

Family Guide

January 2022
Indonesia



Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible (NASB 1995)

Intro and Country-specific Information

A new year, a new chance to discover. Each month of 2022 we will travel to a far away country so you can join with God to make an impact, even though you won't even get on a plane. How? By getting on your knees and talking to the Lord God who is everywhere. He spans the miles and works in response to our prayers. Isn't that amazing?! God, who is all powerful and in complete control, chooses to listen to our prayers. And He doesn't just listen, He acts upon them. Wow!

Our first stop, for the whole month of January, is Indonesia. This country in Southeast Asia is made up of 13,466 islands! Have you ever been on an island?



If we gathered 100 Indonesians, about 87 would be Muslim, 10 Christian, 2 Hindu and 1 Buddhist. Do you know any Muslims or Hindus or Buddhists? God created them in His own image. He sent Jesus to die for them, just like He did for you. He loves them and wants them to understand what Jesus has done for them. That is why we are spending time, every day this month, praying for the people of Indonesia.

In Indonesia, 300 languages are spoken! No, I don't think anyone knows them all. Most likely, people know up to three. One thing we will pray for is that people can get the Bible and other Christian materials in a language they can understand. It's even better when it's in what we call their "heart language." Heart language means the language they learned as a child.

They understand it better than any other language they may know. What is your heart language? Do you speak any other languages? Do you know people who speak more than one language?

Here are some fun facts about Indonesia.

• Have you seen any of these animals in a zoo?

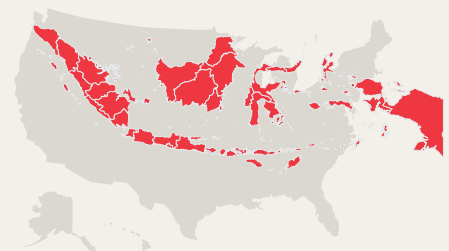
Sumatran Orangutan, Sumatran Tiger, Javan Rhinoceros, Komodo Dragon or the Borneo Elephant? In Indonesia, these animals live outside of zoos!



• Do you play a sport?

Sports are loved all around the world. It's no different in Indonesia. Soccer and badminton are among the most popular sports in Indonesia.

• **If you place Indonesia on top of the United States,** you see how really big it is. Does this surprise you? It surprised me.



Are you ready to start talking with God about the people of Indonesia?

Each week we will have a verse, seven prayer requests and an activity. Some of you are probably doing the math and wondering, “that only makes 28 requests and there are 31 days in January.” You are correct. On the last three days of the month, you get to go back and pick a request to pray for again.

Make a plan with your family for when you will pray for Indonesia each day. There’s a saying: if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. In other words, it works better if you have a set time. Maybe you can all pray together after dinner, then you can each pray again at bedtime.

Many people don’t have a regular time to pray, except before meals. One goal for this prayer plan is to help you make time for prayer each and every day. Remember, God wants us to pray continually.

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NASB 1995

Your 2022 Prayer Partner,

Lucinda

Please email me, or have a parent email me, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer. I’d love to hear from you!

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Week 1: January 1–7, 2022

“The Lord is not slow in doing what He promised—the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change his heart and life.”

— 2 Peter 3:9, International Children’s Bible (ICB)



Week 1 Prayers

- There are 300 languages spoken in Indonesia. That means it’s a really big job to give them all Bibles and videos in the heart language each of them speaks and understands. Pray that the Bibles and videos would use just the right words to say what Jesus wants them to know.
- A lot of people like to vacation in Indonesia. COVID-19 has kept people from visiting there the last two years. Pray that God will provide food and money for those who lost their jobs because of this.
- Sometimes, women and children need safe places to live. Thankfully, new safe houses have opened. Pray that the women and children get all the help they need and experience God’s love.
- More than 80% of Indonesians use social media, like Facebook and YouTube. Pray that many will see the posts that Christians put there about who Jesus really is and want to know more.
- Pray that the sick and injured will get the medical care they need.
- Once each week we will pray Scripture back to God for the people of Indonesia. Scripture simply means God’s word, the Bible. These verses were prayed by Paul for the Christians in the city called Philippi. *“This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; that you will see the difference between good and bad and choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ; that you will be filled with the good things produced in your life by Christ to bring glory and praise to God.”*
— Philippians 1:9-11, ICB
- Pray for people there who are in slavery to others. And, pray for those who are working to help them in practical ways and also wanting to share the love of Jesus.

