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The Joy of *JESUS* in Indonesia

Recall the moment you gave your life to Christ. Perhaps tears streamed down your cheeks as you fell to your knees in awe. Maybe goosebumps overtook your skin as you jumped up and down. Whatever the case, at some point you've likely felt the overwhelming joy of God's loving embrace.

Now multiply that joy by as many as 14.6 million people across 73 language groups in Indonesia, the largest Muslim-majority nation on the planet.

Indonesia represents just one slice of the impact of your partnership with Jesus Film Project® in Mission 865™. So far in 2019, your giving has helped Jesus Film Project and its partners complete **35** Mission 865 versions of the *JESUS* film worldwide. Overall, **78** versions of *JESUS* have premiered this year, representing languages spoken by as many as **193 million** people and as few as **940** people.

Especially for the remote islands of Indonesia, many of these versions are the only complete gospel story in that language. With your help, hundreds of thousands now have the chance to see the story of Christ and hear it in their heart language.



“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.”

–Psalm 100:1 and 2,
New International Version

Thank you for generously supporting Jesus Film Project as it strives to reach everyone, everywhere with the good news. Around the world, people of all ages rejoice when they accept Christ’s call to follow Him wholeheartedly. May these stories of Indonesians answering His call bless and inspire you.



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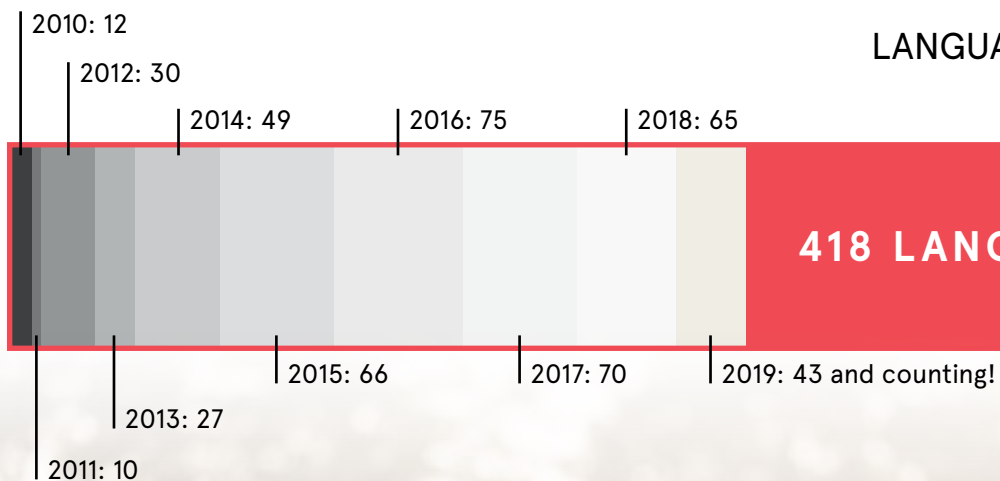
GOALS AND MILESTONES

AS OF 2019,

52% OF MISSION 865

LANGUAGES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

418 LANGUAGES REMAINING



TOP 5

IMPACTED NATIONS—2019

BANGLADESH

1 new language completed in 2019, allowing **15 million people** to see and hear the gospel in their heart language.

TANZANIA

6 new languages completed in 2019, allowing over **1.8 million people** to see and hear the gospel in their heart language.

MYANMAR

1 new language completed in 2019, allowing **1.8 million people** to see and hear the gospel in their heart language.

KENYA

1 new language completed in 2019, allowing **949,000 people** to see and hear the gospel in their heart language.

PHILIPPINES

5 new languages completed in 2019, allowing **694,200 people** to see and hear the gospel in their heart language.

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2019, THROUGH YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH MISSION 865,
23,259,000 PEOPLE FROM 17 DIFFERENT NATIONS
NOW HAVE *JESUS* IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE.



Eyes Fixed on *JESUS*

A lone lightbulb flickered in the village center. The people in this Tehit-speaking village gasped, amazed to see electricity. Among them was an elderly man named Eko*. Months later Eko and others still gawked at the power lines popping up in their community. Soon even Eko's house was connected to the grid—something he'd never imagined!

At that time, staff members had finished the *JESUS* film in the people's heart language.

Local church leaders marveled at God's perfect timing of providing both the film and the technology to support it.

Eko, a Christian like most of his people, also rejoiced when he heard about this "movie," despite not understanding what it was!

Field workers visited Eko's family and many others with *JESUS*, along with some DVDs about moral living. Eko's family eagerly took the movies.

When field workers checked on Eko's family the next day, he embraced them at first sight. The rest of the family remained fixed on the little television. They were watching *JESUS*.

"That [movie we got] yesterday evening—we watched it over and over again, until 1 in the morning!" Eko exclaimed. "Finally us older people went to bed, and the younger kids stayed up and kept watching."

Workers said family after family reported the same: They could not stop watching their Savior's story on film in their heart language!

Language Version: Tehit

Region: East Indonesia

of Speakers: 10,000

Religion: 70% Christian, 30% Ethnic Religions

VERSION SPOTLIGHT: TEHIT



This version debuted Oct. 11, 2016, in the region's most-prominent town hall. Church and government leaders were among the **250 attendees**.



In November and December 2016, teams showed *JESUS* in 10 villages. Each showing included **80-120 viewers, with 24-35 people asking Christ to be the Lord of their lives.**



Field workers hosted another run of screenings from January to April 2017 in 10 villages. Again **at least 80 people attended each screening**, with many wanting a copy of the DVD so they could watch it again.



