

## The Wanggom of Indonesia

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There are at least 875 speakers of the Wanggom language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. They live primarily by fishing, gathering, hunting and logging in their swampy lowlands. With their land at an elevation of less than 100 meters above sea level, the Wanggom people can best be visited by boat. Villages on the Digul River can also be accessed by floatplane.

The people enjoy sago worm feasts and invite neighboring villages to the feasts. On special occasions the men dress with feathers, bracelets and gourds. They often have pig feasts after a death in the village, where a pig is wrapped in banana leaves and roasted with sago worms. The women primarily gather food and garden. Most people wear modern clothing but rarely wash their clothes. The people eat sago, sago worms, and fish. Wanggom people use the tools that they own: machetes, steel axes, bows & arrows, and shovels. Houses are generally log posts, palm or cement floors, plank or stem walls, and a tin or leaf roof. There are no known generators in the area but in Wanggom village there is an SSB radio. The people get their drinking water straight from the river, from a well or from rain. Malaria, lung disease and yaws are common. Wanggom village has a health clinic.

The Wanggom people have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language. With family members Wanggom is generally used, but with friends both Wanggom and Indonesian is spoken. Although there is a Reformed church in the area, it is not readily accessible. It is not known how many of the people claim to be Christian.

**Primary Religion:**

Unknown

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

**Churches:**

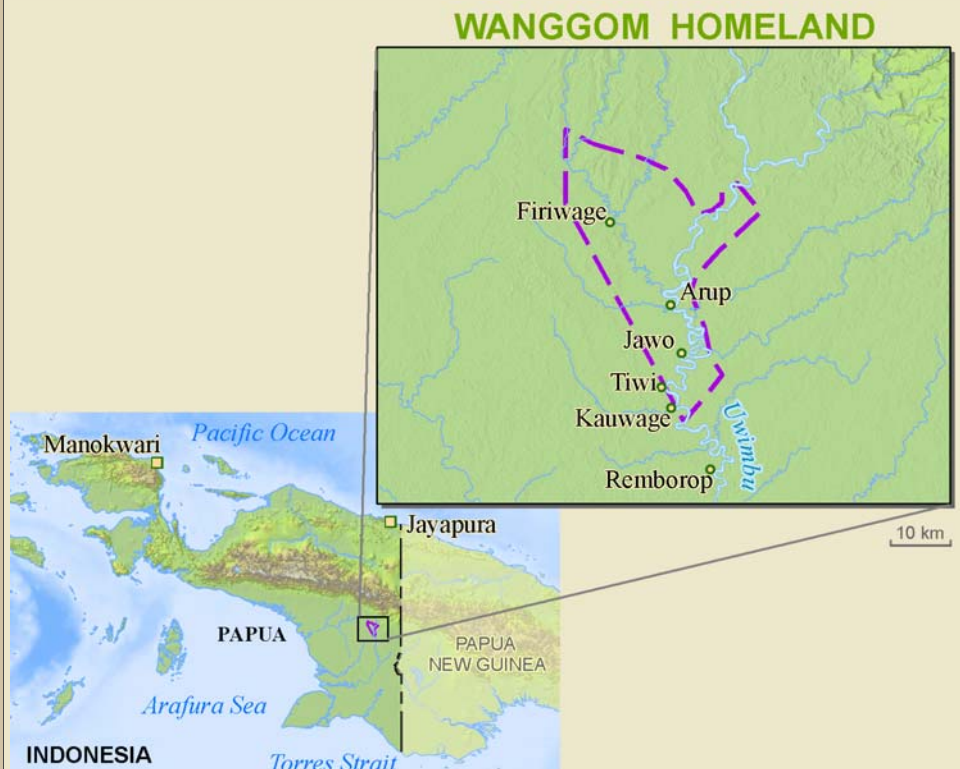
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**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

None

**Population (date):**

875 (2002)



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## Item Name

## Item Note

### Have They Heard The Gospel?

Number Of Churches	1
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No

## Profile Summary

### Population All Countries

World Population For This People	875
World Population (Date)	2002

## Group Description

### Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Indonesia
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## Group Description

### Geography & Environment

Location	Within the province of Papua Indonesia
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest
Geological Type	Swampy
Elevation	<100 meters
Longitude	140E
Latitude	6S

## Group Description

### Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Subsistence Type	Fishers
Occupation	Fishing, hunting and logging
Income Sources	Occupation

## Group Description

### Community Development

Health Care (Quality)	Fair
Comment (Health Care)	Wanggom village has a health clinic
Diet (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Diet)	The people eat sago, sago worms, and fish.
Water (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Water)	The people get their drinking water straight from the river, a well, or rain.
Shelter Description	Houses are generally log posts, palm or cement floors, plank or stem walls, and a tin or leaf roof.
Clothing	Most people wear modern clothing but rarely wash their clothes.
Transportation	Boat

## Group Description

### Society & Culture

Social Habits/Groupings	They enjoy sago worm feasts where villages around are invited. On special occasions the men dress with feathers, bracelets, and gourds.
Local Language Broadcasting	None

## Group Description

### Church Growth

Reached Status	Adopted
Comment (Reached Status)	There is at least 1 Reformed church in the area.
Reached Classification	Unevangelized

## Status of Christianity

### Religion & Response

Religious Practices & Ceremonies	They often have pig feasts after a death in the village, where a pig is wrapped in banana leaves and roasted with sago worms.
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## Status of Christianity

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Item Name	Item Note	Status of Christianity
<b>Scripture</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Translation Status	Possible	
Available Scripture	None	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No	
<b>Missions and Churches</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Organization Name	Reformed	
Number Of Congregations	1	