

The Babanki of Cameroon

The Babanki live in two villages (Kejom-keku and Kejom-Ketingo) just 20 kilometers apart from each other in the Tubah administration sub-division of the north west province of Cameroon. Nearest major town is Bamenda the capital of North West province.

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Primary Religion:

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

8

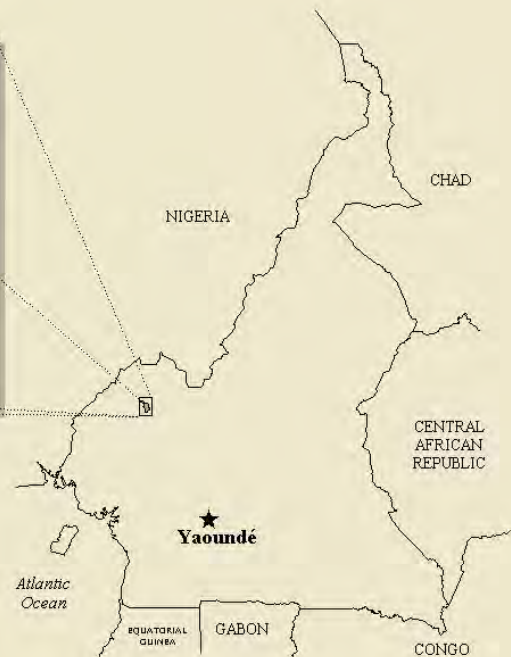
Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Population (date):

39,000



**BABANKI
HOMELAND**



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| Item Name | Item Note | |
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| Have They Heard The Gospel? | | Profile Summary |
| Number Of Churches | 8 | |
| Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary) | Gospel Audio Recordings available | |
| Population All Countries | | Group Description |
| World Population For This People | 39000 | |
| World Population (Urban Percent) | 16500 | |
| Countries Where People Group Lives | | Group Description |
| Country Name | Cameroon | |
| Geography & Environment | | Group Description |
| Location | Babanki is located about 50 kilometers from Bamenda the capital city of Cameroon's North West Province. | |
| Country | Cameroon | |
| Longitude | 10N | |
| Latitude | 6E | |
| Language & Linguistics | | Group Description |
| Comment (Language) | Diminishing due to almost all students attending primary school in English and 2/3 of these continuing studies at the secondary level. | |
| Alternate Language Names | Kejom, Babanki | |
| Attitude Towards Mother Tongue | Very receptive | |
| Other Mother Tongues Of This Group | PIDGIN, CAMEROON | |
| Linguistically Related Languages | KOM | |
| Comments (Related Languages) | Is related 67% to Kom, the Central Ring language that is nearest both geographically and linguistically. (Kom is only two years from having a New Testament). | |
| Comments (Related Languages) | English | |
| Neighboring Languages | KOM | |
| Literacy | | Group Description |
| Literacy Attitude | Very receptive | |
| Active Literacy Program | No | |
| Comment (Literacy) | They have a calendar. Phonology done in 1999 by linguistic student Pius Akumbu. | |
| Community Development | | Group Description |
| Transportation | Excellent dirt roads connect the two Babaki villages, even during the rainy season. There is now a paved road from Bamenda to Kejom-Keku. | |
| Society & Culture | | Group Description |
| Neighbor Relations | Use of Pidgin to communicate. Usual relationship: market-centered. | |
| Cultural Change Pace | Rapid | |
| Identification With National Culture | Similar | |
| Attitude To Outsiders | Somewhat receptive | |
| Attitude To Change | Very receptive | |
| Education | | Group Description |
| Percent Of Eligible Students Enrolled | 99 | |
| Language Of Instruction Early Years | English | |
| Language Of Textbooks Early Years | English | |

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Comment (Education)

Item Note

Two thirds of primary students continue to the secondary level, which means that next generation is gaining a lot of exposure to English. But questions remain about their level of competence in English and the impact that English and the higher educational level will have on the Babanki language community.

Religion & Response

Items For Prayer

The Babanki people trace their roots to Kejombe (Tikari), the word (Babanki) originally came from the days when they were known as a people who wove baskets. Kejom_ketingo means Under the stone whereas Kejom-Keku means in the forest. The designation "small Babanki" comes from the days when a small contingent of people from Kejom-keku left to form what is now Ketingo. Eventually, Ketingo's population became larger than Big Babanki. the people of Kejom-Ketingo prefer that others refer to their village by the name Ketingo rather than Small Babanki. Outsiders have been known to call Ketingo "Tungo" but this designation is not recognized within the Babanki-speaking community of kejom-Ketingo.

Status of Christianity

Scripture

Translation Status

Definite

Comment (Scripture)

There is a New Testament in Pidgin English, but there is a lack of competence in Pidgin or English.

Status of Christianity

Missions and Churches

Organization Name

Presbyterian

Status of Christianity

Christian Literature And Media Status

Audio Recordings Available

Gospel Audio Recordings available

Status of Christianity