

The Doonde of Congo



representative photo

The Brazzaville area where the Doonde people live is mostly rainforests and grassy savannahs fed by tributaries from the Congo River. Families rely on subsistence farming of bananas, corn, sweet potatoes and beans; cash crops coffee, cacao and palm oil. The women carry the lineage and establish family descendants while traditional religion focuses on ancestor and spirit worship.

The Doondo way of life relies on oral stories passed down for generations to watch over their history, guard proven ways of life and define seasonal changes. The team is now working on Biblical stories that will become part of the oral heritage for the next generation. Receptivity to these Bible stories has evolved into a quest for truth and freedom.

The Old Testament nuggets of truth will challenge long-held beliefs and transform lives according to Doondo speakers. By focusing on passages from the Old Testament, the project hopes to show people the difference between syncretism and Christian faith. Pastors want to see their parishioners truly understand the Word of God and be changed by it.

Local churches recognize they are part of the solution. Many pastors took the first big step and agreed to provide staff members and parishioners to this project. The challenge is to translate God's Word and distribute it in a variety of formats —print, audio and oral Bible stories.

Primary Religion:

Christianity

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

3%

Churches:

Yes

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

In Progress

Population (date):

75,000 (2007)



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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

Gospel Recordings