

Jakarta

INDONESIA



Jakarta is the capital of Indonesia and largest city of Southeast Asia. Lying on the northwest coast of Java, the world's most populous island.

The city has experienced rapid urban growth and ecological breakdown over the past 100 years. Jakarta is sinking up to 17cm annually, which coupled with the rising of sea levels, has made the city prone to flooding.

POPULATION
33,900,000

Language

Bahasa Indonesia is the official & dominant language of Jakarta, with English used for business. Each of the ethnic groups uses their mother tongue at home, such as Betawi, Javanese, and Sundanese.

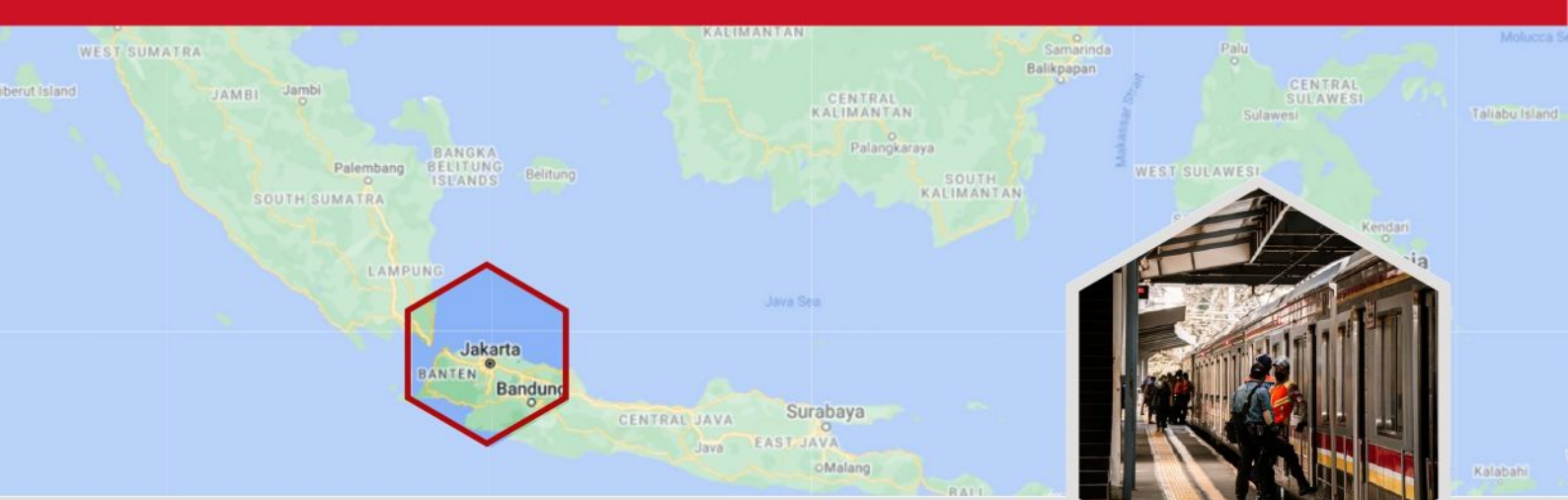
Religion

Although Indonesia has an overwhelming Muslim majority (83% Sunni), it is not an Islamic state. It is a secular state, officially recognising six religions: Islam, Protestantism, Roman Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism.

Economy

Jakarta is home to Indonesia's rich and famous. It is also the home for millions of people living below the poverty line. Indonesia has an economy ranked in the top 20 of the world, its wealth is not evenly distributed .

The infrastructure in Jakarta has not kept up with the population growth. Traffic congestion and waiting is normal, and air quality is poor. Residents are preoccupied with making a living, but will engage in conversation. The basic friendliness of Indonesia comes through, even in this harsh and busy environment.



*"Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples."*

[1 Chronicles 16:24]

The Betawi people are native to Jakarta. They are the descendants of the people who inhabited Batavia (the colonial name of Jakarta) from the 17th century onwards. They are made up of an amalgamation of various immigrant ethnic groups into Batavia. Betawis speak a unique form of the Malay language that borrow words from other language influences (Hokkien, Mandarin, Arabic, Portuguese and Dutch).

Prayer

- Ask God to soften the hearts of the Betawi people and open doors for the Gospel to be shared in homes and businesses.
- Pray for Christians in Jakarta, to be wise and diligent in sharing their faith.
- One quarter of Jakarta's population is under the age of 25. Pray for young people looking for meaning and purpose to find it in Christ.
- Pray for student ministries in Jakarta and for Christians in the universities to be a good witness of Christ's love to their friends.
- Pray for more workers to catch a heart and vision for the Betawi people and explore opportunities to move to Jakarta longterm.



Opportunities

Language learning visas are available for up to two years study. This provides a great platform to meet people and learn culture; it can also open the door to visa options like business and university.

Jakarta has many universities that accept foreign students. A wide range of courses are available from Bachelors to PhD. You will need to spend some initial time language learning.

Trainers and mobilisers are needed to work alongside local ministries to help equip and coach local believers to reach out to the Betawi people.

If you have a heart to serve, and a passion to share the love of Jesus with Muslims there are great opportunities waiting for you in Jakarta.