

# Malaysia

Approximately 1.5 million Pattani Malay people live in the area around the Thai-Malaysia border but fewer than 0.01% among them have heard about Jesus. As a minority religion in Malaysia, they are very pious, even more so than Muslims from Muslim majority countries in South East Asia. This community identity makes it hard for Pattanis to explore other faiths.

Susu learned about Jesus when working as a translator for a Christian group. She found amazing peace when praying in the name of Jesus and His love restored her life and relationships. For example, it is quite

common in her culture to seek revenge on those who hurt you. But when Susu's colleagues spoke badly about her, she chose to forgive with peace and joy in her heart.

Susu has been reluctant to share her faith in Jesus with her husband, even though he is the closest person to her. They have two sons and she usually prays together with them and brings them to the secret believers meeting. As she learns more of God's Word and gets encouraged by other believers, she is praying to build up a family which has Jesus in the centre.

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*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

1 PETER 3:15

## *How can we pray?*

**Give thanks for how the Gospel changes lives, families and communities and pray for more Pattani Muslims to hear it.**

**Pray for secret believers in Malaysia to have wisdom and courage to share the teaching of Jesus with others.**

**For good discipleship for Malay Christians so they can be an effective witness to their families and communities.**