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The Mbosi of Congo

Mbosi people are a subsection of the Ubangi people who live in the Congo River Basin area. Families rely on subsistence farming and sell what they do not use. The Mbosi speakers are primarily an oral culture. Younger Mbosi speakers are choosing the national or another regional language. Churches have set up listening clubs focused on oral Bible stories.

The way of life of the Mbosi people is being threatened. The next generation is caught in a flood of technology and the attraction of other communities. Without young people to carry on their culture, way of life and language, the Mbosi people are tottering on the edge of extinction with no hope of recovery until now.

Heart language Scripture will not only preserve the heritage of the Mbosi people, but it will also redefine Christianity. Many believers find themselves caught in a syncretism belief system between two distinct faiths — Christianity and traditional religion.

Traditional beliefs speak the language and define the culture. Most of the people embrace its tenets. Christians struggle to understand God’s Word, creating a crisis of faith and a tendency for many to fall back into the familiar embrace of traditional religion.

By focusing on passages from the Old Testament, it is hoped that the people will see the difference between syncretism and Christian faith. Pastors want to see their parishioners truly understand the Word of God and be changed by it.

Primary Religion:

Christianity

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

13%

Churches:

Yes

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

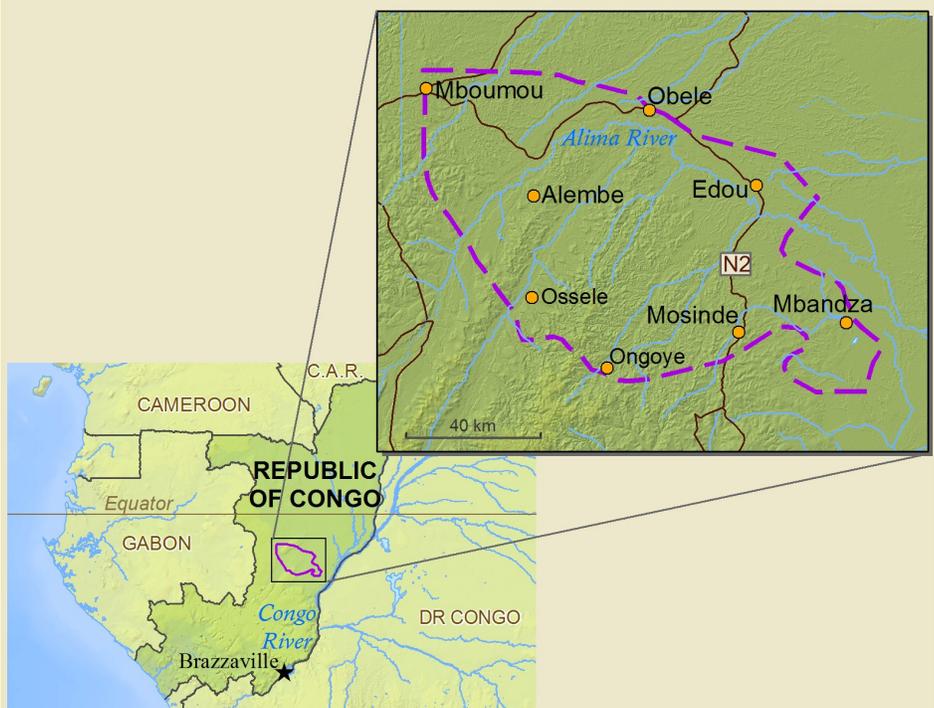
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Population (date):

108,000 (2000)



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Is the Word of God Translated?

No.

Need for Translation

People are caught in the middle of a heated competition between regional traditional religion and active faith in God. Traditional religion burrowed itself into every aspect of life — political, economic, culture and language. Those who profess Christianity and begin to break free from the familiar grip of rituals and incantations lack necessary discipleship materials in their heart language. They face pressures and even rejection by their families and community. In the absence of deeper understanding of the power of the Good News, many continue traditional practices to address the fears and uncertainties of life. Yet there is a remnant of believers crying out for deliverance. The answer is simple: heart language Scripture.

Other Forms of Gospel Presentations

Audio recordings and JESUS film.