



Kono

Literacy and Scripture Engagement

Mrs. Jembwe and her family were Muslim. They found it difficult to observe prayer five times a day as required. They did not have the time to devote to the rituals involved nor did they understand the meaning of the words they were to say.

Then Mrs. Jembwe and her son enrolled in a Kono literacy class. They heard the Lord's Prayer in Kono and came to realize that they could pray to God on their own in their own language. Now fluent in Kono, they are members of the Lutheran church. "We hope to be members until we join other believers in the life hereafter."

The launch of the Kono New Testament in 2008 created an interest in literacy as churches were able to use Scripture in Kono for the first time. The locally run Kono literacy and Scripture engagement program promotes God's Word through literacy, translation, training, and research. The main focus – to help transform lives through God's Word in the mother tongue.

Graduates of the literacy program interact effectively with the written Kono. When others see this, interest in literacy increases, resulting in steady expansion of the program. Plans are to add four new literacy classes and six new Scripture listening groups.

Goals

- Expand the number of classes and students.
- Develop and print new literacy and Scripture engagement materials.

Impact

- A community proficient in reading is ready to use translated Scripture.
- Individuals are witnessing to others in their common mother tongue.



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295,000





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Pray

- Pray for a continuing increase in local funding as the Kono community sees the benefits of literacy.
- Pray that literacy leads to deeper engagement with Scripture.
- Pray for literacy facilitators as they travel to remote areas with dangerous road conditions.

Give

Help bring the Kono language community deeper access to Scripture in the language that speaks most deeply to their hearts. Increased literacy can give them the tools they need for personal spiritual enrichment as well as effective outreach to their people.

Buɔdia ɛ wan mɔɛ che ma
min mbe yimate yan ni mɔɛ
che min na koe ɔ gbe.

—Proverbs 3:13



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