

## RIVERLIFE MISSIONS



# *The Orang Asli*

## MALACCA & PAHANG, MALAYSIA



In Malaysia, there are about 150,000 indigenous Orang Asli people who have diverse religious beliefs. Being a marginalised community, many Orang Asli live in poverty and face its associated issues, including low literacy rate.

RiverLife reaches out to the Orang Asli with Ps Joseph Boon Chai's ministry, which runs a hostel to provide Orang Asli children with good education and teach them the ways of God for the transformation of their villages.



# pray + give

» For indigenous Orang Asli churches to be established for the discipleship and sending out of believers to reach their own people group.

» For greater collaboration among the Malaysian churches in outreach to the Orang Asli.

• Contribute generously to the Missions Fund to support Orang Asli Ministry in their ministry workers' salaries, student hostel expenses, and goat breeding micro-business.

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# *Bl'aan Tribe*

## SARANGANI, THE PHILIPPINES



Living indigenous life in distant mountain ranges in Sarangani is the Bl'aan tribe. Living in inaccessible mountainous areas, a key challenge that the Bl'aan people face is access to healthcare and education.

In 2014, a simple pastors' revival conference unexpectedly developed into a full-fledged revival movement. The gospel transformed the tribe in an amazing way. Before, most of the Bl'aan were practicing animists and only 4% were Christians. Today, RiverLife has planted 8 churches and about 80% of the tribe are believers!



# pray + give

» More indigenous leaders to be raised in the Bl'aan churches.

» For Bl'aan believers to grow in spiritual depth and intimacy, reaching out to neighbouring tribes of different faith.

» More resources to be poured into this community for the improvement of their quality of life.

Contribute to the Missions Fund to support RiverLife's outreach efforts to the Bl'aan tribe, including children and youth camps, evangelistic rallies, medical missions, relief efforts, and equipping sessions for pastors and leaders.

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# *The Burmese*

## MYANMAR



The Burmese forms the majority people group in Myanmar at 68% of the population and have strong economic, political and religious influence. Culturally, to be Burmese is to be Buddhist, hence only 0.35% of Burmese are Christians. Persecution is prevalent in Myanmar; churches are often pressured to conform to cultural expectations.

Since 2013, RiverLife has been partnering with local pastor Rev Judah Zarni to reach the Burmese. Efforts include organising evangelistic rallies in villages with little Christian presence.



# pray + give

» For God to flourish an opportunity for RiverLife to broadcast Christian media on national television with Christian Broadcast Network (Myanmar), so that many Burmese can come to faith.

» For Christians to remain faithful and courageous in the face of persecution.

• Contribute to the Missions Fund to reach and disciple the Burmese people through church planting efforts, children's camps, evangelistic rallies and medical missions.

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# *Surya College of Education*

## JAKARTA, INDONESIA



In 2009, Professor Yohanes Surya founded Surya College of Education. This college equips students from remote areas in Indonesia to become educators who will return to impact their hometowns. Many of the students come from Papua, the largest province of Indonesia, where health and education systems are in great need of continual development.

Since 2014, RiverLife Church has been sowing into the spiritual lives of the Surya College students so that they can be God's effective change agents in their spheres of influence.



# pray + give

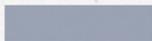
- » For more Papuan students to be connected and disciplined through the weekly Student Christian Fellowship (SCF).
- » Wisdom, favour and courage to be upon each graduate to be effective educators who will make spiritual impact as they return to their hometowns.
- Contribute to the Missions Fund to run leadership camps and training for the underprivileged students who come from various indigenous tribes of East Indonesia, including the Papuans.

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# Betesda Home

BATAM, INDONESIA



Betesda Home currently houses 48 children aged between four to 21 years old. These children either lost their families during the 2005 Indian Ocean Tsunami or are away from home for their studies.

A team of RiverLifers travel to Betesda Home monthly to teach the children foundational English. By being good Christian role models, the team instills Godly values in the children through the English lessons. RiverLife also regularly sends mission teams to conduct Bible studies and children's programme with the kids.



