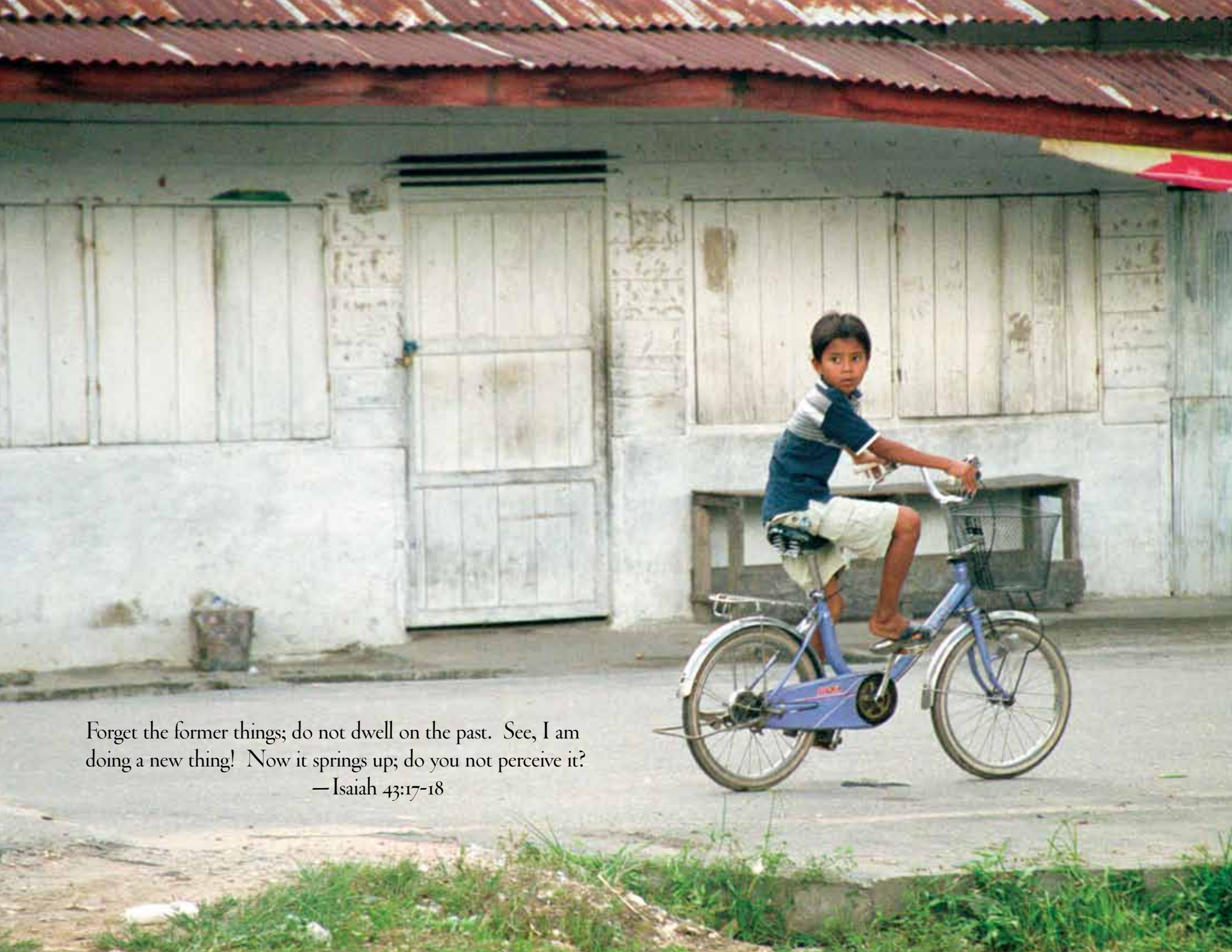


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Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

— Isaiah 43:17-18

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## LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

The Riau Malay are a people caught between the traditions of the past and the uncertainty of the future. Predominantly rural, they live in the Riau Province of Sumatra, in the country of Indonesia. While strongly identified with Islam, the Riau Malay are still bound by fear and superstition to animistic beliefs, and at the same time struggling to find their place in the modern world.

**PRAY** that the Riau Malay will be set free from the clutches of “folk Islam” to find their significance and future in Christ.

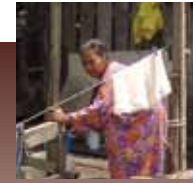
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The least of you will become a thousand, the  
smallest a mighty nation... — Isaiah 60:22

