

Update: Bali-Mba



Recent Progress:

Mba language:

- The first 18 chapters of Luke were checked by a consultant.
- Translation of Luke chapters 18 to 24, and Matthew chapter one, were completed.
- A provisional committee, and language sub-committees, were set up.
- An agriculturalist donated and helped plant 1,500 cocoa trees on land donated to the Mba Language Committee by the authorities in the region. This will help provide some local funding for the Bible translation effort.

Bali Language:

- The first 15 chapters of John have been translated and now need to be reviewed and tested.
- Language sub-committees were set up in four communities.
- A message of mobilisation was broadcast via radio.



Current Goals:

- Continue Scripture translation, testing, revision and consultant-checking.
- Expand promotion of Bible translation and literacy.
- Continue promotion of Bible translation in Bali and Mba communities using oral Bible story workshops.



Pray for your people:

- We pray, Lord, for a consultant to check the rest of the Mba book of Luke so it can be published and serve as source text for the possible dubbing of the "JESUS" film. We also pray for a consultant to check and correct the Bali manuscripts of Matthew, Mark and Acts.
- Dear God, we pray for the funding to print the books already translated (Jonah, Ruth, Matthew, Mark, Luke and Acts of the Apostles) so that they can be made available to the Bali community.
- We thank you, Jesus, for the new language committee, which appears to be even more committed than the previous one.
- Dear Lord, we pray against drought and for a good rice harvest, as the Bali and Mba people depend on the rain and rice for survival.
- Lord, we pray for the stability of the economy in the DRC. The continued depreciation of the Congolese franc affects the budget in relation to the planned activities.



Stories of impact:

The Mba Bible will lead to greater well-being

During a discussion with mobilizers, the president of the Mba Association said, "I know that the translation of the Bible will bring about the spiritual development of the Mba people, which in turn will contribute to social development for our people."

Belief in the importance of Bali literacy teaching is growing

During a mobilization meeting, a pastor said, "What will become of our language for my grandsons in one generation? . . . I think it's important for us to organize language classes in the mother tongue, for ourselves and for our children, rather than consciously lose our linguistic identity . . ."



Quick facts:

Purpose: To translate key Bible stories and passages into Bali and Mba languages, and lay the foundation for a full-fledged Bible translation program.

Potential population impact: About 80,000 Bali and Mba language speakers.

Number of languages served: Two impacted by Bible translation.

Focus ministry: Bible translation and promoting the use of translated Scripture.

Geographic area: The equatorial forest in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, surrounding Kisangani.

Total remaining ministry year need (to August 2018): \$28,280

Start date: 2018

Projected end date: 2020



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