# pray + give

» For the Betesda Home children to encounter the love of God daily and for each of them to grow up knowing and loving God.

» God's love and strength to be upon the ministry workers as they work with the children.

• Contribute to the Missions Fund to support the monthly English lessons and Bible studies for the children.

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# *Estancia*

## ILIOLO, PHILIPPINES



Known as the “Alaska of Philippines” due to its rich marine resources, Estancia is a commercial centre for fishing located in northern Iliolo. In 2013, Estancia town was badly hit by Typhoon Haiyan, one of the most intense tropical cyclones recorded. The locals have since rebuilt their lives amidst the unforgettable aftermath of the typhoon.

Since 2016, RiverLife Church has been conducting children and youth programmes, pastors training and conferences, evangelistic rallies with a local partner. We also planted 3 churches together!



# pray + give

» For Godly pastors and leaders to continue shepherding the flock and reach out to those who have yet to know God.

» Continued spiritual hunger amongst the local people.

• Contribute to the Missions Fund to aid in the outreach efforts in islands and villages, pastors and leaders training and church planting.

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# *Pangasinan*

## THE PHILIPPINES



Pangasinan is the third biggest province in the Philippines and has a prophetic call to be the “salt” of its country and beyond. In 2015, RiverLife organised a large pastors and leaders revival conference in Dagupan city. Since then, God has been moving powerfully through province-wide movements.

Through such movements, we work with the local church pastors to strengthen the unity of the body of Christ in Pangasinan. These churches have also started to rise up and reach out to poor communities in the Philippines.



# pray + give

» That Pangasinan will rise up to their call to be the “salt” of the Philippines and beyond.

» Strengthened partnership and trust between RiverLife Church and PAMANA (Pangasinan Alliance of Ministerial Association Now in Action) so as to further God’s work in Pangasinan.

Contribute to the Missions Fund to help further the ministry in Pangasinan through inter-denominational leadership conferences, province-wide evangelistic outreaches, church planting, youth camps and many more.

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# Japan



Penetrating Japan with the Gospel is not an easy task. Being the second largest unreached people group in the world, less than 1% of people in Japan are Christians. Most Japanese have never met a Christian, seen a Bible or heard about Jesus. Most Japanese identify themselves as Shintoists or Buddhists, or both.

A breakthrough has yet to come. Spiritually, Japan remains unresponsive to the gospel. RiverLife Church has started partnering with Trans-World Radio (TWR) and Japanese churches to distribute tracts about Jesus and to sow into Japan by prayer walking.



# pray + give

» That the hearts of the Japanese to be softened and open to the gospel.

» For God to raise up more missionaries, pastors, evangelists and lay leaders in Japan to do His kingdom work.

» Japanese Christians to be strengthened in their faith by a fresh infilling of the Spirit.

• Contribute to the Missions Fund that will help to build up the mission efforts in Japan.

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# Israel

God chose the people of Israel to reveal Him to the world so that the nations of the earth will be blessed (Genesis 12:2). Today, the people of Israel are still precious to God. The Bible promises that our faithful and covenant-keeping God will gather the people of Israel back and restore them (Ezekiel 11:17,19).

Till then, we as Christians have a responsibility to provoke the Jews to spiritual jealousy (Romans 11:11). Let us pray that the Jews will turn to God and look forward to seeing Israel being a centre of God's revelation to all mankind once again (Zechariah 12:10) and thereafter, the Messiah's return (Romans 11:15).



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» That the Jews will recognise their spiritual inheritance through Jesus and know Him as their Messiah.

» Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and its identity as a “City of Peace” (Psalm 122).

» For the Church to mature in our understanding and love towards Israel.

## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES:

Genesis 12, 22; Zechariah, Ezekiel 11, Romans 9-11, Revelations

Develop a deeper understanding of God’s plan for Israel through scriptures. If finances permit, a trip to Israel to understand the current spiritual and political climate will be worth it!