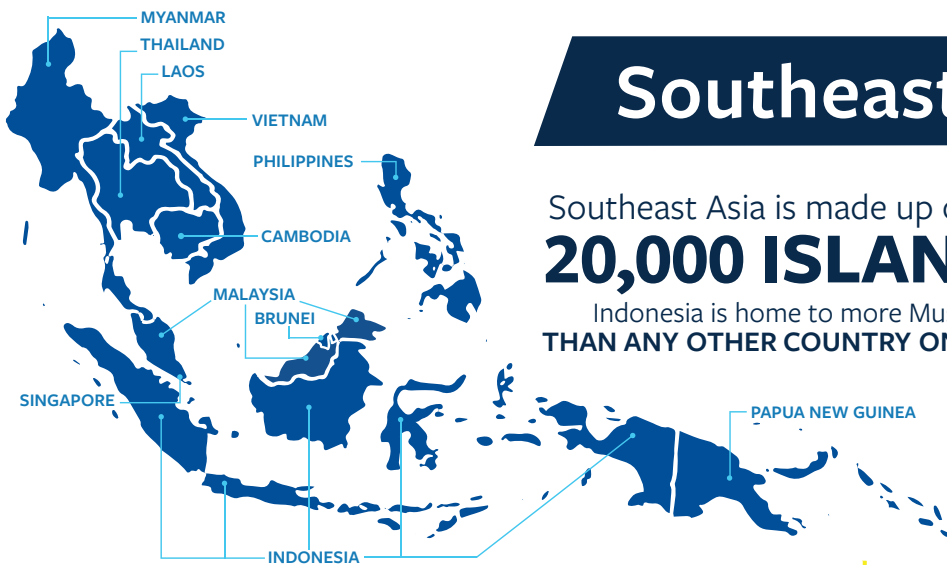
Urgent need for indigenous church among Singkil people of Indonesia



Like many neighboring peoples, the Singkil adhere to Islamic tradition with community events, holidays, and family tightly woven into their Muslim identity. Converting to Christianity would be socially detrimental to them. Along with Islam, animism is also mixed into their belief system. Often the Singkil people can be found seeking the magical power of a local shaman, or dukun.

There is no indigenous Singkil church, but there are believers who have moved into the area. Sadly, they have become the target of community persecution. Pray for an indigenous church that is doctrinally sound to form and multiply among the unreached and unengaged Singkil people.

Indonesia, longer than the continental United States, is not only the world's largest island country but also home to the world's largest Muslim population. Approximately 65,000 Singkil people, who are predominantly farmers and fishermen, reside on the coastland and small islands of the southwest corner of Aceh, Indonesia.



Southeast Asian Peoples

Southeast Asia is made up of over **20,000 ISLANDS**
 Indonesia is home to more Muslims **THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY ON EARTH**



3 of the world's **TOP 20** cities are found in Southeast Asia.



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