

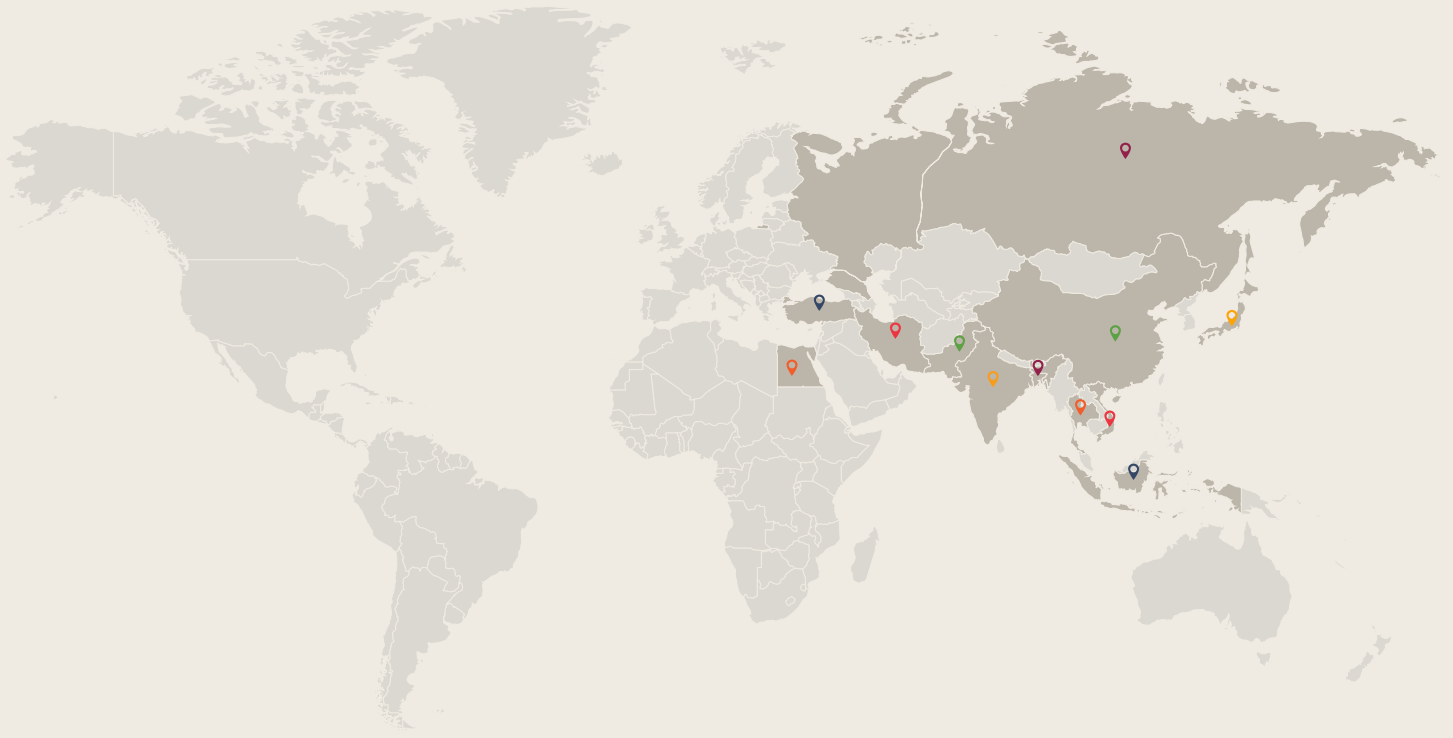
Family Guide

January 2023
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 1995



A One-year Prayer Adventure!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 countries total so there are 12 family guides in 2023 – one for every month.

Why do we call these countries “least reached”? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won’t get on a plane to each country, when you pray you join our adventure, our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you’ll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let’s get started by learning about this month’s country.

WELCOME TO Indonesia!



It's a new year, which gives us a fresh opportunity to discover and learn more about different countries and people groups. Our first stop is Indonesia. This country in Southeast Asia is made up of 17,504 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.

Fun facts about Indonesia.



If you place a map of Indonesia on top of a map of the United States, you see how really big Indonesia is. Does this surprise you?



Indonesia has 147 volcanoes, and 76 of them are active. Have you ever seen a volcano before?



Indonesia is home to the world's largest flower, called *Rafflesia arnoldii* or the "corpse lily." It is very stinky!



Indonesia is the only place on Earth where we can observe the Komodo dragon in the wild!



Over 87% of the population identifies as Muslim, making Indonesia the largest Islamic country in the world.

Ready to pray for the people of Indonesia?

At Jesus Film Project, we're working hard to record the *JESUS* film into thousands of languages around the world. Our hope and prayer is that people everywhere 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?

