



Language: LuBwisi

Speakers: 119,000



Dates: 2019-2021

Project Goals: Old Testament portions,
Bible stories

LUBWISI (loo-BWEE-see)

AFRICA — UGANDA

THE PEOPLE

The BaBwisi people live along lush, green mountains in the western region of Uganda. Surrounded by the beauty of the rainforest, they draw upon its resources. But theirs is not an easy life.

The BaBwisi depend on the yield of their crops for sustenance, and most people also grow cocoa to sell in the marketplace for cash. Because they farm their fields on mountainsides, and the trading centers are in distant towns, the BaBwisi work hard to provide for their families.

Although some people in this community worship spirits, over the last decade, the number of BaBwisi believers has grown. Now 60% are Christians, and the recent publication of the New Testament in LuBwisi, their language, is contributing to their spiritual growth.

After the completion of the New Testament, church leaders expressed a desire for more of God's Word. Having access to Old Testament Scripture in their language will strengthen the local church.

THE PLAN

We're partnering with a local team to translate Old Testament portions into the LuBwisi language!

The LuBwisi New Testament, along with the book of Genesis, has already been completed.

Now a committee of representatives from local churches has chosen Deuteronomy, Psalms and Proverbs to be translated next.

"Deuteronomy will be useful for BaBwisi pastors to teach biblical values in everyday living," a project adviser said. "Proverbs will address the challenges of life with words of wisdom."

The translation team will also produce selected Bible stories and other materials to help BaBwisi Christians grow in their faith. Audio recordings will be made of selected Scripture.

"The translation of Psalms, hymns and a prayer book will be a great encouragement to believers," the adviser said. "These resources will be especially useful during worship services."

THE IMPACT

As a LuBwisi translation team member was walking down the road one day, he happened to hear the conversation of two young men in front of him.

"I never understood the Bible because I read it in another language," one of the young men said. "But since I got my LuBwisi New Testament, I can understand it better because it's in my language."

"When I read it, I feel God himself is speaking to me personally. Now I know the only way to heaven is Jesus Christ."

The team member was encouraged. "Listening to these two young people talking about Jesus was very exciting," he said.

Will you join us in partnership so more BaBwisi people can experience the transforming power of God's Word?

Your prayers and gifts will help this community gain access to more Old Testament Scripture in LuBwisi — a language that speaks to their hearts!

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