

You have the opportunity to impact Indonesia. Are you up for the challenge of the Most Populous Muslims country in the world?

Surabaya/ Madura East Java, Indonesia

AL AKBAR Mosque - Surabaya



“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God and perhaps feel their way toward him”

— Acts 17:26,27 —



Islam entered Java more than 600 years ago. Among the most ancient shrines to Islam's longevity in Indonesia is the Sunan Ampel Mosque. Built in the 1400's it remains open and a place where Javanese and Madurese Muslim Pilgrims come to pray at various graves and ask for “rejeke”, blessings. Buried here at the mosque are various holy men who experienced “miracles” while they were living and now their stories inspire followers. Some claim they receive spiritual power while praying at this site. Most believe that doing Friday prayers at this mosque accrues more favor with God.

Quick Facts

Population of	
Surabaya City	3,000,000
Surabaya Metro	10,000,000
Madura Island	4,000,000
Madurese UPG	7,490,000
Percentage Muslim	
Madurese	99.87%



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Life in Surabaya and Madura

Surabaya is a very modern city with Shopping Malls, Expressways, Western and Local Restaurants, Western and local hotels. There is a section of the city that aspires to be a mini version of Singapore that boasts the miles and miles of custom built mansions surrounding a well maintained Golf Course. At the same time there are places in the city that lack good schools, safe housing clean air. The current mayor is the pride of all residents, as she keeps the city well managed and clean (well as clean as a city of 10 million can get). Madura, just across the straits from Surabaya has suffers under lessor leadership and lacks the development that has blessed modern Surabaya. With the addition of a bridge spanning the straits, Madurese can enter Surabaya and return more easily, paving the way for better, higher paying employment in one of the many plants and factories in Surabaya. Both Madura and Surabaya are hot and humid all year round, but is survivable with AC.

Madurese are proud of their culture. Driving on the main road after crossing the bridge, one meets store after store selling batik made in Madurese villages. You also understand that Duck is a delicacy, fried or grilled over a fire are both on offer. The old timers prefer the fried duck and rice at the famous “Bebek Sinjay” (bebek means duck).

“The Gospel is only Good News if it gets there in Time”

— Carl F. H. Henry—

Opportunities

Surabaya is a university town and as such there are many opportunities to study or become a lecturer. Because there are many churches and Christians in Surabaya there are also a few Bible Colleges that give teaching positions to those holding a graduate degree of Masters or higher. This also offers us a chance to mobilize for mission. Surabaya, with its large protected harbor and its central location is a busy transshipping port. There are many other businesses one can consider in this large and growing business environment.

Madura is in need of considerable development assistance. This creates opportunities for NGO development and education including teaching foreign languages like English.

Because of its many modern amenities and the fact that Indonesia offers a retirement visa, those 55 and older may consider Surabaya as a 2nd home.



Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of the Indonesia? Contact us. We would love to help you get there!

