



Language: Budu-Nita

Speakers: 150,000



Dates: 2018-2021

Project Goal: New Testament completion

BUDU-NITA 3 (BOO-doo NEE-tah)

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THE PEOPLE

The Budu-Nita people hold a special respect for authority and admire a disciplined lifestyle.

In the evening around the fire, they often share stories that communicate wisdom.

Located along the bank of the great Nepoko River, the Budu-Nita live in an area that also boasts forests and savannas.

Livelihoods are largely based on hunting, fishing and farming. People sell their agricultural products at weekly markets held in nearby communities.

Most Budu-Nita people identify as Christians, but traditional beliefs remain deeply rooted in their society. As a result, many people struggle with fear and maintain a variety of superstitions. Alcoholism is also a problem.

Some Scripture portions are now available in the Budu-Nita language, but local believers are eager to have the full New Testament to help strengthen their faith.

To continue growing spiritually, the Budu-Nita need more of God's Word in their language.

THE PLAN

We're partnering with a local team to complete the New Testament in the Budu-Nita language!

During this three-year project, the team will finish their work on the Gospel of Luke, 1-2 Corinthians and Philippians. Then they will check the New Testament and make final revisions — while also adding book introductions, a glossary and illustrations.

Once completed, the New Testament will be published in print and digital formats. Plans are also in place to produce an audio recording of every Scripture book.

Team members will hold workshops for local church leaders to help them encourage people to engage with God's Word. And they'll run two literacy classes a month with a goal of training 20 literacy teachers each year.

In addition, with funding from a partner organization, the team will translate the "Jesus Messiah" picture book — a full-color, pictorial representation of the life of Christ with accompanying text.

THE IMPACT

Emmanuel, a local church leader, recently learned how to read Budu-Nita.

He was inspired to do so when the team first began reviewing translated Scripture in his church. "Since that day, I read the New Testament books in my office all the time," Emmanuel said.

Whenever he prepares his sermons, Emmanuel refers to the Scripture drafts he's kept. "I understand the New Testament in Budu-Nita better than other languages," he said.

Now Emmanuel is raising awareness about the translation among other church leaders. "I want them to use the New Testament in our language like I am," he said. "It's our *instrumentum laboris* — our working tool."

Like Emmanuel, many Budu-Nita Christians are eager to see lives transformed in their community as a result of having God's Word in their language.

Your prayers and gifts will help finish the entire New Testament for the Budu-Nita people!