



The Caravan

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[MAL'ee] / derived from the name of the capital of Maldives, Male

Malee loves living on an island! There are so many fun things to do, like building sandcastles, swimming in the ocean, hunting for seashells, and fishing with her friends. Nonetheless, Malee also knows the dangers of living on an island. A tsunami (a really big wave of water) hit her island, causing a lot of damage a few years ago. Many people lost their homes and had nowhere to live. Some Christians came to help people rebuild their homes. This is when Malee learned about Jesus for the first time. She heard about how He came to earth to die so that everyone who believes in Him and asks Him into their hearts can be assured of salvation.

Malee knows only a very few Christians in Maldives. Believers in Jesus have to be very careful about when they meet for church and even who they tell that they believe in Christ. Most of Malee's neighbors don't know that she likes to learn about Jesus. They do, however, see a difference in their friends who have stopped following the religious practices of Islam. Malee hopes that one day she will be able to share about Jesus openly with her neighbors.

Maldives. Maldives is an island nation consisting of multiple small islands in the Indian Ocean. It is located south of India and about 435 miles southwest of Sri Lanka. People inhabit only about two hundred of the country's 1,190 islands. Maldives is the smallest Asian country in terms of population and is also the smallest predominantly Muslim nation in the world. Today, tourism is the country's main source of income.

Islam. The people who follow the religion of Islam are called Muslims. They believe in one supreme God but don't know that Jesus is God's Son who was sent to die for their sins. Muslims consider Jesus to be Isa, a prophet and teacher but not God or the promised Savior. The most important teacher for Muslims is the prophet Mohammad. Mohammad taught that people are sinful and that they need to live a very strict religious life and do good works for God to forgive them.



Seagulls. Seagulls are coastal or inland birds, rarely venturing far out to sea. They are usually grey or white with black markings on the head or wings, and they have webbed feet. Seagulls are resourceful and highly intelligent, demonstrating complex methods of communication and a highly developed social structure.

Favorite Verse

“ But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. ”
Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)