I'd like you to watch a few minutes of *JESUS* in Indonesian (if you don't speak Indonesian) so you can experience what many people experience when they watch in a language they can't understand. You'll find it on this website:

<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/indonesian-yesus.html>

Did you watch it? And could you understand what was being said? I can't. I do not speak Indonesian. Now, if you go watch *JESUS* in English, or in your heart language, can you understand? That is why we, Jesus Film Project, work so hard to get films like *JESUS* recorded into more languages all the time. We want everyone to have a chance to see and hear *JESUS* in a language they can really understand. Currently, we have the movie in more than 2,016 languages.

Your 2023 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! prayer@jesusfilm.org



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Week 1: January 1–7, 2023

“Lord, all the nations You have made will come and worship You. They will honor You.”

— Psalm 86:9, International Children’s Bible



Week 1 Prayers



■ Day 1

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.

■ Day 2

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.

■ Day 3

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.

■ Day 4

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 groups don’t always get along. Pray that the groups who worship the Bible’s Jesus—Christians—would see the other islanders the same way Jesus sees them—with love and kindness. May the many groups in Sulawesi respond to their kindness by wanting to learn about Jesus.

■ Day 5

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.

■ Day 6

Today we are praying this verse for every Christian in Indonesia.

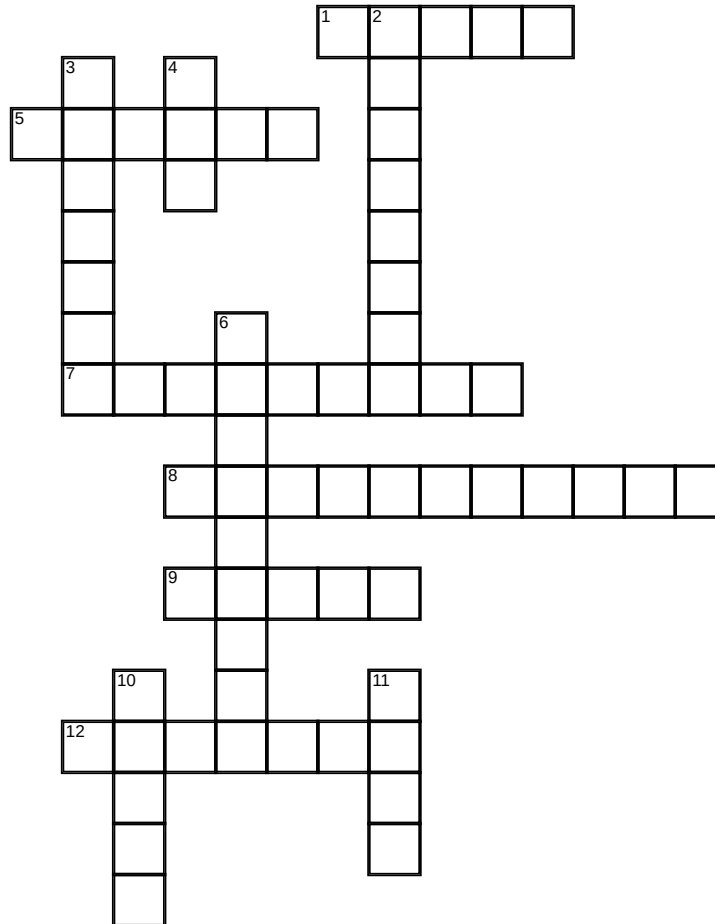
“Lord, teach me what You want me to do. And I will live by Your truth. Teach me to respect You completely.” — Psalm 86:11, ICB

When praying Scripture, you can simply add names or whole groups of people into the verse. Like this: “Lord, teach Christians in Indonesia what You want them to do. May they live by Your truth. Teach them to respect You completely.” This is another great verse to pray for yourself, your family and friends.

■ Day 7

Pray for people in Indonesia who are in slavery. And pray for those sharing the love of Jesus with them. Pray they can help them in practical ways.

Week 1 Activity: Crossword



Across

- 1 The name of the film translated into over 2016 languages
- 5 A type of dragon that lives in this country.
- 7 Indonesia is home to this animal: the Sumatran _____. See coloring page.
- 8 A very stinky and large flower that grows in this country.
- 9 ___ language means the language they learned as a child.
- 12 This country has thousands of these that are surrounded by water.

Down

- 2 The Borneo ___ is another animal that lives in this country (see maze).
- 3 Lava erupts from this. Indonesia has 147 of them.
- 4 The One who created the people of Indonesia in His own image
- 6 The country we are praying for this month.
- 10 Indonesia has the largest population of followers of this religion.
- 11 The part of the word where this country is located: Southeast ___.

WORD LIST:

ASIA
CORPSE_LILY
ELEPHANT

GOD
HEART
INDONESIA

ISLAM
ISLANDS
JESUS

KOMODO
ORANGUTAN
VOLCANO

02

Week 2: January 8-14, 2023

“Then all the people of the world will know the Lord is the only true God.”

