

The Nisa of Indonesia

There are at least 500 speakers of the Nisa language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. Most of the Nisa people maintain their livelihood by farming or fishing. At an elevation of 100 to 200 meters above sea level, the Nisa people can best be visited by boat. Travel from Marikiai to the Nisa area consists of a five to six hour boat trip.

The main diet of the Nisa people is sago and fish. Currently there are no good airstrip possibilities in the area. The Nisa are sometimes known as the Bonefa or Kerema people. The Nisa language is part of the East Geelvink Bay language.

Sixty-six percent of the people claim to be Christian, while the remaining thirty-four percent follow the tribal religion. It is not known whether the Christians in the area have a church building or are simply meeting in homes or in an open area. The Nisa people have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language.

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Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

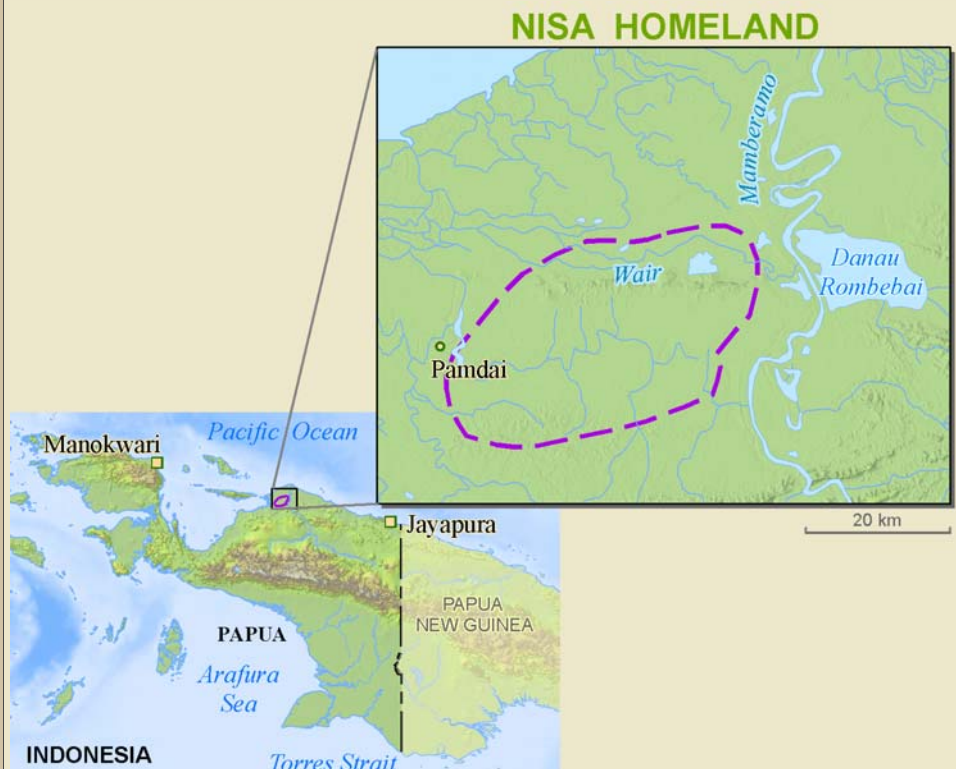
Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

No Scripture

Population (date):

500 (2002)



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| Item Name | Item Note | |
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| Have They Heard The Gospel? | | Profile Summary |
| Call Themselves Christian (%) | >50% | |
| Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%) | 34% | |
| Is The Word Of God Translated? | No | |
| Population All Countries | | Group Description |
| World Population For This People | 500 | |
| World Population (Date) | 2002 | |
| Countries Where People Group Lives | | Group Description |
| Country Name | Indonesia | |
| Geography & Environment | | Group Description |
| Location | Within the province of Papua Indonesia | |
| Country | Indonesia | |
| Ecosystem Type | Tropical Forest | |
| Geological Type | Swampy | |
| Elevation | 100-200m | |
| Longitude | 138E | |
| Latitude | 2S | |
| Comments (Geography & Environment) | They can best be accessed by boat. Travel from Marikai to the Nisa area consists of a 5-6 hour boat trip. | |
| Language & Linguistics | | Group Description |
| Primary Language | NISA | |
| Comment (Language) | The Nisa language is part of the East Geelvink Bay language. | |
| Alternate Language Names | BONEFA | |
| Alternate Language Names | KEREMA | |
| Economics | | Group Description |
| Subsistence Type | Fishers | |
| Subsistence Type | Agriculturalists | |
| Occupation | Fishing | |
| Income Sources | Occupation | |
| Community Development | | Group Description |
| Diet (Quality) | Poor | |
| Comment (Diet) | Sago and fish. | |
| Transportation | Currently there are no good airstrip possibilities in the area. | |
| Society & Culture | | Group Description |
| Local Language Broadcasting | None | |
| Scripture | | Status of Christianity |
| Translation Status | Possible | |
| Available Scripture | None | |
| Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature | No | |
| Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings | No | |
| Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos | No | |
| Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio | No | |