

# PROGRAM PROFILE



## KONO LITERACY AND SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT



**COUNTRY:**  
Sierra Leone

**PARTNER:**  
The Institute for  
Sierra Leonean  
Languages

**POPULATION:**  
295,000

**GIVE:**



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**THE JEMBWE FAMILY HAD DIFFICULTY OBSERVING** the required Muslim prayers, because they didn't understand the meaning of the words. When they enrolled in a Kono literacy class, The Lord's Prayer in Kono made them realize they could pray to God in their own language. The Jembwes, fluent in Kono, are now 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 allowed churches to use Scripture in Kono for the first time. The locally run Kono program promotes God's Word through literacy, translation, and training. Literacy graduates encourage others to join the program resulting in steady expansion. The focus is to transform lives through God's Word in the mother tongue.

Put God's Word in their hands

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