

THE BALINESE OF INDONESIA

HOMELAND: Bali Island

POPULATION: 3,925,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Balinese

RELIGION: Hinduism

CHRISTIANITY: 0.79% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: Available

CHRISTIAN RADIO: Available

GENERAL: Famed for their fine arts, the Balinese are a strongly family-oriented people. They appease a pantheon of deities, spirit beings and ancestral spirits, believing that both good and evil forces are equally powerful. Though a key revenue earner, mass tourism has eroded traditional values, resulting in social ills. Christianity has made minimal headway among the Balinese.

“Let the BALINESE rejoice in their Maker; let them be glad in their King. Let them praise His Name with dancing and make music to Him with their musical instruments.’

Psalm 149:2-3 (NIV - personalised)

Father God, we speak life upon the BALINESE. Draw them to know Christ as the Light of the World who dispels all forms of darkness, and who has won the ultimate victory over the forces of evil.

Cause the BALINESE to know You as their refuge in times of fear. Give them wisdom to handle the negative effects of mass tourism on their society.

Sustain the BALINESE Christians in the face of opposition. Enable them through the Holy Spirit to lead lives that will draw those who are seeking the Truth to You. May they bring out the best of their culture to glorify Your Name.

Protect Your servants ministering to the BALINESE. Help them to present the core message of the Good News in a culturally-relevant way.

Father, may the BALINESE exalt You as their Maker who is worthy of all praise and worship. This we pray in Christ Jesus' Name. AMEN.