

THE PALAWAN BATAK OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Northeast Palawan Island

POPULATION: 1,900 (est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Batak

RELIGION: Animism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 2% (est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: Portions

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: Mainly hunters and farmers, the Palawan Batak live in jungle settlements. A gentle people, they appease powerful spirits that dwell in rocks and trees. Most Palawan Batak live in abject poverty. Logging activities have driven many off their tribal lands.

**“The Lord is the PALAWAN BATAK’s rock, their fortress and deliverer;
the Lord God is the rock, in whom they can take refuge, their shield and
the horn of their salvation. He is their rock, their refuge and their Saviour.”
2 Samuel 22:2-3 (NIV-personalised)**

Father God, we claim the promises in 2 Samuel 22:2-3 for the PALAWAN BATAK. May they know You as their rock and fortress in times of trouble. Deliver them from spiritual bondage and slavery to sin.

Raise up intercessors to stand in the gap for the PALAWAN BATAK. As Your people pray, let all demonic principalities be bound in Jesus’ Name. Prepare the hearts of the PALAWAN BATAK to receive the Gospel. Reveal to them Your salvation plan through dreams and visions.

Raise up workers to go to the PALAWAN BATAK. Help Your servants to understand their mind-sets and culture as they reach out to the people. Let the Filipino Church rise up as an advocate for the people’s land rights. May living standards in the PALAWAN BATAK settlements be improved.

Father, may the PALAWAN BATAK know You as their Deliverer, Healer and Provider. In Jesus’ Name, AMEN.