

SNAPSHOT



OPERATION SNAP | DRAGON



Language Name: [REDACTED]

Population: [REDACTED]

Country: [REDACTED]

Version: *JESUS*

Completion: November 2020



– THE “LOST MOTHER” PEOPLE

The [REDACTED] people live in the northern section of Sumatra, [REDACTED]. ‘[REDACTED]’ is a compound word from [REDACTED], meaning ‘mother,’ and [REDACTED], meaning ‘lost.’ In ancient times, the [REDACTED] believed in Hinduism and a local religion called [REDACTED]. Because many [REDACTED]ns associate the [REDACTED] cluster with Christianity, the [REDACTED] reject their [REDACTED] ancestry. Almost all of the [REDACTED] people today follow Islam after being forcefully introduced to it by the [REDACTED] Muslims.

SEEKING MOTHER – FINDING JESUS

The spiritual well-being of people who’ve never heard about Jesus, and His message of love, is significant. Believers serving the [REDACTED] community ask questions like: how can we use this film? What ways best reach the [REDACTED] people? In July 2020, thirty pastors and evangelists met, discussing the ‘how’ of using *JESUS*. Jesus loves us enough to speak in words we can understand.

“Having the film in our mother tongue will help others see Jesus understands us,” a local pastor said.

JESUS COMES TO [REDACTED]

In November 2018, *Operation Snap Dragon* launched two languages. Working together, a local [REDACTED] pastor and two mother-tongue translators drafted the *JESUS* film script. Completing the draft, the team and a local project facilitator showed the movie to native [REDACTED] speakers. With the translation consultant scheduled to check their draft in March 2019, the principal translator got sick, forcing the team to reschedule. The consultant rescheduled the review 3 months later, with the translator healed from his illness. After the consultant completed checking the script, he and the translation team agreed – the [REDACTED]

script was ready to record.

Miscommunication between the translators and the project facilitator damaged relationships, jeopardizing the entire project. *Operation Snap Dragon* sent [REDACTED]n staff to the region to repair relationships. Resolving the communication problems, the team looked for the first available date to record the [REDACTED] script. Then the coronavirus hit, forcing the region into an early lockdown – no travel allowed.

Following prayers for the community to open up and waiting several months, the *Operation Snap Dragon* recording team arrived in [REDACTED]. Preparations to build a studio and begin voice actor auditions started immediately. 25 families in the area follow Jesus, making it challenging to find the right voices to record. Testing twenty actors on Day One, the recording team chose several minor characters, also finding their Narrator. On Day Two, the Narrator began recording. Simultaneously, the rest of the group auditioned people house-to-house. Many house auditions later, they found the right actor to voice Jesus. Seven days later, the recording was complete.

During the final review, the community identified several words making the film better understood by the [REDACTED] people if changed. Everyone attending agreed the film was ready to go out into their communities.

HOW YOU CAN PRAY

- *God, we ask you to soften the hearts of the [REDACTED] people and show them your love.*
- *Pray for God’s love to impact the [REDACTED] community, hearing Jesus speak their language.*
- *We ask you to protect all believers willing to risk everything to share the love of Jesus in their community.*