

Indonesia

4TH MOST POPULOUS NATION

Fast Facts

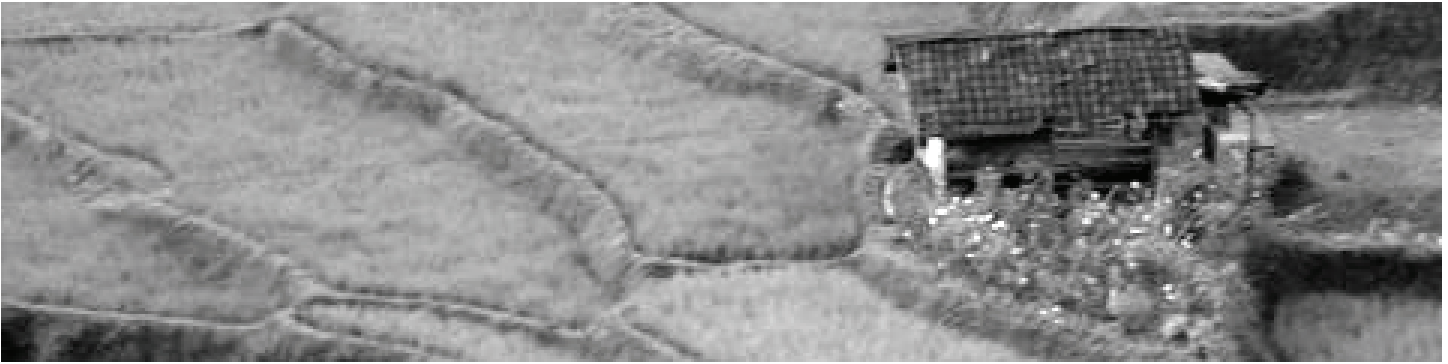
Location : a string of 17,000 South East Asian islands stretching from Thailand to northern Australia

Population: 245 million (2004), 30% urban; largest city and capital in 2002, Jakarta 10 million (17 million metro). Average life expectancy 70 (USA 77.5)

People/Ethnic Groups: Indo-Malay 94% (Javanese 45%, Sundanese 14%, Madurese, etc.), Chinese 4%, Papau peoples 1%, other 1%; 726 languages of which 58 languages groups have at least the New Testament. There are 190 least reached groups totaling 155 million people, of which 98 groups have no known believers; 37 of these 190 people groups have at least one congregation. Official language: Indonesian.

Economy: Average annual income: \$450 per person (1.40% of the USA); Human Development Index: 111 of 177 nations ranked in 2004 (USA 8th). The IMD 2005 World Competitiveness Yearbook ranks Indonesia 59th out of 60 economies. 17% below national poverty line (1999). Present currency: 9,200:1 US dollar. The Asian economic crisis devalued Indonesia's currency seven times (from 2,400 to 17,000 per US dollar). A devastating tsunami hit Sumatra in 2004 killing at least 160,000 people and making many more homeless. Natural resources: Petroleum and natural gas, textiles, apparel, footwear, mining, cement, chemical fertilizers, plywood, rubber, food, tourism, rice, cassava (tapioca), peanuts, rubber, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, copra, poultry, beef, pork, eggs.





Recent History

Indonesia gained independence from the Dutch in 1949; Suharto ruled as a dictator 1966-1996. A Communist failed coup cost an estimated 300,000 lives by both the Indonesian security forces and public backlashes, which led to at least a million conversions to Christianity. They had

a limited democracy until the first directly elected prime minister in 2004 (vs. via legislators). Currently the head of state is President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Islamic influence is very substantial in the government. Transparency International ranks Indonesia's corruption as 122nd

(worst is 133rd; USA is 18th). A longstanding civil war in Sumatra between independence fighters & government forces ended in a truce due to and not long after the devastating Tsunami of December, 2004, which killed over 200,000 Sumatran Indonesians.

Religion in Indonesia

While predominantly Muslim, Christianity first came with the Portuguese and the Dutch in the 1500s. Religious freedom is guaranteed constitutionally but restricted in outreach to the Muslim majority. A controversial law passed in 2004 that requires all private/religious schools to provide Islamic

classes if Muslim students attend the school. Jakarta, the capital with 13 million people has at least 1,000 churches or cell groups. Recent religious violence in the Maluku (Spice) Islands left 6,000 dead and 500,000 homeless. Many more open doors appeared after the disastrous 2004 tsunami.

