



## ENGAGEMENT

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COUNTRY  
**Sierra Leone**  
PARTNER  
**TISLL**  
POPULATION  
**2,048,000**

### Mende

### Literacy & Scripture Engagement

#### PROGRESS

- Maintained and visited all seven new literacy classes
- 46 students trained on various primer levels
- Established two children's ministries

#### PRAYERS

- Praise God for seven literacy classes and many students!
- Pray for the communities to see their need for a Savior.
- Pray for those leading classes and ministries to be filled with strength and joy.

Thanks be to God; the Mende Literacy and Scripture Engagement project is gaining momentum! The seven new literacy classes begun earlier this year continue to meet regularly. Fourteen students trained on pre-primer, seventeen on primer two, and fifteen on primer three! Primer levels are how literacy programs track progress. A pre-primer level is comparable to a US Kindergarten reading level.

Most Mende speakers in the Kowama community are Muslim, but literacy and Scripture engagement programs are changing the demographic. Faith Comes by Hearing, a partner organization, provides opportunities for community members to interact with audio Scripture in their heart language. A sixteen-year-old boy has come to faith through the Faith Comes by Hearing program in the Kowama community of the Gbagbe Chiefdom! Your gifts and prayers are moving mountains!



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