

The Chumburung of Ghana



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The Chumburung live on either side of the River Volta, west, north, and east of Kete Krachi, the Chumburung were divided by the waters of the Volta Lake into five isolated districts. The area covered by these five districts is about 2,200 square kilometres. They are mainly farmers with their farms located within a few kilometers of the villages. The crops that they grow are yams, cassava, beans and corn.

The Chumburung are thought to have been located in the present area before 1700. The Gonjas say they were part of the invading army of Ndewura Jakpa. The British subjected the Chumburung to the Gonja chief of Salsga, and when they tried to assert their independence in the early 1930's the Gonja raided a number of Chumburung villages, causing many to flee to the present Volta region. The original colonial boundaries still divide the Chumburung today, and the lake Volta has broken up this people even more dramatically.

There is significant Christian presence in the area with Catholics, The Evangelical Church of Ghana, The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Church of Pentecost and Seventh Day Adventists all represented. There are hardly any Muslim Chumburung, though in many towns there are communities of Muslim traders who have their own Mosques.

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

Perhaps 15%

Churches:

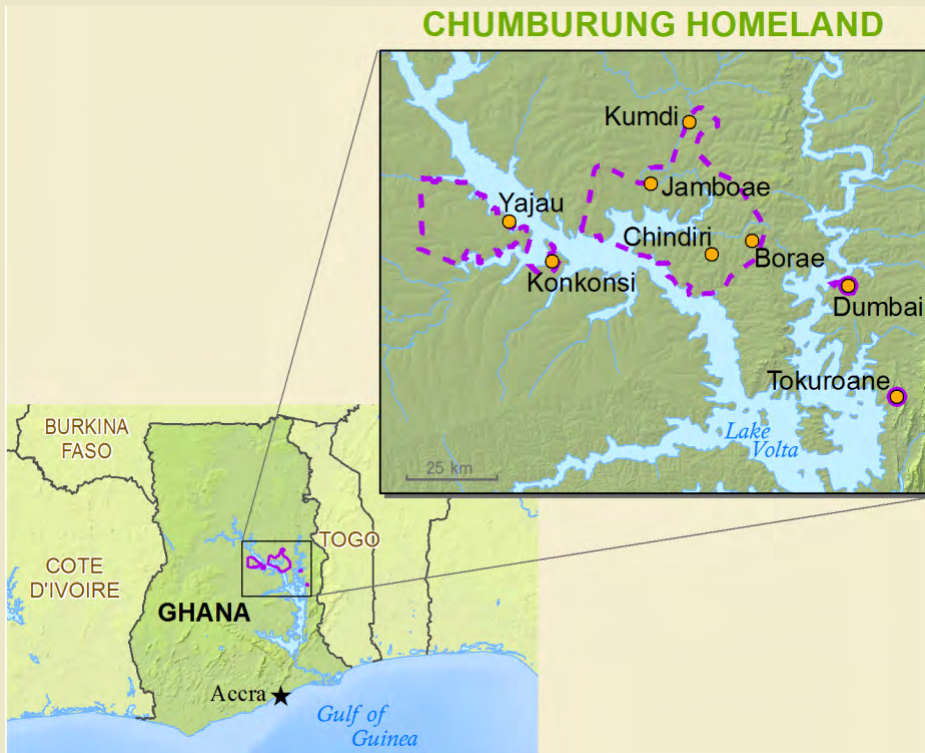
53 (needs update)

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

New Testament (1987)

Population (date):

69,000 (2004, SIL)



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Number of Pastors	4 (1993)
Number of Missionaries	unknown
Percent Adherent, who call themselves "Christian"	25%
Percent who Believe in Jesus as God and Only Savior	unknown
Percent who Believe Jesus is a prophet, a good man, but not the only Savior	unknown
Percent who believe in their traditional religion	unknown
Number Of Communities	There are 100+ Chumburung communities (1993)
Number Of Churches	53 (1993)
Is The Word Of God Translated? Translation Medium	Yes - NT printed in 1987 Printed, Online Bible in Chumburung available at www.bible.com , New Testament available from Faith Comes by Hearing (Bible.is) in Streaming radio, Bible apps.
Any Hindrance To Scripture distribution?	The roads in the North are in very poor condition; this slows up and damages transport. (1993)
Other Forms Of Gospel Presentation Audio/Video:	God's Story: From Creation to Eternity"; available in Northern Chumburung, Southern Chumburung, Chumuru, and Yeji from Global Recordings Network.
Video:	Jesus Film", in Chumburung
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Schools are relatively good but there are no medical facilities in the Chumburung areas. (1993)

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Group Description

Population all Countries

World Population For This People	69,000
World Population (Date)	2004
Comment (Source)	SIL

Geography & Environment

Location	The Chumburung homeland is located on either side of Lake Volta in central Ghana.
Ecosystem Type	Savannahs
Comment (Geo. & Env.)	The Chumburung homeland was split into several parts by the construction of Lake Volta Lake, which was built for the purpose of generating electricity through hydropower.

Language & Linguistics

Alternate Language Names	Kyongborong, Nchimburu, Nchummuru
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Somewhat receptive
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	ENGLISH
Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	Most people speak Twi as a second language. Also use Akan [aka]
Linguistically Related Languages	GONJA
Comments (Related Languages)	Niger-Congo, Atlantic -Congo, Volta-Congo, Kwa, Nyo, Potou-Tano, Tano, Gouang, North Guang
Neighboring Languages	NAWURI
Comment (Lang. & Linguistics)	There is 83% lexical similarity with Yeji, 79% with Kplang, 78% with Krache, 69% with Dwang, 67% with Nawuri and Gichode, 60% with Gonja.

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Literacy

Adult Literacy Percentage	10%
Literacy Attitude	Somewhat receptive
Active Literacy Program	Yes
Literature Available	

Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Occupation	Planting
Income Sources	Selling surplus

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Status of Christianity

Church Growth

Reached Status	Reached
Lay Leaders	3 (1993)

Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive (SIL, 1993)
Resistance / Receptivity	Older people are indifferent to Christianity, younger people more open (1993)

Scripture

Translation Status	Yes
Available Scripture	New Testament (SIL)
Form Of Scripture Available	Printed
Scripture Use	4
Scripture Use	Individuals & some churches

Christian Literature And Media Status

Literature Available	Recordings available from Global Recordings Network
Comment	Recordings available in Northern Chumburung, Southern Chumburung, Chumuru, and Chumuru: Yeji
Video	Jesus Film