

# HOLOHOLO

(hoh-loh-hoh-loh)

## AFRICA — DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

**GOAL:** NEW TESTAMENT PORTIONS

**DATES:** 2021-2024



**LANGUAGE**  
HOLOHOLO



**SPEAKERS**  
ABOUT 50,000



**BELIEFS**  
97% CHRISTIAN



## Truth for Life

The woman laid the offering before the miniature hut, the dwelling place of the *muki*.

This practice of paying homage to *muki*, or ancestral spirits, continues today among the Holoholo, despite a large Christian population. Adherents of traditional religion also seek help from shamans, hoping to appease spirits that they believe inhabit the rocks, water and mountains.

But some, transformed by the gospel message, have given up such evil practices.

“Many of those who’ve received Christ as their personal Savior have experienced a drastic change of life,” a coordinator for the Holoholo Bible translation project said.

Still, no Scripture exists in Holoholo. As a result, most people aren’t clear about what it means to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. This has led some to cling to false beliefs, or engage in destructive behaviors.

Church leaders are eager for Bible translation work to begin in their community. “They see Scripture as a solution to some of their [society’s] current problems,” the coordinator said. “They’ve requested that the Holoholo people be given a chance to have God’s Word in their own language.”

**Will you partner** with them?

Image does not represent the actual people group



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## The Plan

**You can help** Holoholo translators produce the first Scripture in their language!

In this project, staff will complete seven New Testament books, including:

**The Gospels of Mark and Luke.** Church leaders have asked for Mark to be translated first because it shows Jesus' victory over evil and will give people a model for godly living. Meanwhile, Luke's Gospel will teach the community about the power of Christ through the miracles it recounts.

**1-2 Peter.** These epistles will help Holoholo Christians to grow in their faith and encourage them to persevere in the midst of temptations and trials.

**1 John.** Because of the pervasiveness of false teachings in their region, local pastors are eager to have access to 1 John, which instructs believers on the differences between the children of God and impostors.

## Scripture Engagement

Several congregations have expressed their commitment to the translation team and the work. They will provide office space and volunteers, as well as meals during some training workshops.

Each book produced in this project will be distributed as soon as it's completed. This will ensure God's Word gets into people's hands as quickly as possible. Scripture will be used in worship services, small study groups and Sunday school classes.



The Holoholo translators

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— A Holoholo project coordinator



Daily life

*Your prayers and gifts will help the Holoholo community gain access to God's Word in a language they clearly understand!*