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## SMALL BEGINNINGS

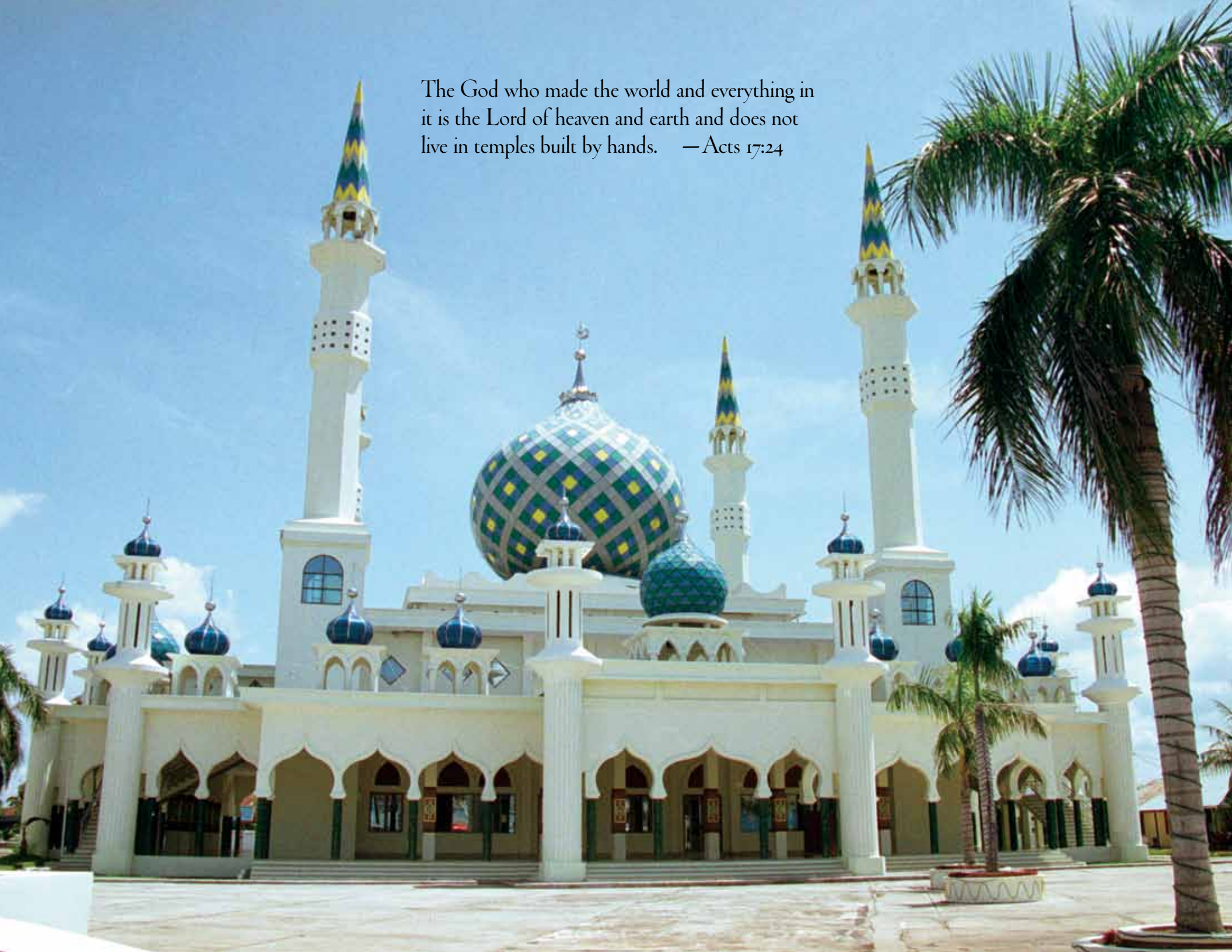
There are around 60 believers among the Riau Malay people group, but no indigenous fellowships. In their communal society, it is difficult for an individual to step away from his or her family group to follow Jesus. Believers face social ostracism for conversion and possible imprisonment for sharing their faith. Christian discipleship is also hard to find.

**PRAY** that believers will grow in their faith, standing firm in the face of pressure and persecution, and that local, indigenous fellowships will be formed where they can worship together.

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The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. — Acts 17:24



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## BORN MUSLIM

When asked how a person becomes a Muslim, one Riau Malay man firmly stated, "You do not choose to become a Muslim. You are born a Muslim." The almost inextricable ties between Islam and identity are formidable barriers to the gospel. For the Riau Malay, it seems wrong to suppose one could stop being Muslim, any more than one could stop being Indonesian. Islam is taken for granted, with little or no thought given to what life might be like otherwise.

**PRAY** that many Riau Malay will hunger and thirst for truth beyond their religion and cultural practice.

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May the peoples praise you, O God, may all the peoples praise you.  
May the nations be glad and sing for joy. — Psalm 67:3-4



# April 2011

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## WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

When foreigners share about Jesus the Messiah, cultural barriers can hinder the spread of the gospel. A Riau Malay man or woman will understand Christ much better when they learn from a Malay believer. Currently, there are no Riau Malay churches—no groups of believers meeting together for the purposes of evangelism, discipleship or fellowship. As churches form, efforts can be multiplied to reach many for Christ!

**PRAY** for a church planting movement that will sweep through the Riau Malay, resulting in many coming to joyful faith in Jesus.

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The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

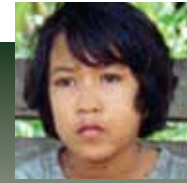
—Deuteronomy 31:8



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## WAITING

Many people in the populated areas speak Indonesian and Malay. In the remote areas, they primarily speak a Malay dialect. While the Bible is available in the Indonesian language, only portions have been translated into the heart language of the Riau Malay. They know of Jesus as a prophet through the teachings of Islam, but they haven't experienced him as Savior. They need to know that Jesus is the only one who can fulfill the deepest longings of their hearts.

