

AVOKAYA 2

(ah-voo-KAH-yah)

AFRICA — SOUTH SUDAN

GOALS: OLD TESTAMENT PORTIONS, SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

DATES: 2021-2024



LANGUAGE
AVOKAYA



SPEAKERS
114,000



BELIEFS
65% CHRISTIAN,
TRADITIONAL RELIGION,



Drawing Near

The trials that took them far from home brought them closer to God.

Over the last few decades, civil unrest has forced many Avokaya families to flee their lands. Some have gone to Juba, South Sudan's capital. Others have found refuge in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or Uganda.

Every place they've settled, a church congregation has sprung up.

In the midst of suffering, Avokaya Christians have sought to worship the Lord and study his Word. Initially they had only a few portions of Scripture in their language. But as time passed, additional books were translated and quickly put to use by believers.

Today, the entire New Testament and some Old Testament portions are available and widely shared. Even in the refugee camps, translated Scripture is regularly taught and distributed.

Still, Avokaya Christians long to have access to all of God's Word.

Will you partner with those working to complete the remaining books of the Bible?



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The Plan

You can help Avokaya translators produce more Old Testament Scripture in their language!

In this project, team members will:

- **Complete** work on eight books, publishing them in print and audio formats.
- **Make progress** on another 14 books.
- **Produce** a variety of printed materials to support literacy efforts and Scripture engagement.
- **Hold** two workshops — one on trauma healing and another that will address addictions and risky behaviors.

Scripture Impact

While the majority of the population identify as Christian, some people are strongly influenced by traditional religion. Staff believe the Scripture produced in this project will help address this issue, enabling community members to recognize and turn away from false beliefs and practices.

The Next Generation

The translation team plans to develop Sunday school materials for some congregations. At these churches, the youth gather weekly to memorize Scripture, learn the key tenets of the Christian faith and practice worship songs in Avokaya.

A Scripture review session in a local community



Avokaya homes have traditionally been mud wattle construction with grass roofs. These days, those who can afford it build their homes with concrete walls and tin roofing materials.



Avokaya youths

*Your prayers and gifts will help the Avokaya experience
God's Word in a language that touches their hearts!*