



## Indonesia

**Millions of Indonesians need a new place to live. Pray that Christians might show the love of Jesus to these displaced peoples.**

- The “Transmigration Scheme”. Since Java and Bali are highly crowded, the government organized the relocation of over 8 million people to Sumatra, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Papua, and West Papua where more space is available. Most of the people relocated were Muslim Javanese and Madurese. In places like Papua and West Papua, the indigenous people have become minorities within their own homelands, and some have called the process “slow motion genocide”. This flared into violent protests in Papua in 2019.
- Natural disasters. As a result of earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods, millions have become homeless or displaced and 200,000 have died in the last twenty years.
- Community violence and religious persecution. More than 500,000 Christians from Maluku and central Sulawesi have suffered personal loss, bitter trauma, and loss of their ancestral homelands to Muslim groups. Although the violence has passed, these areas have shifted from the two religious populations living amidst one another to a separation that means there is much less interaction between Muslims and Christians – and therefore much less witness to Jesus for those who do not know him.
- Migrant workers. 400,000 legal migrants (and more illegal ones) seek work abroad. 80% are female, and they often work in people’s homes. Their loneliness can open their hearts to loving witness by Christians in other nations.

**Pray that the Church continues to grow amidst the intense opposition and persecution. Pray for:**

- Revival. Some areas have been Christian for centuries (in North Sulawesi, North Sumatra, West Timor, Maluku). Many denominations there lack spiritual life. They struggle with immorality, divisions, and even indigenous occult practices.
- More mature, spiritual leaders. The rapid growth of newer Pentecostal and charismatic churches created a need for discipleship and training for both lay leaders and pastors.
- New believers from a Muslim background, who often face rejection and persecution from their communities. They can also find it difficult to fit into Christian culture and churches. Pray for whole households to come to Christ, and to follow Christ within their own culture.

### **Key Stats**

Languages: 722

% Christian: 15.9 %

% Evangelical: 5.6 %

% Muslim: 80.3 %

% Unevangelized: 39 %

Persecution Ranking: 33/50