

## The Kimaama of Indonesia

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There are at least 5,000 speakers of the Kimaama language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. They primarily live by hunting, gardening and fishing in the swamplands of their island homeland. With their land at an elevation of less than 100 meters above sea level, the Kimaama people can best be accessed by boat. There is an airstrip in Kimaam and a road to Padua from Kimaam. Otherwise, canoeing and walking is the best way to get around.

According to tradition, the Kimaama people originally came from the main Papua island. They enjoy the "Ndambu" dance, and "wati" (an intoxicating drink) is used for many activities. When marrying after age 18, a man must pay the bride's family the bride price or give his own sister to be married to someone in the other family. Upon death, the Kimaama people are buried quickly (death is thought to be contagious). They're often buried in their own canoe.

The clothing people wear is usually western. The people eat yams, sugarcane, bananas, coconuts, and sago. The Kimaama people use machetes for many things, and they use bow & arrows for hunting. Houses are generally "gubuk"-style, built on stilts with roofs of pleated sago or other leaves. The infrastructure in the area includes SSB radios and evening electricity in Kimaam. The people identify themselves by the town from which they have come. Around the district capital of Kimaama, the people get their drinking water from wells. As in tropical swamps everywhere, malaria is common. Skin diseases and lack of a nutritious diet also frequently cause health problems. Several health clinics are in the area. The Catholic Church is strong in the area, but traditional religion influences are widely evident. Sixty-five percent of the people claim to be Christian, while the remaining thirty-five percent adhere to the tribal religion.

**Primary Religion:**

Christian

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

**Churches:**

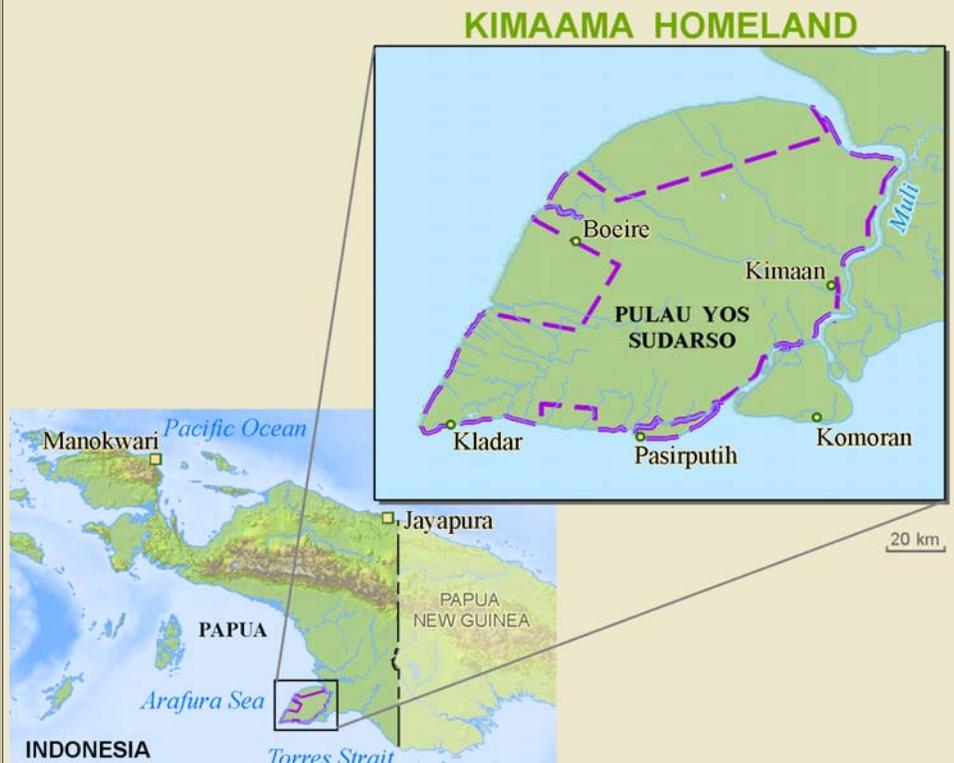
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**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

None

**Population (date):**

5,000 (2002)



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## Item Name

## Item Note

### Have They Heard The Gospel?

Call Themselves Christian (%)	>50%
Number Of Churches	>1
Comment (Churches)	The Roman Catholic Church has a strong presence.

## Profile Summary

### Population All Countries

World Population For This People	5,000
World Population (Date)	2002

## Group Description

### Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Indonesia
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## Group Description

### Geography & Environment

Location	Lowlands of the province of Papua Indonesia.
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest
Geological Type	Swampy
Elevation	<100 meters
Longitude	138E
Latitude	8S

## Group Description

### Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Occupation	Hunting and fishing
Income Sources	Occupatiion

## Group Description

### Community Development

Health Care (Quality)	Fair
Comment (Health Care)	Malaria and skin disease are common
Diet (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Diet)	The people consume yellow vegetables and sago.
Water (Quality)	Fair
Comment (Water)	In Kimaama, water comes from wells.
Shelter Description	Houses are generally "gubuk"-style built on stilts with roofs of pleated sago or other leaves.
Electricity	Electricity is available in Kimaam during the evening
Clothing	The people wear western clothes.
Transportation	Canoeing and walking
Comment (Community Development)	There are some SSB radios.

## Group Description

### Society & Culture

Social Habits/Groupings	When marrying after age 18, a man must pay the bride's family the bride price or give his own sister to be married to someone in the other family.
Recreations	They enjoy the "Ndambu" dance and "wati" (an intoxicating drink) is used for many activities.
Local Language Broadcasting	None
History Of People Group	According to tradition, the KIMAAMA people originally came from the main Papua island.
Comment (Culture)	The people usually associate themselves with the town from which they came.

## Group Description

### Education

Secondary Schools	2
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Comment (Education)

### Item Note

Both secondary schools are junior high schools.

### Church Growth

Reached Status

Selected

Reached Classification

Unevangelized

### Status of Christianity

### Religion & Response

Religious Practices & Ceremonies

Upon death the KIMAAMA people are buried quickly (death is thought to be contagious). They're often buried in their own canoe.

Attitude To Christianity

Somewhat receptive

### Status of Christianity

### Scripture

Translation Status

Possible

### Status of Christianity