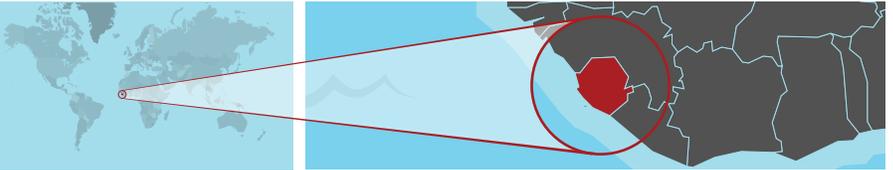


Sierra Leone



Sierra Leone Fast Facts:

Number of people:
6,092,000

Main language:
English

Main religion:
Islam

of languages:
26

of languages ...
without any of the Bible: **5**
with part of the Bible: **2**
with a New Testament: **8**
with a whole Bible: **11**

Here's
how you say ...

“What’s your name?” in Krio is:
Wetin yu nem? (Weh-teen yu nehm)

Did you know?

Sierra Leone is a country whose name means “Lion Mountain.” A Portuguese explorer sailing down the Atlantic coast of West Africa named the country *Serra Leoa*, and later it changed to “Sierra Leone” in English. The name is perfect for this country because the lion is their national symbol, too! Pretty cool, right?

Although English is the main language of the country, lots of people speak another language called Krio. People will learn Krio so they can talk to each other when they go to

other parts of the country, just in case others don’t speak the same language from their village. In fact, almost 95 percent of all people living in Sierra Leone probably understand and speak some Krio. That’s a lot!

Out of the 26 languages in Sierra Leone, almost half of them have the whole Bible. Sierra Leone was the first West African country to hear the gospel, but less than 12 people out of 100 say that they’re Christians. We can pray that more people will learn about Jesus by reading the Bible in the language they understand best!

Let's pray!

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the people of Sierra Leone. You know everyone who lives in that country, and you know what language they speak. You also know each person’s name, where they live and whether they know and love you. Help people to learn about you so that they can understand how much you love them. Maybe they already have the Bible in their language, or maybe they’re able to understand it in English or Krio. But no matter what language they speak, help them to learn that you speak it too, and that they can talk to you anytime. We love you, Jesus! Thanks for loving us, no matter where we live or what language we speak.

