

Update: Ndop Cluster



Progress

■ The Chrambo (Bambalang) New Testament is now fully consultant and community-checked and ready for publication! We look forward to the dedication service this year.

■ Bambalang churches that conduct services in the mother tongue are seeing unprecedented growth. Attendance is increasing and spiritual understanding is deepening.

■ After a hiatus of two years, the Bamali Inter-Church Committee has been revitalized and is, once again, ready to support the work of Bible translation in the community.



Upcoming Goals:

In all languages of the Ndop Plain:

1. Produce and distribute translated New Testaments in printed and audio form.
2. Create sustainable literacy and Scripture-use programs.
3. Train motivated local translators, literacy teachers and promoters to encourage use of translated Scriptures. They will be supported by a core group of trainers and consultants.
4. Ensure that each language group in the Ndop Cluster can use their mother tongue in all its forms, to protect and promote the status of the language.
5. See readers and writers of each language in the Ndop Cluster grow in knowledge of their mother tongue.
6. Produce documentation (including a dictionary).



Stories of impact:

One Sister's Faith

When Alice began translating the Bible into Mankong as part of the team, her family protested, but Alice persisted. The translated Scriptures have helped her understand what cultural activities she should take part in as a follower of Christ. Her relationship with Jesus has grown. Now, when her family has a crisis, they come to her and ask her to pray for them.

Born for Bible translation

As a child, when other children were outside playing, Edward would sit at the feet of the elders of the village and learn the traditional stories and the Bamunka language. When he became a pastor as an adult, he felt convicted to use his mother tongue. This flame burned on his conscience for a while but died out as he busied himself with the work of his church.

As Pastor Edward got involved in the work of translation, the conviction began to burn once more. He is now attending seminary and studying translation. Edward has taught his own children his language, and they love to watch the Luke film in Bamunka. This pastor is excited to provide the Scriptures for his people in their language.



Pray with us:

- Jesus, we pray for the leaders who are being trained. Please help them acquire the skills they need to ensure that Your Word is translated accurately and in accessible language.
- Dear God, we pray that you will be with Pastor Edward. Please uphold his family, especially his children, as they are staying in a cold area while he attends seminary. We pray also for the seminary, which is lacking instructors to teach on the subject of translation.
- Jesus, please speak to those who are learning to read. Bless them through literacy, and expose them to your truth, in love.



Quick Facts:

Purpose: To translate the New Testament into nine related Ndop languages, engage the community with the Gospel of Luke film, and promote mother-tongue literacy.

Potential population impact: 240,000 people.

Number of languages served: 10 (one language already has the New Testament).

Geographic area: Ndop Plain in northwest Cameroon, Africa.

Focus ministry: Bible translation, Scripture engagement, literacy and linguistics.

Start date: 2011

Projected end date: 2026

Remaining ministry year need (to August 2018): \$64,996



You are helping introduce people to Christ. Thank you for bringing someone the Good News in their own language.

