

THE RUNGUS OF MALAYSIA

HOMELAND: Northern Sabah in East Malaysia

POPULATION: 59,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Rungus

RELIGION: Animism, Protestantism, Catholicism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 5% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: The Rungus live mainly in Kudat and Pitas districts. Their colourful folk culture is a stark contrast to the poverty and under-development in many of their villages. Though most Rungus profess Christianity, there is a lack of understanding on the fundamentals of their Christian faith. As a result, many either remain influenced by animism or are drawn to other faiths.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy the RUNGUS; the Lord Jesus Christ came that the RUNGUS may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10 (NIV - personalised)

Father God, we ask for a revival to come upon the RUNGUS in Sabah. Visit the many nominal congregations with a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit convict their hearts to arise out of a state of spiritual compromise and complacency.

Let the Light of Your Truth dispel all spiritual forces of darkness assigned to deceive and destroy the RUNGUS. Free the many lives trapped in sin and animistic practices.

Raise up godly leaders to shepherd the RUNGUS Church. Guide the ongoing outreach efforts to expand among the youth and children. Let Your servants spearhead relevant development projects to alleviate poverty in the villages.

Sustain the few born-again RUNGUS believers in their faith. Ignite within them a passion to see Your Kingdom be firmly established among their people.

Father, may the RUNGUS experience the abundant life found in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This we ask in His Victorious Name. AMEN.