

ASKING POINT

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*He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Deut. 32:4*

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Praying in the Heart of Our Community (Just One Story)

*I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:
And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places ... Isaiah 45:2,3*

We live in a sleepy little beach town, an unremarkable town. Human trafficking steps away from where we weekly gather to pray, was the last thing on our minds. But there it was, undeniably right under our noses. Massage parlours were quietly proliferating on the right and on the left.

We started to prayer walk the heart of our community. We would gather to worship together and get a big sense of God, and then we would break up into threes and go into each business...including the massage parlors, asking the owners how we could pray for them. Received gladly by some, we were a source of amusement to others, and sometimes, we were ushered hastily out the door.

There were a few legitimate massage businesses but they were rare. One of the clearest clues was that the women never left the building. Young justice activists waited all night watching. No one but customers ever left.

We contacted our city council, the city manager, and a national trafficking division of Homeland Security. We spoke with the police, and the sheriff.

We clung to the promise in *Isaiah 49:24, 25*

"Can the prey be taken from the mighty man, Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?" Surely, thus says the LORD, "Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued; ... NASB

Do we have some amazing glory story? Not yet. But trafficking issues in our town are getting a lot more media attention. There is much more awareness.

We tether our hearts to the hope of God's unstoppable rule triumphing over evil. We believe that nothing can thwart God's kingdom coming in power. We know that evil is never ultimate. We live and breathe as "prisoners of hope".

Praying in the heart of your community;

1. Ask to see what God sees in your community - *Psalm 10:14, 15*

2. Ask God for great humility of heart

The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. -
Psalm 25:8, 9

3. Do whatever He says.

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." - *John 2:5*

...receive from Him
anything we ask, because we obey
His commands and do what pleases Him...

1 John 3:22



Hope of the nations: ASKing for Indonesia

"In His name the nations will put their hope." Matthew 12:21



FAST FACTS ABOUT INDONESIA

Area: 735,355 sq. mi. **Peoples:** 784 (213 unreached) **Capital:** Jakarta
Religion: 80% Islam 16% Christian
Official language: Indonesian (711 languages and dialects)
Population: 237,053,000

Indonesia, part of the 10/40 window is made up of approximately 18,000 islands in Southeast Asia making it the world's largest chain of islands. With 80% of the population being Muslim, it is the largest Islamic nation. However, there is no official state religion and freedom of thought is guaranteed by the constitution. The national motto is "Unity in Diversity."

Parliamentary elections held in 2009 saw the Democratic Party increase its share of the votes and the results were welcomed as a sign that Indonesia was embracing a moderate democracy rather than Islamic extremism. President Yudhoyono won reelection with a landslide in July 2011.

Two incidents happened recently that have underlined the desire of many Indonesians to resist groups continuing to stir up violence. As reported by the [Tempo Interactive News](#), four prominent leaders of the FPI (Islamic Defenders Front) which advocates violence were resisted by the citizens of Palangkaraya and turned back at the airport not allowing them to exit their plane. Civil Society activists in the national capital of Jakarta also held a rally against the FPI as many are fed up with the unlawful behavior of such organizations.

After this, a group (International Conference of Islamic Leaders in Indonesia) met with a team from Ambassadors for Peace. The group founded by Dr. Garry Ansdell, senior pastor of Hosanna Christian Fellowship in Bellflower, California, and Ameal Haddad, an Arab pastor originally from Jordan, has already shared its distinctive message in many other countries such as Egypt, Bahrain, Kuwait, Syria and Morocco. The group aims to foster religious tolerance, the right to faith, freedom of speech, and freedom from reprisal or persecution. Hasan, the current Executive Director of ICILI, said that most of their followers are Sunni and both of these groups have similar goals of tolerance. He is quoted as saying, "I believe that dialogue is the way to peace...but it must begin with religious leaders."

ASK for:

- Indonesia, as the largest Muslim nation, to set an example; that other Muslim nations will imitate in dealing with issues of intolerance. "Depart from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it." Psalm 34:14
- Ambassadors for Peace will be used of the Lord to give courage to others to stand up against the evil of violence. "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy." Hebrews 12:14
- The church under persecution to remain strong and respond in love to aggression and violence. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those you curse you and pray for those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27-28
- Groups such as ICILI and Ambassadors for Peace will have God's anointing and impact the nations in a positive way. II Corinthians 10:13-18