– 1 Kings 8:60, ICB



Week 2 Prayers



■ Day 8

Indonesia has thousands of islands, and half of all the land on those islands is covered in forests. This makes it hard for Christians to travel to those who need to meet Jesus. Pray for God to give Christians in Indonesia wisdom about how to best reach people with His good news.

■ Day 9

Celebrate that God is causing the Christian church to grow, even while some people are against it. Pray that God will train more leaders to be like Jesus and help others to learn more about the Bible, God and Jesus.

■ Day 10

In the verse below, the writer Paul clearly encourages us to pray for everyone. That includes your family, your friends, your neighbors, your classmates, the people in your city, state, nation and all the people of Indonesia. Does this seem impossible? It doesn't have to be. Make a plan. Pray for one group each day.

“First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him. ... God wants all people to be saved. And He wants everyone to know the truth.” – 1 Timothy 2:1, 4, ICB

■ Day 11

Pray for the government leaders, that they would care for all Indonesians. May they lead wisely and try to be fair to all.

■ Day 12

Indonesia is a country made up of thousands of islands. There are more than 700 language groups, but only 10% have all or part of the Bible in their heart languages. Ask God to choose a group of believers who can live among each people group. That way they learn their language and other things about them and work together to make a Bible in their own heart language.

■ Day 13

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 that Christians do and want to know Jesus too.

■ Day 14

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.

Week 2 Activity: Coloring Page

Sumatran Orangutan



03

Week 3: January 15–21, 2023

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper. He will give you this Helper to be with you forever. The Helper is the Spirit of truth. ... He lives with you and He will be in you.”

— John 14:16–17, ICB



Week 3 Prayers



■ Day 15

Do you know who indigenous peoples are? They are the first people to live in a place. In the island of West Papua, many of the indigenous people are Christians or have Christians living with them or around them! God has been busy these last 100 years sending missionaries to work on this island. But there are still 100 more indigenous groups in West Papua who haven't yet heard about Jesus. Since they can only be reached by airplane, it is a really big job to give them Bibles. Pray that God shows Christians the best way to do that, so these people whom He loves can learn about Him in their own heart language.

■ Day 16

In Indonesia, some people are being forced to work and do other harmful things without giving their permission and without being paid. It's a sad thing when a person hurts another person like this, by making them their slave. Ask God to bring freedom and hope to those whose lives have been hurt.

■ Day 17

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.

■ Day 18

Pray that Christians and missionaries are loving but careful about how they teach and talk about Jesus to people who believe in other gods.

■ Day 19

Join with me in praying this prayer written by Paul. In the Bible, he was praying for the Christians in Ephesus. Today, we are praying for Christians in Indonesia.

“I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ—to the glorious Father. I pray that He will give you a spirit that will make you wise in the knowledge of God—the knowledge that He has shown you.”

