

# Lampung



## Quick Facts

**Pop. in Indonesia:** 2,000,000

### Subgroups:

Abung: 700,000

Peminggir: 700,000

Pubian: 550,000

Krui: 30,000

**Religion:** Islam

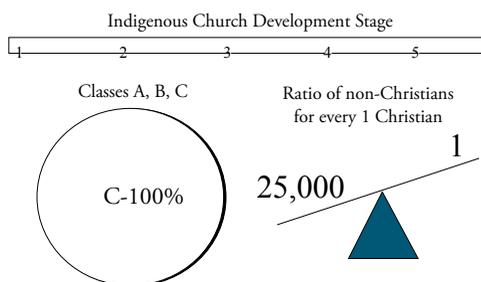
**Believers:** 0.004%

**Scriptures:** None

**Ministry Tools:** None

**C Status:** 0 **M Status:** 1

**MS Subgroups:** 7



Class A- Are members of a Culturally Relevant Church  
 Class B- Have close access to a CRC, but have not yet joined  
 Class C- Have no reasonable or close access to a CRC

**Identity:** The Lampung are a Malay people closely related to the Komerung. There are four major dialects among them, with each one heavily influenced by a particular nearby language such as Melayu Riau and Pesisir Jawa. The Abung subgroup live in mountain regions, the Peminggir on the coast, and the Pubian in the lowlands.

**Lifestyle:** The Lampung are mostly subsistence farmers, harvesting both wet and dry rice, depending on the season or terrain. Their main cash crop is pepper, and the best fields are reserved for its cultivation. The proceeds are often used to finance elaborate and expensive ritual celebrations, such as those marking the beginning of the rice planting season. In swampy areas they may also engage in fishing or fish farming. They also raise water buffalo, ducks and goats.

**Customs:** Lampung villages are constructed around a *sesat* (a building

where clan elders gather to make decisions), and a “festival building” which is used for initiation rites. Each clan also has a permanent clan house (in contrast with the seasonal non-permanent housing of the rest of the village) in which the elderly clan leaders live.

**Religion:** The Lampung converted to Sunni Islam around the 13th century, and prefer to follow the stricter Shafi school, which subjects all traditions to the authority of the Quran. At the same time, there remains a great deal of syncretism with pre-Islamic beliefs and practices. Superstitions abound, especially the use of amulets and symbols (such as a cross written with betel-nut chalk above doors and windows). Traditional healers called *dukun* are consulted to drive out spirits and cure the sick. Spiritual power is associated with several gravesites of holy men and sacred wells.

**Christian Outreach:** There are a few isolated believers among each of the

major Lampung subgroups. Although four mission organizations are committed to working among them, an indigenous church has yet to be established, and evangelism in local Lampung dialects has been limited, or non-existent.

## How to Pray:

☞ Lampung province is underdeveloped and impoverished. Many Lampung children are forced to drop out of school to help their parents with farming tasks. Pray for special Christ-centered outreach to those Lampung kids growing up without an education.

☞ The Lampung live in fear of their ancestors, believing that turning from Islam will bring sickness and financial ruin. Pray for God’s blessing on those who have put their faith in Christ, that all may see and trust in the redeeming power of His name.

☞ Intercede for the spiritual transformation of entire villages and clans, as leaders begin to entrust their lives and extended families to the Gospel of the Kingdom.

☞ Pray for the formation of a strong translation team that will produce the entire Bible along with other strategic discipleship resources in all 4 Lampung dialects.

**Every year  
 18,000 Lampung  
 die without Christ.**