



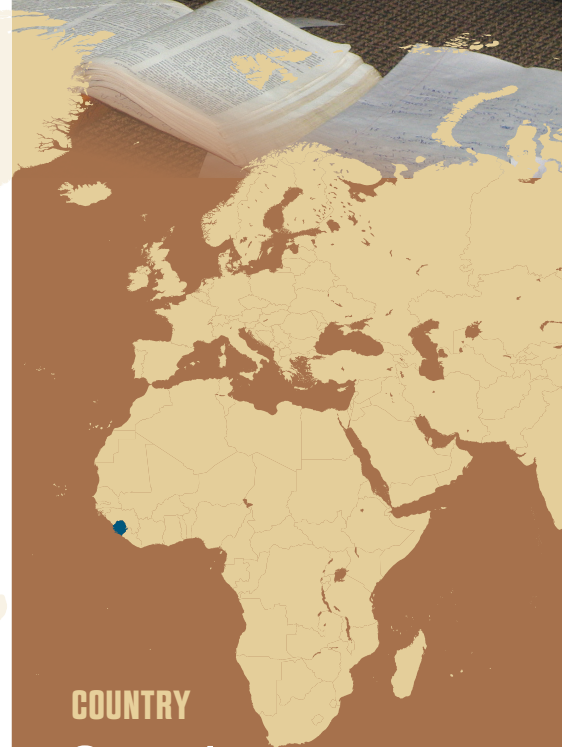
# Limba

## Literacy and Scripture Engagement

Yealie Kamara lives in Konta village in Sierra Leone. One of 18 children, she was forced to leave school because her family could not afford to pay the fees. Her desire for education remained with her into adulthood. When an evening literacy class became available in the village, she enrolled so she could learn to read and write her own Limba language. An excellent student, Yealie decided to become a Limba literacy facilitator. She was certified in 2014 and today is a head teacher within the Sierra Leone educational system.

The translation of the New Testament into the Limba language was a positive step in the right direction, but local churches knew there was a greater need for literacy in their communities if people were to more deeply engage with the Word of God. Concerned for the spiritual maturity of their members, church authorities requested that literacy and Scripture engagement programs be established within their congregations and villages.

Since the initiation of the Limba literacy and Scripture engagement program in 1986, over 22 literacy centers have been established in Limba communities. The goal is to train volunteer teachers to staff 12 new centers in the next year.



### COUNTRY

Sierra Leone

### PARTNER

The Institute for Sierra Leonean Languages

### POPULATION

95,000



## Goals

- Conduct five one-week long workshops.
- Print new literacy and training materials.

## Impact

- Local language speakers are empowered and transformed.
- Greater awareness of the importance of literacy leads to a demand for more literacy classes to be established.



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## Pray

- Pray that people are encouraged to learn to read.
- Pray for safety as staff travel to supervise the work.
- Pray that those benefitting from the literacy program are eager to read the Bible in their mother tongue.

## Give

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



Na miŋ kɔ̃ ni kuramine ba  
beŋ, tima o tima mindo thiyi  
Masaala na maamo, Masaala  
wo Fanda ka Mariki wokentuŋ  
woŋ Yisɔs Kraist.

—Colossians 1:3

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