



**Language:** Akebu

**Speakers:** 70,000

**Dates:** 2019-2022

**Project Goal:** New Testament completion



## AKEBU 2 (ah-KAY-boo)

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### THE PEOPLE

Like most Akebu people, Lucien depends on farming to survive. His family grows their own food, then sells any surplus at a local market.

But his livelihood isn't the only thing Lucien has in common with his neighbors. Like many Akebu parents, he has a son who migrated to a nearby country just to find work. He also, like others, has lost several close relatives to malaria.

However, unlike the majority of his people, Lucien is a Christian. After reading the Gospels in his language, he was set free from the fear of ancestral spirits and turned away from traditional religion.

Now Lucien longs for more of God's Word, so he can grow spiritually and share his faith with others.

*This story is based on everyday realities that many Akebu speakers face.*

Having Scripture in their language will help people recognize false teachings, and deepen their understanding of the gospel message.

### THE PLAN

Your help is needed as a local team translates more of God's Word into the Akebu language.

By the end of this three-year project, the remaining 11 books of the New Testament will be complete.

Akebu team members have the following translation goals:

- **Finish** work on four previously translated books — Ephesians and 1-3 John.
- **Translate** Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Hebrews, 1-2 Peter and Jude.
- **Publish** all books on a mobile Scripture app, and some selections in print.

Additional goals will encourage engagement with God's Word:

- **Record** nine New Testament books in audio format.
- **Produce** Scripture-based radio plays and songs.
- **Organize** about 60 literacy classes and train literacy teachers.

### THE IMPACT

Akebu church leaders have seen firsthand how having access to Scripture has the power to transform a community.

"Now we have many more churches in the Akebu region," said one pastor, commenting on the impact of Bible translation work. "And the people better understand spiritual concepts — such as who God is, and the kind of relationship he wants to have with us."

While God's Word is enriching worship services and Bible studies for local Christians, it's also reaching those who don't yet know Jesus. "We encourage students in our literacy classes to have printed copies of the Scriptures for their personal reading," a project adviser said.

In addition, resources such as Scripture audio recordings and the "JESUS" film have been helpful in communicating the Bible's message of redemption to all Akebu speakers.

**Your prayers and gifts** will help this people group experience more of God's Word in a language that speaks to their hearts!