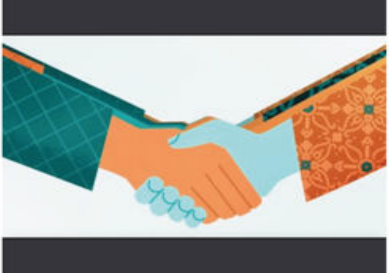
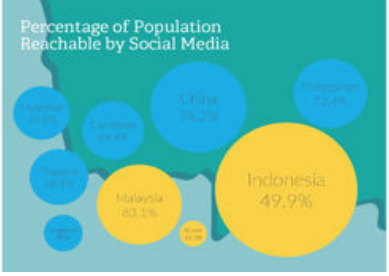


East and Southeast Asia's Muslims

	
	Asia is home of 65 percent of the world's Muslims, and Indonesia, in Southeast Asia, is the world's most populous Muslim country.
	This short video tells of how Islam reached East and Southeast Asia from its origins in the Middle East. Source: YouTube linked video (https://youtu.be/8YTIxogr1E4) 1 minute

	It is often said that more Muslims live in Indonesia than in the Middle East The yellow circles denote Muslim majority nations.¹
	There are a huge number of Muslim people groups in these regions – they are defined by their different cultures and languages or dialects. For example, the national motto of Indonesia is “Unity in diversity” This is true of Islam practiced in the region, there is Unity in their Islamic practices, daily prayers facing Mecca, greeting each other with the traditional Arabic blessing “Alsalem Alaikum” which means “Peace be with you” There is diversity in the way local customs inform the practice of Islam, e.g. the visiting of dukuns, visitation of tombs or maybe using drums for the call to prayer.
	East and Southeast Asia are two of the most religiously diverse regions in the world. In 2020, overall, they are home to significant populations of Christians (12%) and Muslims (12%)². E.g., there are nearly 33 million in Indonesia and nearly 133 million in China. Regionally, Christianity experienced the fastest growth between 1970 and 2020 (3.1% per year).³ Yellow circles represent countries where there are more Muslims than Christians. In the region the different religious communities’ live side by side, but there are also many Christian ex-pat workers attracted to the booming Southeast Asia economy.

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	This short video shares four ways that Christians can be a blessing to the Muslim people, produced by OMF International who have a long experience of living amongst and blessing Muslim peoples in East and Southeast Asia. Source: YouTube linked video (https://youtu.be/8YTIxogr1E4) 1 minute																
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