88% Muslim
5% Protestant
3% Roman Catholic
2% Hindu
2% Other

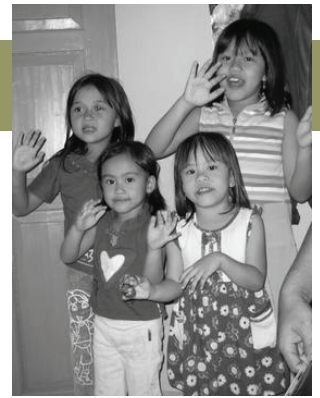
Ministry in Indonesia

Indonesia has the fourth largest population in the world and is the world's largest Muslim nation, with its population spread across over 4,000 in

habited islands. Although Christianity is a recognized religion in the country, the increasing reach of Islam is resulting in discrimination

against Christians and at times bloody persecution. Mission to Unreached Peoples is partnering with local churches to reach people all across Indonesia.

Placement Options



Current Mission to Unreached Peoples Involvement:

- Ministry to street children
- Mission mobilization and cross cultural training to Indo - Christians

Additional Placement Options:

- **Christian Education:** Mission to Unreached Peoples has been asked to help education institutions recruit teachers in all disciplines, including seminary teachers in many fields. The seminary teaching is in Indonesian. University teachers in English, business administration, computer science, and education are all needed. Home-schooling teachers are also needed.
- **Experienced business professionals:** to mobilize Indonesian Christian business persons and or develop coaches and platforms for national Church Planters.
- **Technologies and administration:** persons gifted, trained, and willing to partner with the training center in the areas of accounting, administration, presentation technologies, media and graphic arts, etc...
- **Specialists:** in ethnographic or cultural research including Arts, Music, Drama, praise and worship leadership; to develop tools for outreach through music, dance, and story telling.
- **Computer specialists:** able to train and aide in technology issues, problem solving, and system development (security, communications, electronic media, etc...)

Other Areas:

- Small business experts
- Mobilizers
- Counselor/trainers
- Community development specialists: in agriculture, health care, or education and literacy
- Youth ministry trainers
- Musicians
- Curriculum developers
- International Facilitator of short-term teams

Personal Qualifications

- A mature Christian with a working knowledge of the Scriptures and a consistent walk with God.
- If married, a godly family which is also committed to missionary service.
- Demonstrated skills in evangelism and discipleship.
- Unusual flexibility and adaptability, perseverance, independence, good communication skills, and sense of humor.
- A willingness to experience the rigors of life and work in a developing country while maintaining an excellent Christian witness.
- Ability and commitment to build and maintain good interpersonal relationships.
- A local church body and pastor who are supportive of your application for missionary service and who will commission and send you out from the church as a missionary.
- A willingness to learn the language and understand the culture.

Important Information

- **Training Provided:** Excellent training and preparation is vital for successful ministry in Indonesia. Mission to Unreached Peoples' training program includes Cross-Cultural Living, Friendship Evangelism, Interpersonal Relationships, Spiritual Warfare, Language Acquisition, and a variety of other ministry related topics. Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) training is also available.
- **Local Support:** A supporting team of co-workers is important to us. You will be connected to and have fellowship opportunities with MUP personnel and other missionaries and have the opportunity to develop a strong local team of co-workers.
- **Support Services:** Mission to Unreached Peoples is dedicated to providing the support that will facilitate your ministry. Services include newsletter and electronic mailings; online, automatic, and manual receipting of the financial gifts from your friends and supporters; and full online web access to financial and other organizational information. In addition, our national and field offices are available to respond to and help with special requests. Field and organization-wide conferences are scheduled regularly for spiritual and emotional refreshment, encouragement, and further equipping for the work.
- **Pastoral Care:** Pastoral care is a very important part of our ministry to you. While you are in Indonesia, field-based or itinerant member care personnel will visit with you to encourage, counsel, share, and pray with you. Our staff is there to help with special needs.
- **Financial Arrangements:** Financial needs vary depending upon the missionary's unique situation: family size, schooling options, personal standard of living, and transportation costs, etc. A customized budget is created for each missionary. One-time initial costs must be raised or paid to cover the outgoing costs such as airfare, training, and health insurance. In most cases, you will need to raise personal support to cover personal expenses, health insurance, home leave transportation, and monthly Support Services.
- **Terms of Service:** The normal term of service is two-four years, with three months of home leave for every year overseas. Actual service terms vary with the type of placement and work. Shorter placements, including short-term, summer, and internships are also available, depending on need and individual qualifications.



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