

The Masep of Indonesia

There are at least 40 speakers of the Masep language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. The Masep people are marketers of coconut and coconut oil, dry fish and vegetables. At an elevation of less than 100 meters above sea level, the Masep people can best be visited by boat.

The people eat fish, yams, and sago. There is very little infrastructure in the area and no roads. The Masep are sometimes known as the Masep, Wotaf or Potafa people, but they prefer to be called Masep.

The Masep language is part of the Masep language family. Both Malay and Masep are used in church. The Masep people have no gospel cassettes, films, or videos in their language.

Among this people group, sixty percent claim to be Christian while the remaining forty percent follow the tribal religion. It is not known which organization has a church in this area. It can be assumed there is one congregation since there are only approximately twenty-four people in attendance.

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Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

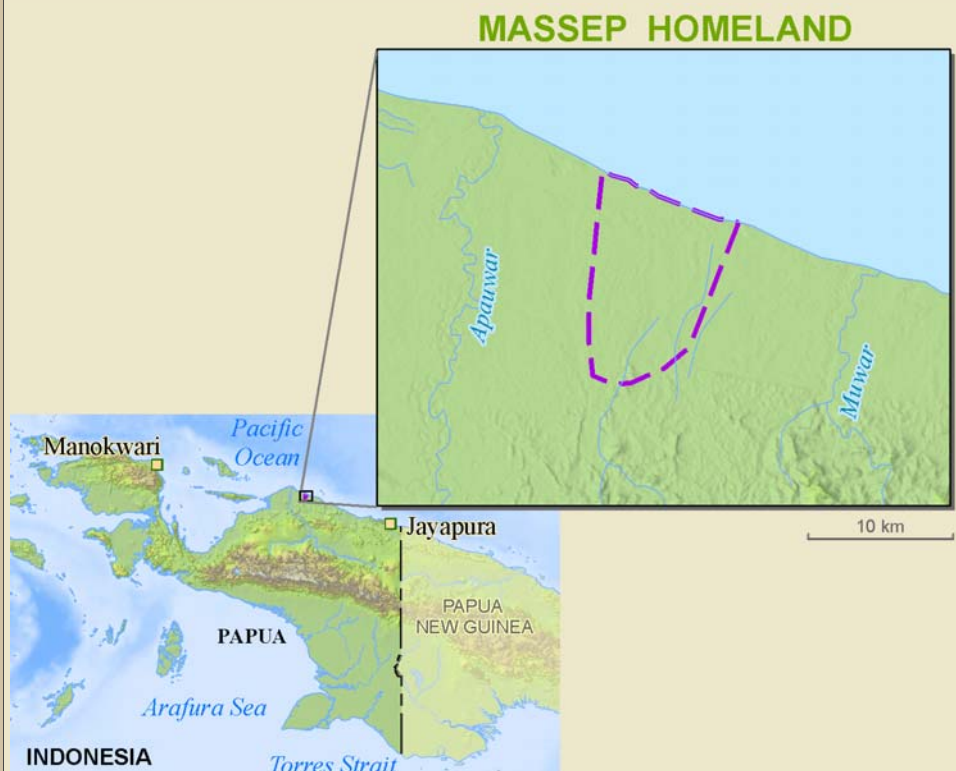
Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

No Scripture

Population (date):

40 (2002)



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Item Name

Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

Call Themselves Christian (%)	60%
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	40%
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No

Population All Countries

World Population For This People	40
World Population (Date)	2002

Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Indonesia
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Geography & Environment

Location	Within the province of Papua Indonesia
Elevation	<100m
Longitude	138E
Latitude	2S
Comments (Geography & Environment)	Can be accessed by boat

Language & Linguistics

Primary Language	MASSEP
Comment (Language)	The Massep language is part of the Massep language family.
Comment (Language)	They prefer to be called Massep
Comment (Language)	Other alternate names are Wotaf and Potafa.
Alternate Language Names	MASEP
Second Languages	Malay
Comment (Second Language)	Both Malay and Massep is used at church.

Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Subsistence Type	Fishers
Occupation	The Massep people are marketers of coconut, coconut oil, dry fish and vegetables.

Community Development

Diet (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Diet)	They eat fish, yams, and sago.
Transportation	There are no roads. Boats can be used to reach the area.
Comment (Community Development)	There is very little infrastructure in the area.

Society & Culture

Local Language Broadcasting	None
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Church Growth

Reached Status	Adopted
Reached Classification	Unevangelized

Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive
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Scripture

Available Scripture	None
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Profile Summary

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Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No