

The Tuki of Cameroon



The Tuki people call themselves Baki, meaning “noblemen” and they are very proud of their language and culture. They do not eat wild animals because they believe it can reduce a human’s pride.

Despite the abundance of natural resources and cash crops they continue to live in poverty, spending more than half of their income on traditional healers. Many church attendees, but few true believers

The Tuki people need to hear God speak in their heart language and convince them that He is the only true God. As it is, most of the people look to deceased ancestors for assistance in their daily lives. They routinely offer animals, salt and oil as sacrifices. If they fail to do this, they risk bringing a curse on their land. The Tuki believe the powers of the spirit world are far more dependable than God. Most Tuki practice African Traditional Religion and perform many different initiation rites to protect themselves and feel they are part of the “land.”

Christianity was introduced to the Tuki people early in the 20th century. Although many Tuki go to church, only a very small percentage are true believers in Jesus. Those Tuki who are committed Christians live changed lives. They no longer offer sacrifices to appease spirits or seek protection. Instead, they live in hope of eternal life.

Primary Religion:

Traditional Religion

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

Few

Churches:

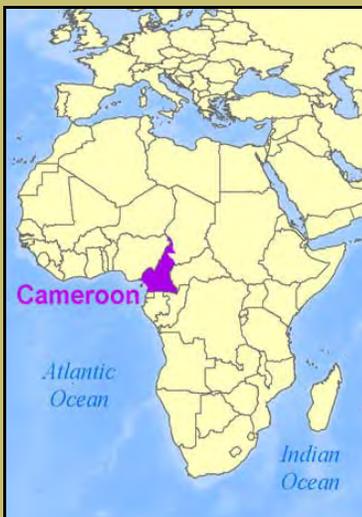
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Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

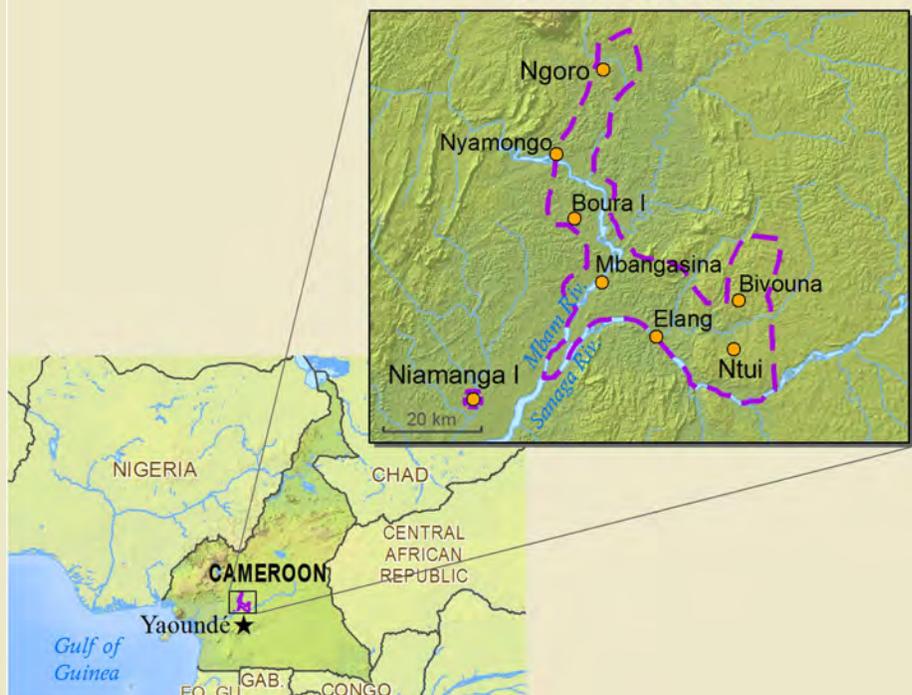
Oral Bible Storytelling

Population (date):

26,000 (1982)



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Is the Word of God Translated?
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When the Tuki people heard the eight oral Bible stories from Old Testament in their heart language, they were delighted and hungered for more. Presently, 16 more oral stories are being worked on, this time from the New Testament. The Tuki will hear stories from the Gospels, stories that recount some of Jesus' miracles and teachings, His death, resurrection and ascension. They will also hear stories about the disciples from the Book of Acts.

In addition to Oral Bible Storytelling, the script for the "JESUS" film will be translated but the film will be produced later. Training will be done for the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke in the Tukis' mother tongue. The oral Bible stories will make God's Word instantly accessible for the people as they anticipate the written Scripture.

Hindrances to Scripture Distribution

Oral Bible Storytelling is labor intensive, this will be a costly project. Also, this is the first project in Cameroon to cross over from Oral Bible Storytelling to a written translation.

Other Forms of Gospel Presentations
Available

Audio recordings.