

The Kalabra of Indonesia

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There are at least 2,100 speakers of the Kalabra language. They reside in the province of Papua, Indonesia. Most of the Kalabra folks fish along their coastal homeland. At an elevation of less than 100 meters above sea level, the Kalabra people can best be visited by boat. The trip to Kalabra land is at least a 2 hour trip by motorized canoe from Klamono and a taxi can also be hired from there. Kalabra people eat sago and fish a lot. Families will often times build a small dwelling on top of a canoe to accommodate them as a second home when they are out of the village. There is electricity, but only in Klamono. The Kalabra are sometimes known as the Beraur people but they prefer to be called Kalabra. One of the Kalabra dialects is called Kalabra Salmit. The people speak both Indonesian and Kalabra at church.

Sixty-five percent of the Kalabra are Christian and thirty-three percent follow the tribal religion. The remaining two percent claim no religion. The Kalabra people have no gospel cassettes, films, or videos in their language.

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

65%

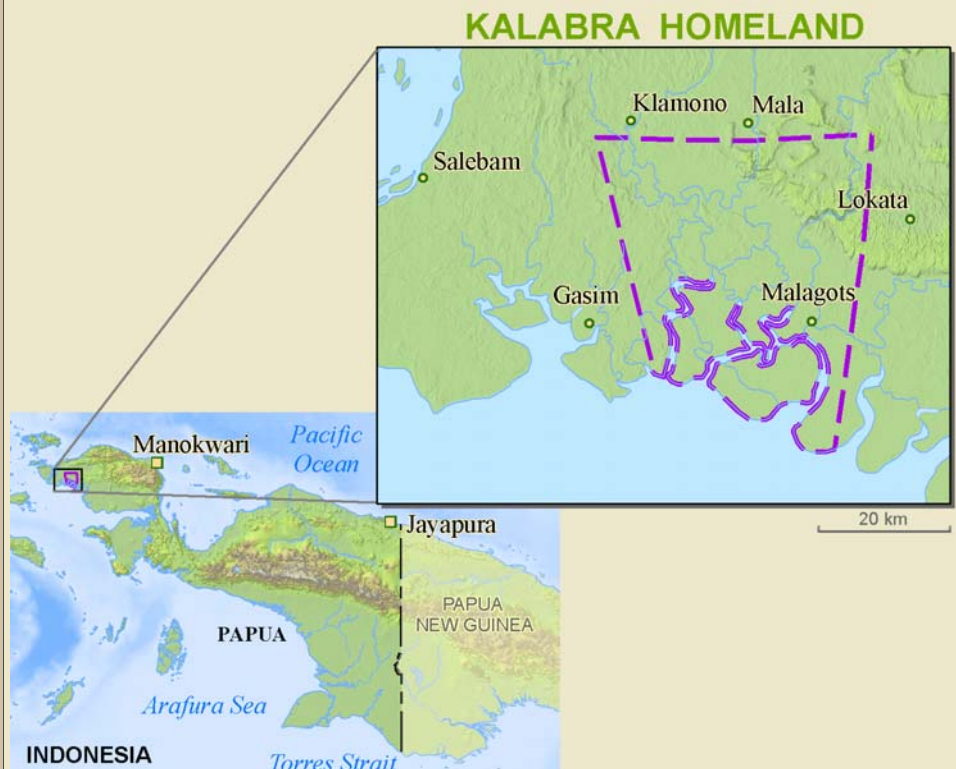
Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

No Scripture

Population (date):

2,100 (2002)



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Item Name

Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

Call Themselves Christian (%)	65%
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	65%
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	33%
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No

Profile Summary

Population All Countries

World Population For This People	2100
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Group Description

Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Indonesia
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Group Description

Geography & Environment

Location	This group is located within the province of Papua, Indonesia
Country	Indonesia
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest
Geological Type	Coastal
Elevation	<100m
Longitude	132E
Latitude	1S

Group Description

Comments (Geography & Environment)

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Language & Linguistics

Primary Language	Kalabra
Comment (Language)	They prefer to be called Kalabra.
Alternate Language Names	BERAUR
Comments (Dialect)	One of the Kalabra dialects is called Kalabra Salmit
Second Languages	Indonesian
Comment (Second Language)	The people speak both Indonesian and Kalabra at church.

Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Subsistence Type	Fishers
Occupation	They eat sago and fish a lot.
Comment (Economy)	Families will often times build a small dwelling on top of a canoe to accommodate them as a second home when they are out of the village.

Group Description

Community Development

Diet (Quality)	Fair
Comment (Diet)	Fish and sago
Electricity	There is electricity, but only in Klamono.

Group Description

Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive
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Status of Christianity

Scripture

Translation Status	Possible
Available Scripture	None
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No

Status of Christianity

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Item Name	Item Note
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No