Week 1 Activity: Coloring Page

Bird: Maleo



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Week 2: January 8-14, 2022

“Come to Me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28, ICB



Week 2 Prayers

- In the year 2004, before you were even born, an earthquake under the sea caused terrible flooding on the island of Sumatra, and many people lost their homes and everything in them, and some people also died in the flood. Many Christian groups came to help feed the people, give them clothes to wear, clean up the mess from the flood and rebuild their homes. Some of the island people saw the love of Jesus in these helpers and wanted to follow Him too. Pray for the islanders who have not yet decided to follow Jesus.
 - Pray for groups who want to train the people in skills—such as learning organic farming—that will help them live better and can provide people with food and a way of earning an income.
 - The island of Sulawesi has more than 110 groups of people. Some groups worship someone who isn't Jesus, and some groups worship the Bible's Jesus. But, these two groups don't always get along. Pray that the Christians would see the other islanders the same way Jesus sees them—needing His love. Pray these Christians would ask Jesus to make them loving and kind toward others. And pray the many groups in Sulawesi would each soon have the Bible in their own heart language, so they all can learn to act in the right ways toward others.
 - More than half of all Indonesians are young people. Pray for new ways to share the good news of Jesus so that young people would want to know more about Jesus.
 - This is our Scripture prayer for week two. Pray this for every Christian in Indonesia: *“You were raised from death with Christ. So aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on Earth” (Colossians 3:1-2, ICB).*
- Scripture prayers are great to pray for yourself, your family and friends, not just for people far away.
- The people of the Maluku Islands have had trouble getting along. Like the people of Sulawesi, some groups don't follow Jesus, and some groups worship the Bible's Jesus. Pray that the Christians of Maluku would see all their neighbors as people whose hearts need the love of Jesus. Pray that the people of Jesus would allow Him to shine through them, to bring His light and love to their fellow islanders. And pray that their island neighbors would become their Christian brothers and sisters and friends.
 - The island of Java has the largest population of all the Indonesian islands. Praise God that the church here continues to grow! Christians of many traditions now are gathering regularly to pray and worship together. They show their love for Jesus by working together to help the island people who are suffering and need many things. Pray that those in need will seek their help and meet Jesus. And pray that the islanders who follow other gods would see the good Christians do and want to know Jesus too.

Week 2 Activity: Word Search

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L S Z C V W Y G T T L M S M R
I C U I H O L O Z I H U O N O
P N D Y E R L D M G E S U E Q
R P J A L W I C W E Y L T L K
A U E D E C Y S A R Z I H D J
Y G S R P H S N T N S M E I A
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WORD LIST:

INDONESIA
VOLCANO
ISLAM
GOD
ISLANDS

DRAGON
JAKARTA
TIGER
ELEPHANT
JESUS

SOUTHEASTASIA
PRAY
GOSPEL
MUSLIM
CHRISTIAN

HEARTLANGUAGE
SOCCER
BADMINTON
CHURCH
BIBLE

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Week 3: January 15–21, 2022

“I will put My teachings in their minds. And I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people.”

– Jeremiah 31:33, ICB



Week 3 Prayers

- If we gathered 100 Indonesians, about 87 would be Muslim, 10 Christian, 2 Hindu and 1 Buddhist. Pray that God would open the hearts of the people, no matter their religious background, and give them a hunger to know God personally.
- Indonesia has thousands of islands and half of all the land is covered in forests. This makes it hard as Christians travel to those who need to meet Jesus. Pray for God to give wisdom in how to best reach people with His good news.
- Sumatra is a large island in Indonesia with many groups of people, each who speak their own language. Most of them worship someone who is not Jesus, and there are only a few groups who love Jesus. Pray that these Christians would be brave enough to tell people in different groups who live around them about how Jesus loves them too.
- Have you ever told a story to your brother or sister or friend and later heard them tell the story to someone else? That's exactly how the story of Jesus is being passed along to some of the people here in the island of Kalimantan, especially with people who do not know how to read or write. There are other ways, too. Just like in most of the islands in Indonesia, there are many different languages spoken there and groups of people who speak them. Ask God to bring teachers to teach Christian leaders how to do their jobs. Pray that God will also teach and lead Christians on the island to be good shepherds to younger Christians. And pray that Bibles can be written in the languages of the readers.
- The Bible teaches us that we have an enemy who wants to keep Christians from trusting God. God wants us to stay close to Him and let Him fight for us. The Christians in Indonesia need to do this as well, so join me in praying God's Word for them. *“Control yourselves and be careful! The devil is your enemy. And he goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat. Refuse to give in to the devil. Stand strong in your faith”* (1 Peter 5:8-9, ICB).
- Pray that Christians and missionaries are loving but careful how they teach and talk about Jesus to people who believe in other gods.
- Pray for the government leaders, that they would care for all Indonesians. May they lead wisely and try to be fair to all.