— Ephesians 1:17, ICB

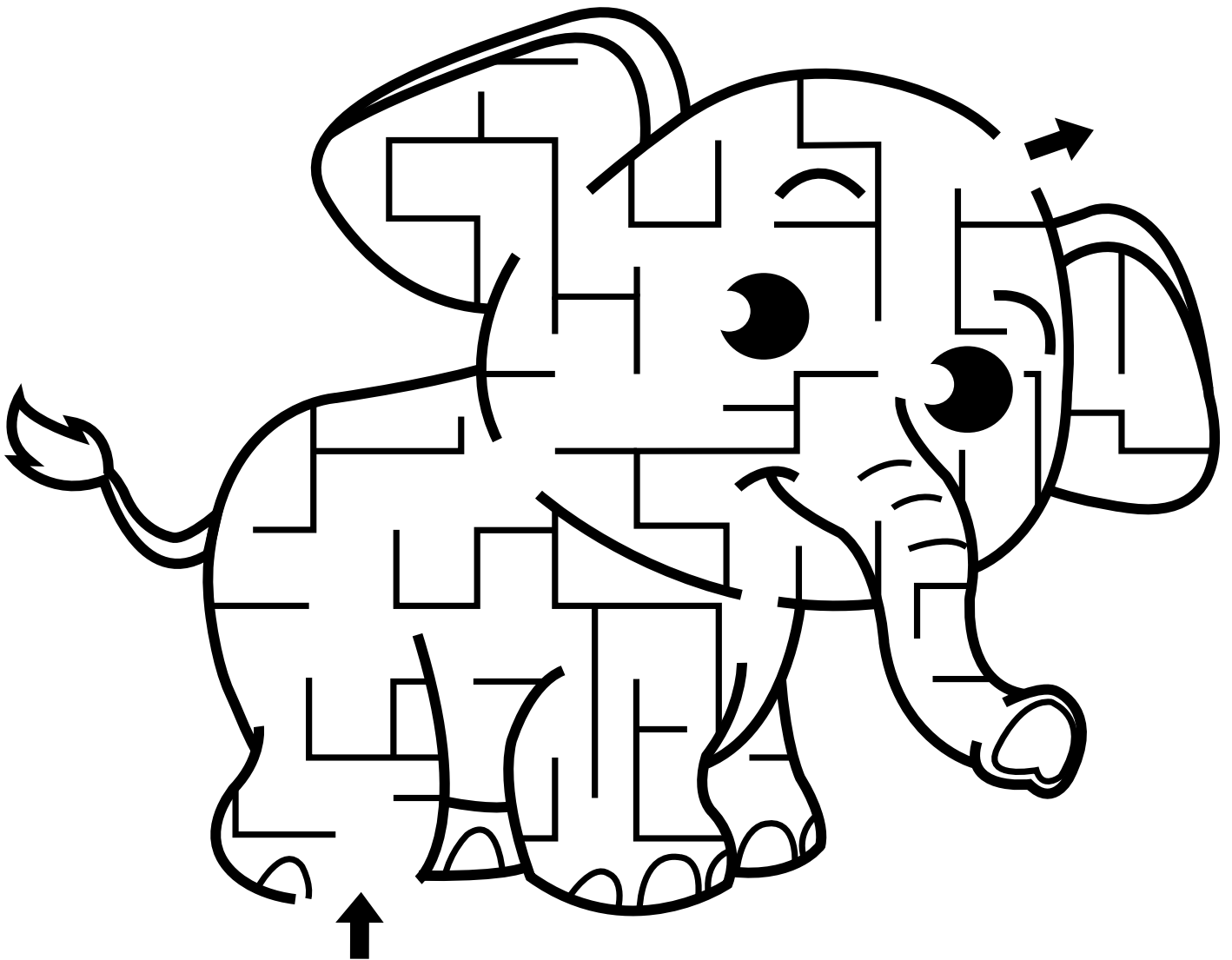
■ Day 20

Some Indonesian farmers have the opportunity to learn different skills for their job—like organic farming. Pray that learning organic farming skills opens up fresh possibilities, like the farmers earning more money and more Indonesian people being able to enjoy organic food.

■ Day 21

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

Week 3 Activity: Elephant Maze



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Week 4: January 22–28, 2023

*“God, have mercy on us and bless us.
Show Your kindness to us.
Then the world will learn Your ways.
All nations will learn that You can save.”*

— Psalm 67:1-2, ICB



Week 4 Prayers



■ Day 22

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.

■ Day 23

Join me in praying that all Indonesian Christians will read the Bible to learn what God wants them to do, then obey His teaching every day.

“So you must fully obey the Lord our God. You must follow all His laws and commands. You must continue to obey in the future as you do now.”

— 1 Kings 8:61, ICB

■ Day 24

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.

■ Day 25

Ask God for creative ways to reach the many people of Indonesia who don’t yet know how much He loves them.

■ Day 26

Pray that the sick and injured will get the medical care they need.

■ Day 27

Imagine traveling to visit friends who live in faraway jungles without good roads, or any roads at all, or who live on steep mountains. It would be a long, hard journey just to reach them. This is what Christians sometimes must do to connect with people groups who don’t know Jesus. Pray that God or ask God to send Christians to tell the story of Jesus to faraway people and maybe even create a Bible for them in their own language.

■ Day 28

Have you ever told your brother or sister or friend a story and later heard them tell someone else the story? That’s exactly how the story of Jesus is being passed along to some of the people on 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 help and encourage Christian leaders to do their jobs well. Pray that God will also teach and lead Christians on the island to be good teachers to younger Christians. And pray for Bibles written in a language the people of Kalimantan read.

Week 4 Activity: Word Search

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WORD LIST:

ASIA

CORPSELILY

ELEPHANT

GOD

HEART

INDONESIA

ISLAM

ISLAND

JESUS

KOMODO

ORANGUTAN

VOLCANO



Week 5 Prayers



■ Day 29

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.

■ Day 30

In March and April many Indonesians will celebrate the Ramadan holiday. Ask God to make Himself known to the people of this country in dreams and by allowing them He created the beauty they see in the world for us all. Pray they will discover who He is.

■ Day 31

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Indonesia each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we'll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Indonesians who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.

Resources

- ▶ The Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Indonesia.
<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/ID>
- ▶ PrayerCast has great prayer videos.
<https://www.prayercast.com/indonesia.html>
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have the film in over 2,016 languages on our website.
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short films available.
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch.html>
- ▶ For more Jesus Film Project® prayer resources—including access to each month’s family prayer guide—visit the prayer page on the Jesus Film Project website.
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/partners/resources/pray/>



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