

The Southeast Ambrym of Vanuatu



Representative photo

Home for the Southeast Ambrym is Vanuatu, a nation of 80 islands. The land passes through generations as birthright. For substance crops families raise yams, taro and vegetables and harvest coconuts to sell. Almost all claim Christianity but many believe in harnessing power from created objects and performing rituals or using divination for prosperity and health.

In the early 20th century, English and French cotton and coconut plantations dominated the volcanic islands that form Vanuatu. During that period, a Christian worker arrived with his family on the island of Paama. Over time, he shared the Gospel with the neighboring island of Ambrym.

One by one, the chiefs put aside violence and sorcery and embraced Christianity. But without the foundation of God’s Word in the languages of these populations, fear of sorcery and belief in spirits resurfaced as common practice.

A recent network of churches is working together to complete translation of Scripture in Southeast Ambrym dialect. Church leaders are excited and already plan to produce training materials and discipleship courses.

Both print and audio Scripture materials will be produced, making God’s Word quickly available to as many people as possible. The finishing touches will be applied to prepare for print and for audio production during this final phase.

Primary Religion:

Christianity

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

43%

Churches:

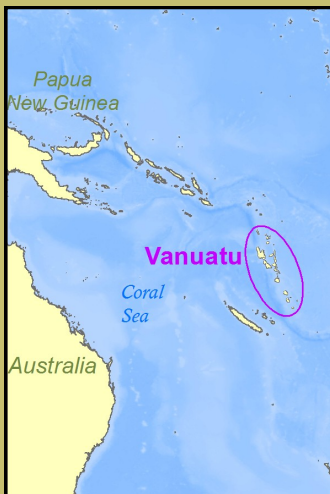
Yes

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

Bible portions

Population (date):

3,700 (2001)



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Is the Word of God Translated?

Bible portions.

Need for Translation

Without the foundation of God's Word in the language of Southeast Ambrym the fear of sorcery and belief in spirits will remain a common practice.

Other Forms of Presentation

Global recordings.