**PRAY** that the Riau Malay will have the opportunity to hear and read the truth of the gospel in their own language.

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I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.  
— Psalm 119:32



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## SPLASHES OF JOY

Cross cultural workers among the Riau Malay face unique challenges. Along with cultural adjustments and language learning, workers must overcome suspicion that comes from being viewed as “foreign.” Many Riau Malay live in remote areas plagued by health risks due to unsanitary conditions, reduced access to medicines, and insect-borne diseases. Workers must deal wisely with government officials, as well as local leaders.

**PRAY** that the small but growing number of Christian workers—both foreign and Indonesian—will have joy and perseverance as they labor among the Riau Malay.

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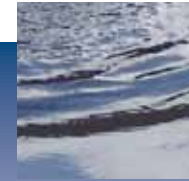


“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.”

—John 4:13-14

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## STILL WATERS

Rural Riau Malay earn their livelihood through the rivers (fishing from it, ferrying people across it, or transporting goods down it). Despite heavy pollution, people wash, bathe, and brush their teeth in the river. Many people have skin and intestinal diseases from the pollution. Floods regularly erode arable land and destroy valuable real estate. Their way of life depends on an impure source that will continually let them down.

**PRAY** that many Malay people will come to know Jesus, the Living Water that can quench their spiritually thirsty souls.

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I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. — Isaiah 42:16

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## UNCERTAINTY

This year, the Muslim month of fasting, Ramadan, runs through the month of August. During this time, Muslims seek enlightenment and favor from God. They have no assurance of salvation, and hesitate to speak about what happens after death. They acknowledge there will be a judgment for the deeds they have done, and that eternal reward or punishment will be dealt to them accordingly. Grace and the love of God are not part of their understanding of eternity.

**PRAY** that many Riau Malay will come to know true peace, forgiveness and assurance of salvation.

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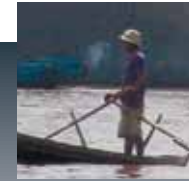
Yet when I surveyed all that my hands  
had done and what I had toiled to  
achieve, everything was meaningless,  
a chasing after the wind; nothing was  
gained under the sun. — Ecclesiastes 2:11



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## OVERLOOKED

Though there are nearly 2.2 million Riau Malay, they make up less than 1% of Indonesia's total population. Because their relaxed culture tends to be overshadowed by more dominant ethnic groups, little attention has been paid historically to this humble people. A small, but growing, number of cross-cultural workers have begun to take the gospel to the Riau Malay. The need is great, the opportunities are abundant, but the workers are few.

**PRAY** that God will call many more workers to go to the Riau Malay, and that there will be a great harvest.

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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure  
and faultless is this: to look after orphans and  
widows in their distress. —James 1:27



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## THE LEAST OF THESE

While not as overlooked or restricted as women in some Muslim cultures, Riau Malay women still primarily stay at home with housekeeping duties and child-rearing responsibilities. Beyond childhood and formal education, they do not enjoy the same culturally accepted social interactions as their fathers, husbands, and brothers. As a result, women can be isolated, without opportunities to hear the gospel.

**PRAY** for miracles, dreams and supernatural encounters in the lives of Riau Malay women that will lead them to seek Jesus.

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As a father has compassion on his  
children, so the Lord has compassion  
on those who fear him.

—Psalm 103:13



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## GENERATIONS

In cultures like the Riau Malay, the gospel most often travels along family lines. Rarely will a young adult or a mother come to Christ (although it does happen). More often, an entire family group will commit to the Lord because the family's patriarch decides to follow Isa Almasih (Jesus the Messiah). If that one family head is also a leader in the community, whole villages may turn to Jesus!

**PRAY** that God will raise up key leaders who are respected, open to the work of the Holy Spirit, and who will lead their families and communities to faith in Christ.

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Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

—Mark 10:14



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## FUTURE LEADERS

In every culture, the youth are the future. Though the Riau Malay strongly lean toward the authority of senior members of the community, the younger generation will soon be in the roles and places of influence. They are more likely than adults to travel (especially for education) and to be exposed to new ideas through publications, music, broadcast media and the internet.

**PRAY** for the development of initiatives reaching children and young adults, the future leaders of the Riau Malay people.

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After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. — Revelation 7:9



# January 2012

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## THE VISION

To the glory of God—our desire is to see a biblical and indigenous church planting movement among the Riau Malay, transforming individuals and communities and reaching out to other peoples.

The ultimate goal is to see a vast multitude of Riau Malay people worshipping before the throne of God, as described in Rev. 7:9. In order for that to happen, God will have to draw them to himself.

**PRAY** that God will redeem a vast multitude of the Riau Malay so that they will worship with the nations around his throne.

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“They raise their voices, they shout for joy; from the west they acclaim the Lord’s majesty. Therefore, in the east exalt the name of the Lord...in the islands of the sea.”

—Isaiah 24:14-15 NIV

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