

The S.I people of South East Asia

The People Group

Around 45 million S.I people live in one of the most densely populated regions on earth. While growing numbers migrate to mega-cities of momentous influence and massive urban problems, the majority still live in rural areas and earn a living through farming. Divorce rates and broken homes are on the rise.

Almost all S.I people are Muslims. They comprise one of the largest least-reached people groups on Earth. Their communal solidarity and strict social codes have served as barriers to the Good News. Followers of Jesus are a small minority but there is a growing openness and willingness to learn about Him.

Global Interaction team among the S.I people

The team has established creative and productive ways to work among the S.I people, including through the Education Foundation, hospitality and an environmental project. S.I people are being empowered in their everyday lives, while also engaging in spiritual conversations. God often communicates with the local people through dreams and visions of Jesus and they are excited to witness and participate in the way that God is moving in their lives. There is a growing group of people who meet for Bible study and discipleship and the team is hopeful that many more will be added to its number.

Prayer Needs

- God's Spirit to be opening the hearts of S.I people who come into contact with the team, to hear the Gospel and respond
- Sensitivity to the Spirit's leading for the team as they build friendships and seek to share the Good News through the Education Foundation, Cafe and Creation Care initiatives
- Protection over S.I believers and courage as they fear opposition from their families and communities
- Doors to open enabling the team to receive their necessary visas in a smooth and timely manner
- More godly people passionate about using their skills and sharing the Gospel to join the team

Pray for the Team Members (secure names used)

Dave (team leader) and Caz

Allie (candidate)

Andy and Wanda

Daz and Bee (candidates)

Stories of Hope from South East Asia

Holding Strong to Faith

Rieka is a language nurturer at the Education Foundation and has formed good friendships with our workers. She comes from a Muslim background and is not aware of any followers of Jesus within her family or neighbourhood community. When she began attending the weekly Bible devotions at the foundation she was deeply suspicious. However, over time, she found the Scriptures were speaking into her heart and soon she was avidly taking notes.

After several months, Jesus appeared to Rieka in a dream. She identified who He was and began praying in His name. Her faith grew and she made the decision to be baptised. Despite this decision having the potential to cause conflict in her family and community repercussions, she is holding strong to her faith. Her desire is to share with others the Good News that she now has... no matter the cost.

Thank God for her faith and pray for her family and community to also come to follow Jesus.

Spiritual Conversations

One of the team's ministries among the S.I people of South East Asia is a cafe. This is run to offer employment and skills training to S.I people. Cross-cultural worker Wanda is forming connections through the cafe with local staff and is increasingly having spiritual conversations with them.

Miss I is 21 years old and joined the cafe staff last November in a role of cashier/waitress. She is a very pleasant girl and diligent in her Muslim faith. Over time, she has become comfortable to chat with Wanda and initiate conversations related to faith. A couple of months ago she asked about getting to Heaven. Wanda followed up this conversation at a later time, seeking to deepen the conversation.

Recently she had a motorbike accident on the way home from work so Wanda visited her at home and met her parents. Join Wanda in praying that Miss I will be open to hearing about Jesus and Wanda will be sensitive to the Spirit and be used to speak into her life.

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