

The Atohwaim of Indonesia

There are at least one thousand speakers of the Atohwaim language located in Papua Indonesia. They live on the southern coast near the Cook and Kronkel rivers.

The Atohwaim people gather food from the forest, hunt, fish, and plant gardens. Their main food is sago with the other foods serving as side dishes. Drinking water is obtained from wells or rain. Their homes are built on stilts with split palm floors and plaited palm leaf roofs. There are no health clinics in the area and the nearest health worker is in the district capital. Malaria, tuberculosis and skin diseases are common in the area. Neither telephones nor electric service has reached this area yet. The best way to reach the Atohwaim villages is by motorized or dugout boat on the Kronkel River. It takes about one hour to reach the two main Atohwaim villages from the District capital of Kamur.

The Atohwaim people identify themselves with the same name as their language. Some Atohwaim is used to supplement the Indonesian used at school and church. There has been no Bible translation done in Atohwaim and it is difficult for the adults to understand regular Indonesian. Sixty-five percent of the Atohwaim people claim to be Christian, while 35% follow the tribal religion.

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Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

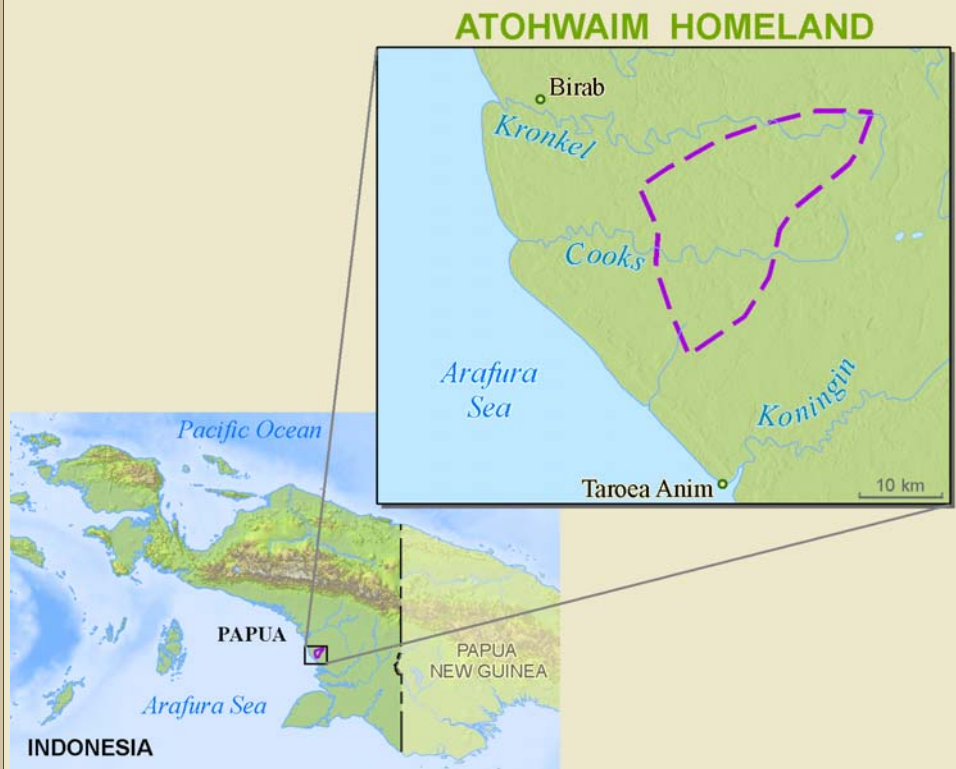
Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None in their language

Population (date):

1,000 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	>50%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	35%	
Number Of Communities	There are two communities.	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	The Word of God has not been translated.	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	More teachers for their elementary school. Better drinking water system.	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	1,000	
World Population (Date)	2002	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Indonesia	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	live on the southern coast near the Cook and Kronkel rivers in Papua, Indonesia	
Longitude	139 degrees east	
Latitude	6 degrees south	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	Atohwaim	
Alternate Language Names	KAUGAT	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Somewhat receptive	
Active Language Programs	No	
Literacy		Group Description
Publications In Vernacular	There are none.	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Modernization / Utilities	No electricity or telephones	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	No hospitals or clinics	
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	Well and rain water	
Shelter Description	Their homes are built on stilts with split palm floors and plaited palm leaf roofs.	
Electricity	No service	
Transportation	Mainly by boat	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Identification With National Culture	Distinct	
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Education		Group Description
Primary Schools	1	
Comment (Primary Schools)	The one elementary school located in Yagamit lacks teachers.	

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Item Name	Item Note	
Language Of Instruction Early Years	Indonesian	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	Indonesian	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Evaluated	
Reached Classification	Unevangelized	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	
Items For Prayer	More teachers for their elementary school. Better drinking water system.	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Available Scripture	None	