



# Bokyi

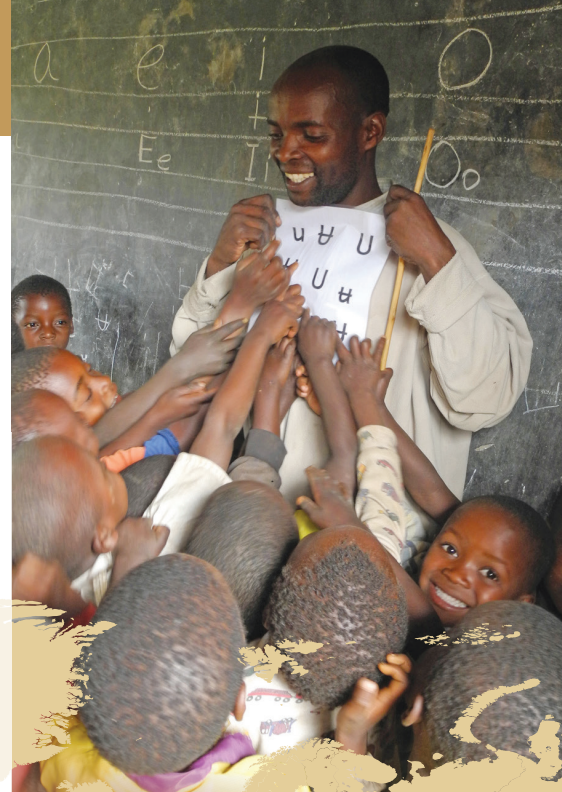
## Literacy and Scripture Engagement

Bible translation began among the Bokyi people of Nigeria in the 1960s. By 1985 the New Testament had been published along with a variety of literacy materials. But little effort was made to encourage their use.

A revitalized language committee began serious efforts to promote literacy and Scripture engagement activities in the mid 2000s. This resulted in the audio recording of the New Testament and the Jesus Film dubbed in Bokyi.

Chief Oduyaya—a life-long proponent of Bokyi Bible translation and literacy—is a member of the Bokyi language committee. Now in his 70s, his faithfulness is such that he intends to spend the rest of his life inspiring literacy and Scripture usage among his people. He and fellow members of the committee encourage community involvement and participation in Christian activities through a variety of projects.

An expanded literacy program is increasing the number of Bokyi who can read, write—and worship—in their own language. Promotion of the use of audio/visual materials reaches those who cannot read. The committee will also facilitate development of a Bible app and the upload of the Bokyi New Testament for online access. Like Chief Oduyaya, the committee is dedicated to providing Bokyi people with a variety of opportunities to interact with God's Word through their own language.



### COUNTRY

Nigeria

### PARTNER

Bokyi Language  
Committee

### POPULATION

143,700



## Goals

- Train a literacy teacher and expand literacy program to three new areas.
- Promote literacy and usage of audio/visual Biblical resources.

## Impact

- Literacy rates have increased among Bokyi speakers.
- A variety of Bokyi language materials and programs provides multiple opportunities for engaging with God's Word.



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## Pray

- Pray for the Bokyi Language Committee as they expand the literacy program.
- Pray for successful development of a phone app and online Bible resources.
- Pray that lives are transformed as Bokyi individuals and churches interact with Scripture in various formats.

## Give

Though the New Testament has been available in the Bokyi language for a number of years, Scripture engagement efforts have lagged behind. A multi-faceted Scripture engagement program will provide people with a variety of ways to connect with God's Word.

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