Week 3 Activity: Fried Noodle Recipe

Mie Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles

3 (3 ounce) packages ramen noodles (without flavor packets)
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into strips
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 pinch ground black pepper, or to taste
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
½ cup chopped shallots
5 cloves garlic, chopped
1 cup shredded cabbage
1 cup shredded carrots
1 cup broccoli florets
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
¼ cup soy sauce
¼ cup sweet soy sauce (Indonesian kecap manis)
¼ cup oyster sauce
salt and pepper to taste



Directions

Step 1

Bring a pan of water to a boil, and cook the ramen until tender, about 3 minutes. Plunge the noodles into cold water to stop the cooking, drain in a colander set in the sink, and drizzle the noodles with 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil. Set aside.

Step 2

Place the chicken strips in a bowl, and toss with olive oil, garlic salt, and black pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a wok over high heat, and cook and stir the chicken until it is no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Stir in the shallots and garlic, and cook and stir until they start to turn brown. Add the cabbage, carrots, broccoli, and mushrooms, and cook and stir until the vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes.

Step 3

Stir in the ramen noodles, soy sauce, sweet soy sauce, and oyster sauce, mixing the noodles and sauces into the vegetables and chicken. Bring the mixture to a simmer, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and serve hot.

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Week 4: January 22–28, 2022

“For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. God gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16, ICB



Week 4 Prayers

- Sometimes, when people from another religion start to follow Jesus, their families and friends reject them. Pray for God to help these new Christians keep following Jesus and to help their families and friends see that Jesus loves them as well.

- Do you know who Indigenous peoples are? It means the first people to live in a place. We also call them native peoples. In the island of West Papua, not all, but almost all of the Indigenous peoples living there are Christian! God has been busy these last 100 years sending missionaries to work on this island. But there are still 100 more Indigenous groups of people in West Papua who can only be reached by airplane. Imagine that! That makes giving Bibles to these groups a really big job. Pray that God shows Christians the best way to do that, so these people whom He loves can learn about Him by reading the Bible in their own heart language.

- Pray that children and teachers would learn to recognize when someone means to harm them or others by enslaving them. Pray that Jesus would protect those who are at risk.

- Some old church groups have started following things other than Jesus. They don't live good lives. They aren't kind. They

even follow false religions. Pray that they will see the wrong and turn back to God. May they go back to live like Jesus.

- As I said at the very beginning of this packet, God wants every Indonesian to understand what Jesus did for them. For this to happen, we need Christians to go tell them. Let us pray for that.

“But before people can trust in the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, he must be sent. It is written, “How beautiful is the person who comes to bring good news.”

