



Languages: Nyangbo, Logba, Tafi

Speakers: 18,300



Dates: 2017-2019

Project Goal: New Testament

NYALOTA CLUSTER

AFRICA — GHANA

THE PEOPLE

Ghana's scenic Volta region is home to the Nyalota Cluster languages — Nyangbo, Logba and Tafi. Festivals and ceremonies with bright-colored traditional clothing reflect the rich cultural diversity of these people groups.

Most of the people of the Nyalota Cluster meet their daily needs through farming. Some sell produce or animals, such as goats or chickens, to provide for special occasions or medical expenses.

The majority of the people practice traditional religion. They fear evil spirits, and rely on their ancestors' spirits to keep them from harm.

Two large denominations brought Christianity to the area about 50 years ago. Since that time, other Christian groups have started churches. But church services and teaching are conducted in the regional language, which most people don't understand well.

The Nyalota peoples need God's Word in their heart languages so they can know God and understand his life-transforming message.

THE PLAN

We are partnering with *Ghana Institute of Linguistics, Literacy and Bible Translation* and local churches to help produce the first Scripture available for the Nyangbo, Logba and Tafi languages!

Two local translators from each group are translating the New Testament into their language. Trainers, consultants and supporting staff complete the teams.

When the Gospel of Mark was completed, it was printed and widely distributed among local churches. The Scripture has been received with great enthusiasm!

Parables from the Gospel of Luke have also been published and distributed.

As the team enters the final two years of the project, they have completed drafts of the entire New Testament. Now they are devoting time to testing and checking the text.

THE IMPACT

People are responding with enthusiasm as they begin to understand God's Word in their language!

When a translator read aloud Jesus' parable about the persistent widow during a community checking session, a woman exclaimed that she'd heard this parable being read at church in a regional language not once, but several times. She had never been able to make out the meaning. But now that she heard it in her own language, she understood!

At a recent community gathering, the parable of the Good Samaritan was read in the Tafi language. There was great applause, and many people requested printouts so they could read it to their families. Church leaders are also requesting Scripture to read in church services. People are eager to hear God's Word in their mother tongue.

Your prayers and investment will help bring the power of God's Word to the Nyangbo, Logba and Tafi language communities!

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