

MEMAK OF MALAYSIA

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QUICK FACTS

People Name: Memak

People Cluster: Tamil

Language: Tamil

Population: 106,000

POSSIBLE WAYS TO HELP

Pray that the Lord would soften the hearts of Malaysian Christians toward these people.

Pray that God would keep the evil one from convincing them to believe lies, and pray their eyes would be opened to the truth.

Ask God to open up doors for workers to share the message of hope with this people group.

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ABOUT THE COUNTRY

Malaysia as a unified state did not exist until 1963. Previously, a set of colonies were established by the United Kingdom from the late-18th century, and the western half of modern Malaysia was composed of several separate kingdoms.

The capital city of modern Malaysia is Kuala Lumpur, while Putrajaya is the seat of the federal government.

The Malays form the majority of the population. Some Malays are of Arab descent, but there are also sizable Chinese and Indian communities. The Malay language is the official language.

Malaysia is a multi-religious society, but Islam is the official religion. All ethnic Malays are considered Muslim (100%) as defined by Article 160 of the Constitution of Malaysia. Although the Malaysian constitution theoretically guarantees religious freedom, in practice the situation is restricted. Additionally, all non-Muslims who marry Muslims must renounce their religion and convert to Islam. Meanwhile, non-Muslims experience restrictions in activities such as construction of religious buildings and the celebration of certain religious events in some states.

Malaysia is well-endowed with natural resources such as agriculture, forestry and minerals. In terms of agriculture, Malaysia is one of the top exporters of natural rubber and palm oil, which together with sawn logs and sawn timber, cocoa, pepper, pineapple and tobacco dominate the growth of the sector. Palm oil is also a major generator of foreign exchange.

Very little is known about the Memak people specifically.

