

Indonesia

Anwar cranked up the air conditioning in the car. His family had been sitting in gridlocked traffic for hours now, trying to get out of Jakarta. He thought they had left early enough to miss the worst of it, but it seemed like half the city had the same idea. This was the first time in two years Anwar was able to take his wife and sons to visit his family for Eid al-Fitr because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The journey usually took about 4 hours but this year it was definitely going to take longer. Anwar was determined to go however, despite the kids' grumbling in the back seat. He had missed his grandfather's funeral, and too many other important events

because of the pandemic. At last there was something to celebrate together.

Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority nation, had one of the highest rates of COVID-19 infection in Asia. The nation shut down travel in order to curb the spread of the disease. Tourism plays a significant part in the Indonesian economy and it is now recovering as the pandemic eases.

Indonesian pilgrims were also the first to arrive at Mecca in Saudi Arabia last year when that city increased access to the holy sites for Hajj. As Indonesian Muslims are on the move again, let's pray that they encounter Christ on their journeys.

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The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.

PSALM 37:23-24

How can we pray?

Pray for the economic recovery of Indonesia, and for Muslims in Indonesia to work towards peace and prosperity in their islands.

Indonesian Muslims come from many different ethnic groups and speak hundreds of unique native languages. Pray for Christians who can reach each of these groups with the gospel in their own language.

Pray for whole families to come to faith in Jesus in Indonesia.