

PRISONER PROFILE

Prisoner Name: **Abraham Ben Moses**

Location: **Indonesia**

Arrested: **December 2017**



Arrest and background

Abraham Ben Moses, also known as Saifuddin Ibrahim, is a well-known former Muslim and Christian apologist in Indonesia. He was active in Internet evangelism and debates with Muslim groups.

Abraham, 53, was arrested on December 5, 2017, after a video showing him sharing his faith with a Muslim taxi driver was widely circulated. In the video, he can be heard speaking with the taxi driver about the Prophet Muhammad's teachings on marriage. He can also be heard asking the driver to convert to Christianity. Shortly afterward, Indonesia's second largest Islamic organisation filed a complaint against the evangelist, citing his Internet evangelism as a basis for blasphemy charges. Abraham, who is from Tangerang, Java, faces the possibility of five years in prison if convicted.

Abraham was born into a large Muslim family. His father was an Islamic teacher, his uncle founded a prominent Muslim organisation and his father-in-law was also an Islamic teacher. Abraham graduated with a degree in Comparative Religion and went on to teach at Indonesia's largest Islamic boarding school, the mosque of which accommodates 15,000 people.

In 2005, Abraham began studying the Bible in order to disprove the Christian faith. Instead, he became convinced that the Bible was the truth and publicly became a Christian on March 4, 2006. Since then, he's been active in debates and online, discussing the differences between Christianity and Islam.

His Muslim wife eventually left him, and in 2014 he married a Muslim convert to Christianity. His wife, Ayu, was pregnant when he was arrested, and she gave birth to their son while her husband was being held in detention. Abraham also has four adult children from his first marriage.

Please pray for our Indonesian brother and his family. Release partners are already supporting them and we are asking Christians in the UK and Ireland to pray for them, aware that the prayers of a righteous person are powerful and effective (James 5:16).

PRAY:

1. For God's continued protection for Abraham and that God will strengthen him physically, spiritually and emotionally.
2. That Abraham will persevere in faith and experience a profound sense of God's presence with him in that prison cell.
3. That the church in Indonesia will know how they can best support Abraham, his wife Ayu and family.

SEND A CARD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO ABRAHAM BEN MOSES:

Prison address for Abraham:

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Buaran Indah, Kec

Tangerang Kota,

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Indonesia.

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