

THE BOLINAO SAMBAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Northern Philippines (Luzon Island and West Pangasinan Province)

POPULATION: 77,000 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Bolinao

RELIGION: Animism, Catholicism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 13% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: Available

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: The town of Bolinao and its offshore islands of Anda and Santiago are home to the Bolinao Sambal. Strong communal ties bind these industrious, friendly people who are mainly farmers and fishermen. Although most Bolinao Sambal profess Christianity, strong beliefs in astrology, spirits and superstitions prevail. Many fall prey to cult groups making inroads into their region.

**Christ declares: 'I am the Way and the Truth and the Life,
O, BOLINAO SAMBAL. No one comes to the Father except
through Me.'**

John 14:6 (NIV-personalised)

Father God, cause the BOLINAO SAMBAL to know Your unconditional love for them. Let them realise that You hear every silent cry of their hearts.

Change mind-sets that place emphasis on good works and religious rituals as keys to their salvation. Let those bound by witchcraft, alcoholism and gambling find true freedom in Christ.

Sustain the BOLINAO SAMBAL believers. May Jesus be their sole source of strength and hope. Grant them the grace to live lives that reflect the Gospel's transforming power.

Bless the BOLINAO SAMBAL outreach. Provide for Your servants' needs. Grant them favour and protection.

Father, may the precious BOLINAO SAMBAL declare Christ as their Way, their Truth and their Life. This we pray in His Holy Name. AMEN.