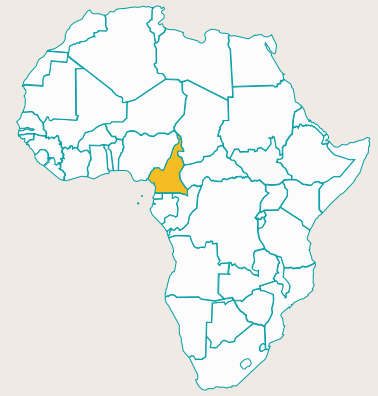




Language: Tuki

Speakers: 26,000



Dates: 2017-2021

Project Goal: New Testament portions

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AFRICA — CAMEROON

THE PEOPLE

The Tuki people of Cameroon call themselves “Baki,” meaning “noblemen.” They’re very proud of their language and culture.

They live in a savanna region where people have small farms, growing crops like yams and cassava to support their families. The area is well known for its cocoa, and neighboring groups visit to purchase the yield.

Despite an abundance of natural resources, poverty is widespread. Overwhelmed by the spiritual darkness in their communities, most people follow local religious practices, often spending more than half of their income to buy the protection of traditional healers.

While many Tuki attend church, few people truly follow Jesus and live with hope.

“They need to hear him speak their language and convince their hearts that he is the only true God,” a project adviser said. “This can only be done through the translated Scriptures in the language they understand best.”

THE PLAN

We’re partnering with a local team to translate New Testament portions into the Tuki language!

During this project, the team will complete and publish all four Gospels, as well as the book of Acts. They will also translate and check nine other books — Galatians, Ephesians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, James, Jude and Revelation. Titus and Philemon will be drafted as well.

Previously, translators crafted 23 oral Bible stories in Tuki and trained three people to share them. The stories have made a significant impact, but the Tuki area is vast. The team will now train additional Tuki storytellers so that more people can hear.

Scripture stories have helped increase the interest in Tuki literacy. More classes will be started and teachers trained.

Staff will also participate in various language development activities, including a rapid word collection workshop.

THE IMPACT

Recently a family came before the local chief to settle a property dispute. About a dozen people were there from each side, along with one of the Tuki storytellers.

The chief allowed the storyteller to speak, and he began to share the Bible story of Ananias and Sapphira. A calm spread over the room as people listened, deeply impacted by the story.

Afterward the two parties decided to make peace with each other, and the chief added some practical advice. Their hearts had been softened by the Word of God.

As Bible stories are being shared, people are becoming more receptive to the gospel message. “Oral stories have created a hunger for the written Scriptures,” a project adviser said. The impact of God’s Word will continue to grow as Tuki people read Scripture in a language that speaks to their heart.

Your prayers and gifts will help the Tuki people gain access to God’s Word!

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