The Seed Company, a Bible translation ministry, partnered with Cru® to make the film showings possible.



From May 2017 onward, staff members started **eight Bible studies** using segments from the film. Locals have learned to lead and sustain these small groups.



One distribution team planned to reach the rest of the local villages with this version of *JESUS*. Up to that point, leaders estimated **nearly 2,000 people had seen the film and 300 had vowed to deepen their faith in Christ!**

“It Went Right Into My Heart!”

“Come on! Let’s go watch the film of the Lord Jesus!”

Dian’s family wanted her to see *JESUS* with them at a local church. But Dian had just returned home from her long trek to the nearby town and hadn’t eaten, so she contemplated what to do.

Earlier that week Dian’s father had invited her to see the film at another church. She regretted not going and realized this was her second chance.

“Great!” Dian said decidedly with a smile. “Let’s go!”

Sacrificing dinnertime, she marched to the church with her family right away. “Lord, come guide me; bless this bad heart of mine,” she silently prayed. “Throw out my bad thoughts and direct them as I watch the Lord’s good thing with our own language, our Ordinary Talk.”

As they found seats before the screening, Dian and her people raved about having this film in Tehit, which they call their “Ordinary Talk.” They knew of films in Indonesian, but never in Tehit! Dian mentioned their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents had taught the gospel using only Ordinary Talk, but their generation had drifted into using the official national language—Indonesian.

After she said this, she fell silent. Dian’s eyes widened as she realized how easily her generation had disregarded their inherited tongue.

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“The Lord has given a good path for our own language,” she said. “So, in the future, surely the Bible will be in our ordinary language, and we praise God!”

Just then, the pastor announced the film would start, prompting applause from the hundred or so in attendance.

“When I watched this film, it went right into my heart!” Dian gushed afterward. Although midnight had passed, she and her family couldn’t sleep. They couldn’t stop talking about *JESUS* and how God had used it to soften their hearts.

Dian basked in the joy of this rare occasion. Usually they would sit around gossiping about neighbors. But now her family was discussing how they could listen to *JESUS* on their cell phones. They could hear the good news in their heart language, which is much easier than trying to read the Scriptures in Indonesian. They were all content simply to sit and think about the Lord.

“When I discovered Your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear Your name, O LORD God of Heaven’s Armies.”

—Jeremiah 15:16, New Living Translation

The Holy Spirit Inspires an Entire Family

A strange feeling—unlike anything he'd experienced before—suddenly swelled within Tirto. But he was merely sitting with his two sons at their home in the thick Indonesian rainforest. Tirto knew this must be the moment his friend Slamet had described to him.

Weeks ago Slamet told Tirto how Jesus had changed his life—how the Holy Spirit had made him a new person. Tirto had listened to Slamet's explanation of the gospel, yet it didn't resonate with him on a heart level.

But everything changed when Tirto and his sons watched *JESUS*. A friend from Slamet's church had invited them to the screening. The film, recently premiered in their heart language of Ngaju, left them in complete awe. As the movie played, Tirto felt as though Jesus was talking directly to him.

After the showing he spent the next four days contemplating the call to accept Christ. The words of Jesus from the film echoed within his being. This must be the work of the Holy Spirit, Tirto thought, unable to reach any other conclusion. He put his faith in Christ and then immediately called Slamet.

"Please, I must be baptized!" he said urgently.

Months later Tirto's wife, Rima, and the couple's two other children also heard the gospel from students who were on a Cru[®] mission trip. By midnight that day, Rima and the children felt the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Today, by God's grace, Tirto's wife and children all know the Lord and have been baptized. This family of new believers trusts that the God who opened their eyes to the truth will also soften the hearts of their relatives, such as Rima's parents.

Language Version: Ngaju

Region: Central Indonesia

of Speakers: 1.1 million

Religion: 80% Christian, 20% Ethnic Religions

“My righteousness draws near speedily, My salvation is on the way, and My arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to Me and wait in hope for My arm.”

–Isaiah 51:5, New International Version





Mission 865™ in Indonesia has spread the joy of *JESUS* to many corners of the nation's 17,508 islands. Christians rejoice as they hear Christ's words in their heart language, while nonbelievers hear the amazing gospel message for the first time.

Still, hundreds of millions of Indonesians across the country have not engaged with the story of Christ. Like many other countries, most of this population has never heard of Him.

But your partnership with Mission 865 is helping millions of Indonesians without a written language gain access to the saving story of Christ in their heart languages.

Thank you for supporting this mission to enable everyone, everywhere to hear the good news of Jesus and know the greatest joy of all.

HOW YOU CAN PRAY

- **Praise** God for the 27 Mission 865 translations of the *JESUS* film so far in Indonesia! **Pray** for those who continue to work on the remaining 46 Mission 865 translations in Indonesia.
- **Thank** God for the faithfulness of Slamet and all other Indonesian missionaries. **Ask** the Lord to increase the number of laborers within this spiritual movement to reach even more people for Christ.
- **Thank** God for Eko, Dian and all of the other people touched by Christ's story portrayed in the *JESUS* film. **Ask** the Holy Spirit to inspire them to share the film with others.
- **Pray** for the people groups receiving *JESUS* in their heart languages, such as Tehit and Ngaju. **Ask** God to use the film to deepen their understanding of Him and compel them to cease their blending of beliefs.
- **Pray** for the people of Indonesia's 17,508 islands. **Ask** Christ to reach them with His enduring, saving love.