



Engage 2025 Values

- We go to the hard places... Muslim peoples out of reach of the gospel.
- We go together.
- We work to build Christ-centered communities of Jesus followers.
- We serve to meet felt needs.
- We communicate in relevant ways.
- We walk in spiritual transparency.



History of Engage 2025

A few years ago mission leaders gathered to consider the remaining task of taking the gospel to the Muslim world. 247 Muslim ethnic groups were identified as unengaged with the gospel. Leaders began, by prayer and faith, to divide the remaining work. By faith, EPC World Outreach committed to start teams among ten of these unengaged people groups by the year 2025. This cannot be done unless we as a denomination believe this is possible and make strides to walk in that belief.

What Is an Unengaged People Group?

An **unreached people group** is defined as an ethnic group with too few Christians to evangelize their group without outside assistance, or an ethnic group with less than 2% evangelical Christian population. An **unengaged people group** is not only unreached but has no church, no believers, and no existing outreach of any kind to reach the people with the gospel.

Next Steps

Pick up

the "Get There" booklet from World Outreach.

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Under Teams & Blogs, click on From the West to learn about the South Sumatra team.

Do what matters.



South Sumatra Team





Engage 2025: A Strategic Initiative of World Outreach and the EPC

Forgotten Peoples

What do Rawas, Musi, Lembak, and Lintang have in common – besides a similarity to the Pegangan, Penesak, and Enim? All are South Sumatran ethnic groups who have never enjoyed a sustained witness to Christ's love in their midst. No one is attempting to reach them with the gospel.

These people groups have a Muslim identity as well as a strong underlying belief in an intermediate spirit world. Islam entered the region, previously home to Buddhist and Hindu kingdoms, with traders from Muslim civilizations. The people today are relatively receptive to foreigners, but live in an area few outsiders have reason to visit. As they come into contact with the outside world, will they encounter the kingdom of God?

Ways to Consider Partnering:

- Learn about the peoples of South Sumatra.
- Send a team or join an existing short-term team to meet the people face to face.
- Share skills in business, teaching English, or community development.
- Build a long-term relationship with World Outreach missionaries in the region.
- Financially support the church-planting effort and production of evangelistic materials.
- Build a prayer movement in your congregation asking that God's kingdom would come to South Sumatra.
- Teach children and youth about the region and the roles they might play.
- Join the partnership agreement with other partnering churches.

Presbytery of the West

Here in the Presbytery of the West, a willing family with experience in the region has stepped forward with a desire to see a church-planting team among one of these groups. The need among peoples in South Sumatra makes it a place to begin. Churches within the Presbytery of the West have joined together to send this family, to raise up a team to join them, and to work together to support the team through prayer, missionary care, and awareness of how God is working there.

Churches within the South Sumatra Partnership believe that every resource needed to intentionally plant new indigenous churches exists, or will exist as God provides, within the churches God is calling to participate.

Will your church consider being a part of resourcing this work? Future kingdom workers with the gifts to undergird this ministry may be among you.