

The Bimoba of Ghana & Togo

The Bimoba people inhabit an area of about 800 square kilometers, the area covers the eastern part of Tempene-Garu and Nalerigu districts, and a similarly sized area in Togo. The chief town is Bunkpurugu and the main occupation of the people is farming.

According to the Fuzzy, the Mobas migrated south from Feda Ngourma in Burkina Faso towards the end of the 17th century, then they were driven north by the Mamprusis and Dagombas using Chokosi mercenaries, to the part of the country that they now inhabit. They mingled with Bems and groups of Mamprusis and Konkombas to form the Bimoba people. Bimoba territory was unnaturally divided when the Ghana/Togo border was agreed upon.

Christians and Muslims look upon one another as pagans. Muslims regard Christianity as "the white man's thing"; Christians feel it is useless to witness to a Muslim as it only leads to argument. Some Bimoba people object to Islam on the ground that Muslims make people mad by the use of medicine. The Bimoba elders object to Christianity because it means giving up traditional religion.

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Primary Religion:

Tribal Religion

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

5%

Churches:

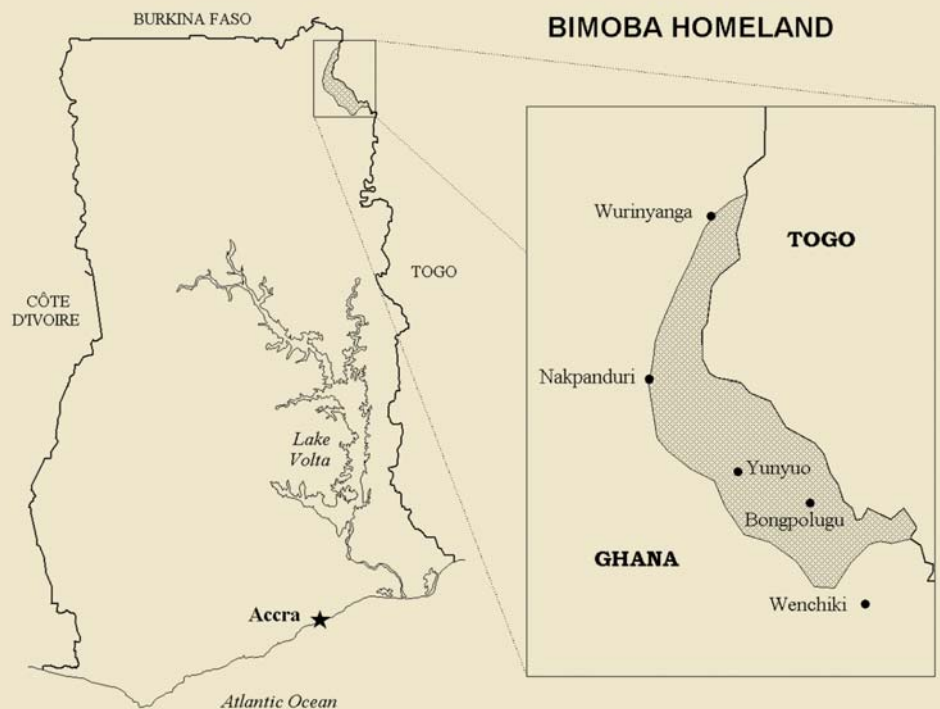
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Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

New Testament (1987)

Population (date):

220,000 (1984)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	5	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	5%	
Number Of Pastors	22	
Comment (Pastors)	1 pastor/priest for every 3000 people	
Number Of Missionaries Working	6	
Comment (Number Of Missionaries)	6, based on missionary ratio of 1:35,000 and population of 220,000	
Number Of Communities	There are about 132 Bimoba communities	
Number Of Churches	140	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	Yes - NT was dedicated in 1987	
Translation Medium	Printed	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Transportation and services in the area are comparatively good.	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	Gospel recordings have made Audio-cassettes.	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Because of long Government neglect the people have had to start self-help communal activities.	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	220000	
World Population (Date)	1984	
Comment (World Population)	Estimated 70,000 in Ghana and 150,000 in Togo.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Ghana	
Country Name	Togo	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	The eastern part of Tempene-Garu and Nalerigu districts and a similar area in Togo.	
Country	Ghana	
Ecosystem Type	Savannahs	
Geological Type	Mountain Slopes	
Elevation	500 to 2000 feet	
Latitude	N 10	
Climate	Six months wet and six months dry.	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Alternate Language Names	Bmoba and Moar.	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Somewhat receptive	
Linguistically Related Languages	KONKOMBA	
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Literacy		Group Description
Adult Literacy Percentage	10	
Literacy Attitude	Very receptive	
Active Literacy Program	Yes	
Comment (Literacy)		
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	

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Average Annual Income	Undocumented	
Occupation	Farming mainly	
Income Sources	Markets are held daily	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Good	
Comment (Health Care)	Each village has traditional birth attendants and there are medical field workers in some villages.	
Water (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Water)	Water is mainly drawn from wells.	
Shelter Description	A compound is occupied by extended families, about 15 is the average staying in 1 compound.	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Energy)	Women collect dry sticks in the bush but also cut branches from trees to dry for firewood.	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Family Structures	They live among Extended families	
Authority / Rule	The Bimoba paramount chief has his seat at Bunkpurugu. However he is appointed by the paramount chief of the Mamprusis who is based in Nalerigu. Sub-chiefs are appointed by the Bimoba paramount chief.	
Judicial / Punishment System	The Paramount chief is chief authority.	
Education		Group Description
Comment (Education)	There are Primary Schools in most villages on a road, and middle schools at Bunkpurugu, Bimbagu, Nakpanduri and Kambaauk.	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Reached	
Reached Classification	Evangelized	
Christian Clinics/Hospitals	2	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Religious Practices & Ceremonies	Yenna is the supreme god and creator. Two shrines are made the earth shrine, and the patir shrine.	
Attitude To Christianity	Indifferent	
Resistance / Receptivity	As a result of Literacy classes several churches have started, people are fairly receptive.	
History Of Christianity In Group		Status of Christianity
Year Began	1949	
By Whom	Assemblies of God	
Significant Events	About 1952 the AG established a general and maternity clinic at Nakpanduri. A late paramount chief also professed to be a Christian and attended an AG church.	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	In Progress	
Available Scripture	New Testament	
Form Of Scripture Available	Printed	
Scripture Use	Individuals & some churches	
Scripture Use	4	

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Comment (Scripture)

Item Note

(Imported: Literature/Media:
Literature: New Testament)
(Imported: Summary:
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Word of God form: Printed
Other forms of gospel: Gospel recordings have made Audio-cassettes.)

Christian Literature And Media Status

Literature Available

New Testament

Status of Christianity