

Indonesia **INDONESIA**

Description

Indonesia is a land of earth and water. It is the largest archipelago in the world – 2,922,570 sq km. There are 17,000 islands of which 6,000 are inhabited. The population is diverse but similar – there are 210,000,000 people in the country. 87% of the population is Muslim. 2% are Catholic. It is a poor country with needs in every area.

At the request of the Prior General and his Council the Mexican Province agreed to open the first community on March 10, 2006. Friars **David M. Mejia** and **Martin M. Rangel** established a community in the city of Ruteng on the island of Flores where the majority of the population is Catholic. Later Fra **Moisés M. Jaramillo**, Fra **Alejandro M. Medina**, Fra **Ramón M. Bustillos** and **Gerardo M. Hernández** were sent to Indonesia. At present there are many young Indonesians in formation. To provide better theological and philosophical formation for these students a formation community has been opened in Malang on the island of Java.

Servites: 4 solemn professed and 2 priories; there are some thirty students in Indonesia and another 18 in Mexico.

Female Servite Congregations: Compassionist Servites Sisters, Servite Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows of Naples, Servite Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows of Pisa, Servite Sisters of Galeazza, Servite Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows of Nocera.