

## The Amele of Papua New Guinea



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The Amele people are located in Madang Province. The villages are all located close to good all-weather roads. The only exception is Yahil, which is half an hour's walk from the road. The average population at the time of an older survey was around 200 people per village. Public Motor Vehicles (PMVs) are used regularly. All villages at the time of the survey reported using trade stores on a regular basis. People from the villages frequently make the trip to the market in Madang where they sell things like cacao and copra. Aid posts are located within walking distance to each village.

It seems that most Amele people have attended school for some period of time. Those who were 30 years old or younger were often literate in Amele and Pidgin. Some of the children were learning English. Anyone older than 50 and women older than 30 were typically illiterate, though most men between 30 and 50 years old were literate.

Most mission work in the area has been done by Lutheran mission organizations.

Translation of the Bible has been in progress since 1981. The Amele New Testament was dedicated in 1998 while about 10% of the Old Testament has been completed and checked.

**Primary Religion:**

Christianity

**Disciples (Matt 28:19):**

Unknown

**Churches:**

Many

**Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):**

New Testament and more

**Population (date):**

5,300 (1987)



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### **Have They Heard The Gospel?**

<b>Call Themselves Christian</b>	90% .
<b>Believe In Jesus As God &amp; Only Savior</b>	Unknown
<b>Believe In The Local Traditional Religion</b>	Unknown. There is a “cargo cult” in one of the villages
<b>Number Of Missionaries Working</b>	None
<b>Number Of Churches</b>	There is a strong Lutheran presence in the Amele language area. There is only one other denomination, Catholic, in the area but it is only in one village
<b>Is The Word Of God Translated?</b>	Yes, the New Testament and about ten percent of the Old Testament is translated. Old Testament translation is ongoing.
<b>What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?</b>	Outreach and discipleship training can be accomplished by national believers.