

MINAHASA CLUSTER

(mihn-ah-HAH-sah)

ASIA — INDONESIA

GOAL: GOSPEL OF LUKE

DATES: 2021-2024



LANGUAGE

TONDANO,
TONSAWANG, TONSEA,
TONTEMBOAN MAKELA'



SPEAKERS

352,000



BELIEFS

CHRISTIAN,
TRADITIONAL RELIGION



Embracing Christ's Love

When Syella was a young girl, her parents abandoned her.

This heartbreaking experience set the tone for much of her life. Syella, who lived in the Minahasa Cluster region, always felt unloved. Even when she was married with children of her own, this concern persisted. And despite considering herself a Christian, she didn't think that God could love her either.

Then one day she participated in a Bible study and heard these words of Jesus in her own language:

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love" (John 15:9, NLT).

This reality washed over her, and tears filled her eyes. "There really is someone who loves me!" Syella exclaimed. Soon after, she and her entire family were baptized.

Minahasa Cluster Bible translators are eager to see more people like Syella engage with the truths of Scripture.

Will you join them in their efforts to produce God's Word in four local languages?



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The Plan

You can help the people of the Minahasa Cluster encounter God's Word in the Tondano, Tonsawang, Tonsea and Tontemboan Makela'i languages!

In this three-year project, four teams will each:

- **Translate** the Gospel of Luke.
- **Create** Bible study materials.
- **Compose and record** worship songs.
- **Produce** a film about the life of Jesus.

Portions of Luke will be printed and distributed as soon as they're approved by a consultant. At the end of the project, the Gospel will be published in its entirety.



Tonsawang team members

People in the region commonly come together to engage in community work projects, often assisting one another in farming, gardening and event preparation. This custom is known as *mapalus*.

Scripture Impact

When people in the region encounter Scripture, it's usually in Indonesian, which many of them don't clearly understand. As a result, those who identify as Christians often struggle to apply their faith to their daily lives. Some also mix their religious beliefs with traditional practices.

Local church leaders believe that God's Word in the languages of the Minahasa Cluster will help people to fully understand the gospel message, ultimately leading to transformation. As a project adviser said: "Life change can only come about through the adequate understanding of Scripture."



Catching fish

Your prayers and gifts will help the people of the Minahasa Cluster experience the beauty of Scripture and gain a clearer picture of God's redemptive plan!