

The Kayagar of Indonesia

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There are at least 7200 speakers of the Kayagar language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. They live by gardening and planting fruit trees. They are also hunters and gatherers. With their land at an elevation of less than 100 meters above sea level, the Kayagar people who live in the swampy lowlands can best be visited by boat. There is one junior high school in the language area.

The women primarily process sago, pleat grass mats, and net fish. The Kayagar people generally wear modern clothing but rarely wash the cloths. The people eat sago, sago worm, fish and pig, vegetables or fruits. The Kayagar have bows and arrows, spears, nets, steel axes, and some have a gun, tableware and furniture. Usually, each village has one or two boat motors. Houses are generally built on stilts with plank or sago walls and a zinc or leaf roof. There is very little infrastructure in the area, only some private generators, and an SSB radio without an antenna in Arare. The people get their drinking water generally straight from the river or from rainwater. Malaria, lung diseases, yaws with ulcers, and other skin diseases are common. There are only a few health workers and small clinics in the language area.

The Kayagar people have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language. There has been some attempt to translate songs and prayers into the Kayagar language. It is estimated that less than 50% of the Kayagar speakers have understood the gospel, but there are some Protestant churches and quite a few Catholic churches in the language area.

Primary Religion:

Traditional & Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None

Population (date):

7,200 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	7,200	
World Population (Date)	2002	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Indonesia	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	The people live in the province of Papua, Indonesia.	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	<100 meters	
Longitude	139E	
Latitude	6S	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Subsistence Type	Fishers	
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Occupation	Gardening, planting fruit trees and hunting.	
Income Sources	From occupation	
Products / Crafts	Grass mats	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	Only a few health workers and small clinics. Malaria, lung diseases, yaws/ulcers and other skin diseases are common.	
Diet (Quality)	Good	
Comment (Diet)	People eat vegetables, fish and pork.	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	Water from river or rain.	
Shelter Description	Houses are generally built on stilts with plank or sago walls and a zinc or leaf roof.	
Electricity	Some homes have generators.	
Clothing	Modern clothing but seldom washed.	
Comment (Community Development)	SSB radio w/o antenna in Arare.	
Education		Group Description
Secondary Schools	1	
Comment (Education)	Secondary school is a junior high school.	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	Possible	
Available Scripture	None	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No	

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Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No