

Seven Reasons Why We Love Indonesian People

1. Indonesia is the fourth most populous country in the world and home to 264 million people, 64 million of which are children between the ages of 0-14.
2. The country is simultaneously a diverse, complex, and multicultural nation with 633 recognized ethnic groups that speak 742 different languages.
3. It is home to the largest Moslem population in the world, and 5 other religions (Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, and Confucian). Approximately 229 million, 87.2% of the population, are Moslem.
4. It is also the largest archipelago on the globe with its territory spanning more than 17,000 islands that stretch for 3,181 miles. It has 127 active volcanoes and more than 300,000 wildlife species.
5. Its people believe in the strength of diversity. *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika*, translated “Unity in Diversity”, is the official national emblem.
6. It is a reality that only 16% of Indonesia’s young adults attain a post-secondary education, well below the G20 average of 38%. The findings of a new study released by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development stated that Indonesian students score among the lowest in science, reading, and mathematics among their peers living in 79 countries and economies. Efforts are being made to develop the area of education, but many children in remote areas remain on the sidelines.
7. It is home to Mustard Seed schools, employing 402 indigenous teachers who provide love and mentorship through transformative Christian education to 3643 Indonesian children.