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As descendants from the Minangkabau people from West Sumatra, Indonesia, the Minangkabau of Malaysia has a distinct culture and its own royal line that dates back several centuries. The Minang place great emphasis on their women. In order to protect the rights of the female, the name and property are passed down through the line of the mother. The Minang are devout Muslims in spite of their matrilineal heritage. The practice of female inheritance and men being unable to take a second wife draws criticism from more fundamental Islamic people groups.

Ministry Obstacles

There is a substantial lack of resources in the language of the Minangkabau people. Pray for resources to be developed that will speak to the hearts and minds of the people.

Outreach Ideas

The people feel that their culture is in danger of dilution by outside influence. Efforts to share the gospel with them will need to be very sensitive to the preservation of this culture.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Although there are likely no followers of Jesus Christ among the Minangkabau at this time, pray for the preparation of their hearts to receive those who will need to come with attitudes of patience and sensitivity.

Pray for the entire people group

May the unique culture of the Minangkabau be preserved and blessed as a culture designed by the All-Compassionate One. Pray for preservation of the culture while accommodating the truth personified by Jesus.

Scripture Focus

"All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before You."
Psalm 22:27