

The Baeggu of Solomon Islands



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The Baeggu people live on the northern end of Malaita in the Solomon Islands. Since the early 1900s, when Christian workers first arrived here, most consider themselves Christians. Despite that profession, many still perform rituals and keep rules to ensure good health, prosperity or abundant crops. These are holdovers from the animist roots in the culture.

Because the local economy is weak, Baeggu families struggle to find resources for school fees. Their community has little access to health services. Farming and fishing provide basic essentials.

Some families are able to send their children to boarding school in a larger city after sixth grade. Though this provides young adults with a valuable secondary education, few skilled jobs exist in the tight urban job market. Graduates are reluctant to return to the rural occupations of their parents. This mixture of circumstances is creating a jobless generation.

Many Baeggu speakers don't understand the Bible in English. They have a vague idea, guessing at the interpretation of what they hear in church. Many Malaitans are hungry for truth, seeking out "fresh revelation," which opens doors for teachers who have their own agendas. Baeggu believers need to be able to discern for themselves the truth based on a true understanding of what God's Word actually says.

Primary Religion:

Christianity

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

Unknown

Churches:

Yes

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

New Testament

Population (date):

7,900



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Is the Word of God Translated?

The Baeggu team finished part of the New Testament in the project's first phase when they published all of the Gospel books as trial editions. Now they are working to finish the entire New Testament.

Other Forms of Presentation

Audio recordings available.

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Status of Christianity

Religion and Response

Need for Translation

A complete New Testament in their mother tongue will help believers understand who God is and what Christ did to save them. With that understanding, they will be able to stand strong against false teaching.