

Day 7
Dreams Taken Seriously

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions; your old men will dream dreams.... And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” -- Acts 2:17, 21

In 1999, Pak Wahib had a mysterious dream for 3 successive nights. In this dream, his grandfather’s spirit appeared to him and instructed him to go to a part of his yard where 218 ancient coins were located, buried in an antique box.

Pak Wahib later did go to this exact spot and found the box which contained exactly 218 old Javanese coins from the year 1618! Pak Wahib went to the head of the village, who gave him an official government certificate confirming that he had found 218 antique Javanese coins and that his grandfather had in fact appeared to him in a dream and instructed him to dig up these coins.

PRAYER POINTS

- That God would send key Malay people dreams and visions about Isa (Jesus), because they believe dreams communicate important messages and revelations.
- That God would also send followers of Jesus to these same people so that they can have their dreams and visions explained to them, from God’s Word.



The Riau Malay

SEVEN-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

Week One



The Riau Malay are a Muslim unreached people group of Indonesia. There are now believed to be around 100 believers among the population of 2.2 million. They are simple, hospitable people who earn their livelihood from the land, sea, and rivers where they live. Please join in praying for their salvation!

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Day 1
What does it cost you to love God first

“Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.... And anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” -- Matthew 10:37

“Ibu Siti” is a Malay woman who is currently being discipled by a follower of Jesus. She faces tremendous family pressure to return to Islamic faith. Her family told her that they would rather her to be a whore than to be a Christian. Although she faces the temptation to return to Islam because she misses her family, she still chooses to stand firm in her faith by choosing God first.



PRAYER POINTS

- Ibu Siti to be able to share the love of Jesus with her family and for them ALL to come to a saving faith.
- A church planting movement among Malay people, led by Malay followers of Jesus.
- Malay followers of Jesus to support each other in the community of believers.
- For God to bring revival to local Christians from other people groups to share their faith with their Muslim neighbors.

Day 2
Hope for Eternal Life

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -- Romans 6:23

Once upon a time, there was a Malay couple like Romeo and Juliet, who were madly in love with each other. The wife died, and because of her husband’s great love for her, he did not want to bury her body. He brought her corpse into a boat and went sailing on the ocean. His heart was broken as he looked at her face. He began to sing and as he sang, he kept thinking, “How can my wife live again?” Amidst his great sorrow came musical inspiration—a way that he would always keep his wife in his heart. He made a lute-like stringed instrument, called a “gambus,” shaped to look like his wife’s leg. That way, he was always able to remember his wife when he played the instrument.

PRAYER POINT

- The Malay people have no assurance of eternal life and they face death with much sorrow, despair and uncertainty – pray that many Malay will come to know the eternal life and deep inner peace that Jesus’s sacrifice brings.



Day 3 Calling for Help

“How, then, can they call on the one whom they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaches to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?” --Romans 10: 14-15

Many Malay people go to a village dukun (traditional healer) during their times of difficulty. For example, they believe that evil spirits called “hantu” can trick or confuse villagers, causing them to get lost in the jungle. The lost person would not be able to find his way home without spiritual assistance. One village dukun said that if someone lost his way in the jungle, he could call out the dukun’s name for help. After the dukun has heard the cry for help, he would then perform a certain type of ritual that would help the lost person find his way.



PRAYER POINTS

- That the Holy Spirit would render the Malay dukuns powerless and then show the Malay God’s infinite power and desire to help them find their way.
- That the Lord of harvest will send more followers of Jesus to point out the pathway to salvation-Jesus.
- That many Malay people will call out to Jesus once they realize that they are “lost” in their sin.

Day 4 New Titles

“Remember that at that time you were separated from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.” --Ephesians 2:12-13

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

According to Pak Halim, a Malay elder, there are three different royal titles for Malay. These titles are Tengku, Sharifa and Mja. If a woman of higher caste decided to marry a man in a lower caste, then she would lose her title. In contrast, if a woman marries a man with higher caste, she would gain a royal title. For example, Pak Halim’s mother-in-law gave up her Tengku title by marrying a commoner. However, his wife gained the Tengku title back because Pak Halim himself is a Tengku.

Jesus gave up his status in heaven, willingly casting aside his Kingly title so he could identify with and ultimately save mankind. In turn, when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we who once had no status before God now become the children of God Almighty, the King of kings. Followers of Jesus are the King’s sons and daughters with full rights and privileges.



PRAYER POINTS

- That Melayu people would come to know the love of Jesus who gave up his status in heaven to identify with people.
- That many Melayu people will become children of God by accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Day 5 Reconciliation with a Holy God

“That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation....God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” --2 Corinthians 5:19, 21



One Malay historian explained that a basic principle in the Malay culture is the forgiveness of wrongdoers-reconciliation between offended parties is highly valued. The head of the village is the community expert on resolving conflicts. People who have a disagreement or fight are brought to him along with witnesses, and he tries to mediate and determine who was in the wrong. The person found at fault has to slaughter a goat and provide a feast for everyone, to show that he is not holding onto any grudges.

PRAYER POINTS

- That Malay people would know that their sin offends a Holy God and that there is no price that they can personally pay to be reconciled with God. Yet God, in his amazing love, paid the price Himself to bring reconciliation with mankind by sending Jesus as the atonement for their sins.
- That many Malay will come to understand God’s great love and sacrifice for them.

Day 6 Magical Water v. Living Water

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” -- John 4:13-14

One village dukun says he helps to solve marriage problems. For example, when a husband and a wife get into a fight and have broken hearts, the dukun spits into a bowl of water and recites some verses from the Qur’an. The person who has been wronged drinks the water to fix his or her broken heart. In the same way, if brothers have a problem with each other, the dukun goes through the same process with the bowl of water. Whoever is hurt can fix their broken heart by drinking the water.

PRAYER POINTS

- That many Malay people will be freed from the stronghold of Folk Islam.
- That many Malay people will know and drink the “living water” that Jesus provides—that heals broken hearts and broken lives from inside out.

