

## People of Ampanang Language



The Ampanang people group lives just east of Central Kalimantan, southeast of the city of Tunjung, not far from the cities of Jambu and Lamper. Kalimantan, meaning "River of Diamonds," is the name for the Indonesian two-thirds of the island of Borneo (Malaysia and Brunei control the other one-third.)

The Ampanang are one of the people groups in the Barito cluster which is part of the larger Dayak ethno-linguistic cluster. Dayak peoples (sometimes subdivided as either Land or Sea Dayaks) tend to live alongside the interior rivers of Kalimantan. The Dayak tribes apparently originated from West Asia as a migration of the Mongols who entered the archipelago from the west through the coastal city which is now called Martapura (in South Kalimantan).

The primary means of livelihood for the Ampanang include hunting, gathering forest products, fishing, farming and trade. Although most Ampanang live by rivers, there are also those who live in areas far from any river.

The Ampanang culture is intertwined with their belief in unseen spirits. In the same way, the arts and various other activities are incorporated into their belief system. Generally the Ampanang people are followers of their traditional beliefs and many worship their ancestors.

Recently, there has been significant change in the life, traditions, worldview, and community systems of the Ampanang. This has occurred in conjunction with their greater mobility and contact with the outside world, and their new openness to outsiders.

The Ampanang need formal education. They also need to develop their skills in order to face the changes they are experiencing. Sufficient education and skill improvement can help them rise above poverty. Improvement in health is also still greatly needed. used by permission © 2001 PJRN Indonesia

**Primary Religion:**

Animism

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

0%

**Churches:**

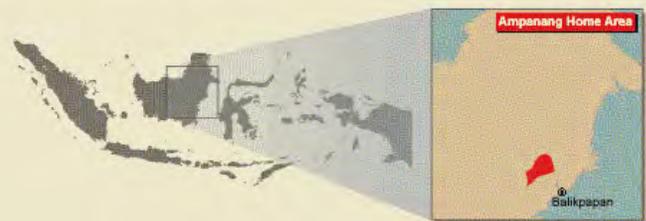
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**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

**Population (date):**



## AMPANANG



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## Item Name

## Item Note

### Have They Heard The Gospel?

Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	0%
Number Of Churches	0

## Profile Summary

### Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Indonesia
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## Group Description

### Society & Culture

Celebrations	The Ampanang also uphold various traditional ceremonies. These ceremonies include matchmaking and engagement, marriage, pregnancy, birth, healing of a sickness and burial. Ritual ceremonies are also often observed during the time of celebrating their important holidays.
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## Group Description

### Religion & Response

Religious Practices & Ceremonies	The Ampanang people also give praise to the spirits of their ancestors (duwata). Each Ampanang family has a place of worship for their own duwata in their house. This place of worship is usually called kunau. They also use a pangantuhu, a piece of human bone, as a tool to call departed ancestors.
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## Status of Christianity