

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS VS. RIP-OFF PROFITS

WHOSE SIDE ARE WE ON?

LAYERS OF INDIGENOUS LIFE

INDIGENOUS LANDS

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS UN has formalized input from indigenous peoples via the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), and the UN Expert Mechanism on Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP). On paper, progress is positive, but in practice, a 2016 IWGIA report says things are worsening each year.⁴

INDIGENOUS SOCIO-

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.

AND RIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL COURTS In 2015 indigenous groups in Panama were compensated after their territorial rights were violated in a hydroelectric project in 1972!⁵

ECONOMIC WELFARE

THE PROBLEM: OVERLAP OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND EXTRACTIVE FRONTIERS¹

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".²

IN NORWAY, COPPER MINING IMPACTS INDIGENOUS SÁMI REINDEER HERDS AND FISHERIES.³

INDIGENOUS DIGNITY & HOPE

EVERY PEOPLE AND LANGUAGE Christ died for all, all have a place in God's ultimate future for the world (Revelation 7:9) and gospel messengers can identify with all (1 Cor. 9:19-23). They cannot be seen as "things," "costs," or "obstacles".

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE & CULTURE

BIBLE TRANSLATION Values indigenous languages and serves people groups by preserving language as part of culture.

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.

Category	Languages	Avg. # of Speakers (thousands)
BIBLE	554	9123
NEW TEST.	1333	497
PORTIONS	1045	269
NONE	3955	130

\$\$ GOLD \$\$ OIL \$\$ HYDRO \$\$ TIMBER \$\$

CARE. THE WORLD MOSTLY DOES NOT CARE. GOD DOES.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THE RIP-OFFS?

PRAY FOR THE DAY WHEN PEOPLE OF ALL LANGUAGES WILL PRAISE THE KING!

SUPPORT INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AT A DEEP LEVEL BY SUPPORTING BIBLE TRANSLATION AND EDUCATIONAL MISSION WORK.

SUPPORT ACTIVIST GROUPS THAT ARE ADVOCATING FOR INDIGENOUS LEGAL RIGHTS AND FIGHTING THE GREED AND CORRUPTION OF EXTRACTORS OR GOVERNMENTS.

CONSUME THOUGHTFULLY. YOUR WASTEFUL CONSUMPTION MOTIVATES EXTRACTORS TO KEEP EXPANDING INTO INDIGENOUS AREAS.

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