INDIGENOUS DIGNITY & HOPE

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MISSIONARIES MAKE FRIENDS
They live with the indigenous people and can expose what abusive or corrupt people are trying to keep secret.

EDUCATION
Missions provide education that helps people develop a voice in governance.

BIBLE TRANSLATION
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THE PROBLEM: OVERLAP OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND EXTRACTIVE FRONTIERS

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4. INDIGENOUS LANDS
Behind every contract is an agreement that excludes indigenous peoples.

INDIGENOUS SOCI-ECONOMIC WELFARE

In Indonesia, the Semunying Jaya indigenous people lost their case against land-grabbing by a plantation on a legal technicality—they were not on the official list of “indigenous peoples”.

In Norway, copper mining impacts indigenous Sámi reindeer herds and fisheries.

5. STATUS OF BIBLE TRANSLATION
The estimated global population of indigenous peoples is about 220-350 million (2008), or about 50% of people in the “None” column.

The Bible does not exist in 35% of indigenous languages.

Status of Bible Translation

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What can you do about the rip-offs?

1. CARE. The world mostly does not care. God does.
2. PRAY for the day when people of all languages will praise the King!
3. SUPPORT indigenous peoples at a deep level by supporting Bible translation and educational mission work.
4. SUPPORT activist groups that are advocating for indigenous legal rights and fighting the greed and corruption of extractors or governments.
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