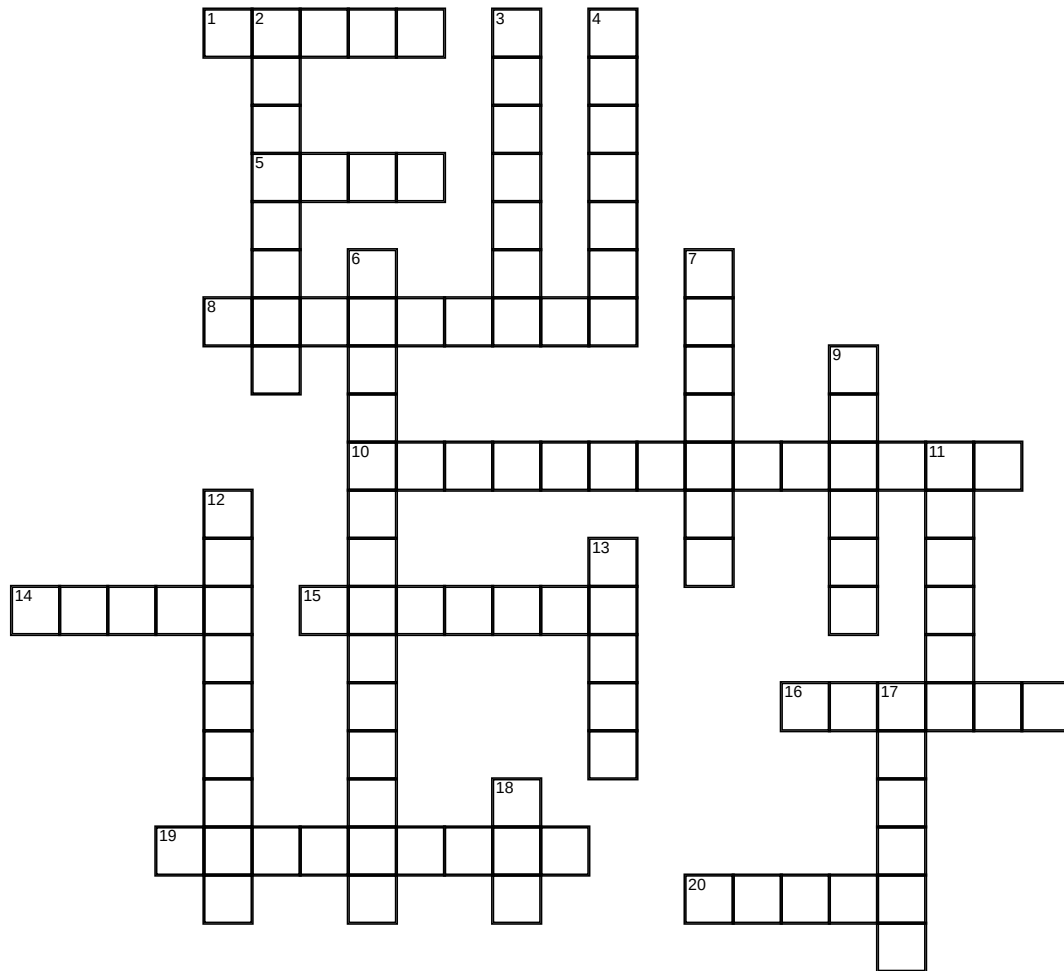
— Romans 10:14-15, ICB

- Celebrate that God is causing the Christian church to grow, even when people are attacking it. Pray that God will train more leaders to be like Jesus as they help others to learn more about the Bible, God and Jesus.

- Pray that men and women would treat everyone with kindness and respect, so that there wouldn't be such a thing as slavery.

Week 4 Activity: Crossword

Indonesia Crossword



Across

- 1 He died for our sins.
- 5 What we will do each day.
- 8 Name of the country we are praying for this month.
- 10 The best language for a Bible to be in.
- 14 A big cat common to Indonesia.
- 15 This country is made up of over 13,000 of these.
- 16 Followers of the majority religion are called this.
- 19 A popular sport played with a racket on a court.
- 20 God's book.

Down

- 2 A very large animal common to Indonesia.
- 3 Indonesia has many Komodo _.
- 4 Capital of Indonesia.
- 6 Where this country is located.
- 7 Something that erupts. Very many in this country.
- 9 A group of Christians who gather together.
- 11 The message we want everyone in Indonesia to hear.
- 12 Name for followers of Jesus.
- 13 Majority religion.
- 17 A popular sport, played on a field.
- 18 Who we pray to.

WORD LIST:

BADMINTON	ELEPHANT	ISLAM	PRAY
BIBLE	GOD	ISLANDS	SOCCER
CHRISTIAN	GOSPEL	JAKARTA	SOUTHEAST_ASIA
CHURCH	HEART_LANGUAGE	JESUS	TIGER
DRAGONS	INDONESIA	MUSLIM	VOLCANO

For January 29–31 2022

Go back to a favorite or meaningful prayer each day.

Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Indonesia.
<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/ID>

A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* Film in their heart language. We have the film available on our website in over 1,900 languages.
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>

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