



**Languages:** Ashen, Basa-Gurmana, Bu, Ushama, Ngwoi

**Speakers:** 91,800

**Dates:** 2019-2022

**Project Goals:** New Testament portions, Scripture stories



# ABBUN CLUSTER

AFRICA — NIGERIA

## THE PEOPLE

The acronym “ABBUN” represents five Nigerian people groups — Ashen, Basa-Gurmana, Bu, Ushama and Ngwoi.

Throughout the rainy season, small-scale farming occupies much of people’s time. But during the sparsity of the dry months, men hunt to provide for their families. Animal rearing also contributes to their livelihood. Pigs, goats and chickens are kept and eaten or sold in market shops that are often run by women.

Many of the ABBUN people practice traditional religion and live in fear of the spirit world. As a project adviser says, “Their daily life is characterized by sacrifices to the traditional gods for a fruitful farming season, peace in the land and good health.”

No Scripture is available in the languages of this cluster.

To experience life-changing transformation, the ABBUN groups need God’s Word in languages they clearly understand.

## THE PLAN

We’re partnering with local teams to produce Scripture in five ABBUN Cluster languages!

This project has the support of church leaders in the area, eager to have access to God’s Word.

The teams will translate the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, as well as Acts, Galatians, Ephesians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus and James.

The book of Jonah will also be translated, in addition to other Old and New Testament selections that will be used to produce audio Bible stories in each of the languages.

ABBUN people connect well with stories of individuals from the past. To present the story of Christ visually, project staff will produce the “JESUS” film in all five languages.

In addition, the team will create an audio version of “The Wonderful Plan of God” booklet. This resource is designed to help people understand God’s plan for mankind, and includes an invitation to follow Jesus.

## THE IMPACT

ABBUN churches are passionately engaged in sharing the gospel, planting new churches and helping people grow in Christ. Having Scripture in the Ashen, Basa-Gurmana, Bu, Ushama and Ngwoi languages will greatly assist in these activities.

As followers of Jesus reach out to their communities, God’s Word will help them address major challenges, including a lack of understanding of the Christian faith, the pervasive influence of traditional religion, and societal issues such as divorce and immorality.

“It’s the churches’ deepest desire to have the Bible translated,” a project adviser said. “The availability of Scripture in their heart languages will be one of the indispensable factors that will bring their people to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and produce true disciples.”

**Your prayers and gifts** will help the people of the ABBUN Cluster gain access to Scripture in their languages — for the very first time!