



Language: Borôro

Speakers: 1,817



Dates: 2018-2020

Project Goals: New Testament in audio, digital and print

BORÔRO 2 (Boh-DOH-doh)

AMERICAS — BRAZIL

THE PEOPLE

The Borôro people live in tropical savannah and swampland regions of central Brazil.

Most members of this small people group depend on their environment for their daily needs. Others work for the government or on nearby cattle ranches.

They have a proud heritage, but when alcohol was introduced years ago, things began to change. Dysfunction seeped into their society, and now a large percentage of the men, women and young people struggle with addiction.

Most Borôro identify as Catholic, although many mix their beliefs with fear of evil spirits that influence everything from health to finances.

After many years of work by a dedicated team, the Borôro New Testament was recently completed.

Now the Borôro people need the Scripture in formats they can use and share effectively — so everyone can have access to God's life-changing message of hope.

THE PLAN

We're working with local partners to make God's Word accessible in Borôro!

Some believers are already using trial copies of the Borôro New Testament. This two-year project will now produce audio recordings of the Scripture, as well as printed versions.

Listening groups will be formed among the young and old alike, using Proclaimer digital audio players.

"The Borôro Christians want to be able to listen to the audio New Testament in their homes and to use it as a platform for evangelization," a project adviser said.

In addition, team members plan to revise and record 29 previously translated Old Testament stories.

A Scripture app will make God's Word easily accessible to the Borôro people on their cellphones. "The church is excited about the many possibilities for using audio and digital versions of the New Testament," the adviser said.

THE IMPACT

Luciano, a Borôro translation team member, dreams of taking the recorded Scriptures into homes as a way to build and mend broken family relationships.

Just a few years ago, Luciano wasn't a believer. One day he grew curious about the New Testament translation project happening in his community. After talking with the staff, he began joining them in the evenings to study God's Word.

Soon Luciano told the team he had thrown away an idol, realizing it held no power. Then a short time later, he shared even better news — he had given his life to Jesus.

"I want to be baptized," Luciano said. "It will be a true testimony to my people that now I have Jesus as my only Savior, and that now he is my chief."

Your prayers and gifts will help transform Borôro people as they engage with Scripture in a language and form that speaks to their hearts!