

The Nakai of Indonesia

There are at least 700 speakers of the Nakai language. They reside within the province of Papua, Indonesia. They live primarily on sago and bananas, but they also garden and hunt in the lowlands. With their land at an elevation of 350-1,850 meters above sea level, the Nakai people can best be reached by helicopter. There is an airstrip at Awimbom, but the only economical way of getting around in the area is by walking.

The Nakai people often intermarry with the Wambon people. The clothing people wear is generally modern. The people eat roasted sago, vegetables, bananas, etc. The Nakai have traditional tools, but they also use machetes and metal axes. The house proper is usually made of tree branches and the roof of leaves. There are no telephones in the area, but some homes have electricity, and there is a SSB radio. The people get their drinking water from the river and rainwater. Currently no health clinics are in Burunggop. Malaria and respiratory diseases are common. Awimbom has a secondary clinic. The people don't have toilet facilities.

The Nakai people have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language, but there is a church in the language area. Many are registered as Christians, but traditional religious influences are strong.

There are no junior high or high schools in the language area. There are only three literate people in Burunggop. The Nakai are sometimes known as the Nagai, Na'iI, or Na'ai people. Nagi is a dialect of the Nakai language. The Nakai people use their own Nakai language at home and in local government offices.

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Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

1

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None

Population (date):

700 (2002)



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Item Name

Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

Number Of Communities	At least two.
Number Of Churches	1
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No

Profile Summary

Population All Countries

World Population For This People	700
World Population (Date)	2002

Group Description

Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Indonesia
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Group Description

Geography & Environment

Location	Within the province of Papua, Indonesia
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest
Geological Type	Mountain, Slope
Elevation	350-1,850 meters
Longitude	141E
Latitude	5S

Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Occupation	Hunters and gardeners
Income Sources	Occupation

Group Description

Community Development

Health Care (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Health Care)	Malaria and respiratory diseases are common
Diet (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Diet)	The people eat roasted sago, vegetables, bananas, etc.
Water (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Water)	River and rainwater
Shelter Description	The house proper is usually made of tree branches and the roof of leaves.
Electricity	Some homes have electricity
Clothing	Western clothing is generally worn
Transportation	Helicopter is used to reach the people. Within the area, walking is best.
Comment (Community Development)	There is one SSB radio.

Group Description

Society & Culture

Local Language Broadcasting	None
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Group Description

Church Growth

Reached Status	Adopted
Reached Classification	Unevangelized

Status of Christianity

Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive
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Status of Christianity

Scripture

Translation Status	Possible
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Status of Christianity

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Item Name	Item Note
Available Scripture	None
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No