



The Burunge of Tanzania

The Burunge have a language that is of 'Cushitic' origin and has different structure than that of the majority of people in Tanzania who speak 'Bantu' based languages. Therefore they like to keep to themselves and are extremely proud. They are mostly farmers, growing maize, millet, and sorghum during the rains. During the dry season they turn mostly to socializing from home to home around their home-brewed beer, called 'pombe'.

The Burunge have been affected by a variety of religions. Many have adopted outside religions on the surface, such as Christianity and Islam; but retain much of the traditional religious beliefs.

Some of the people feel that they have no way of knowing what the truth really is and what to really believe because the religions with which they are familiar came from outside and the sacred books are in a foreign tongue.

Primary Religion:

Unknown

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

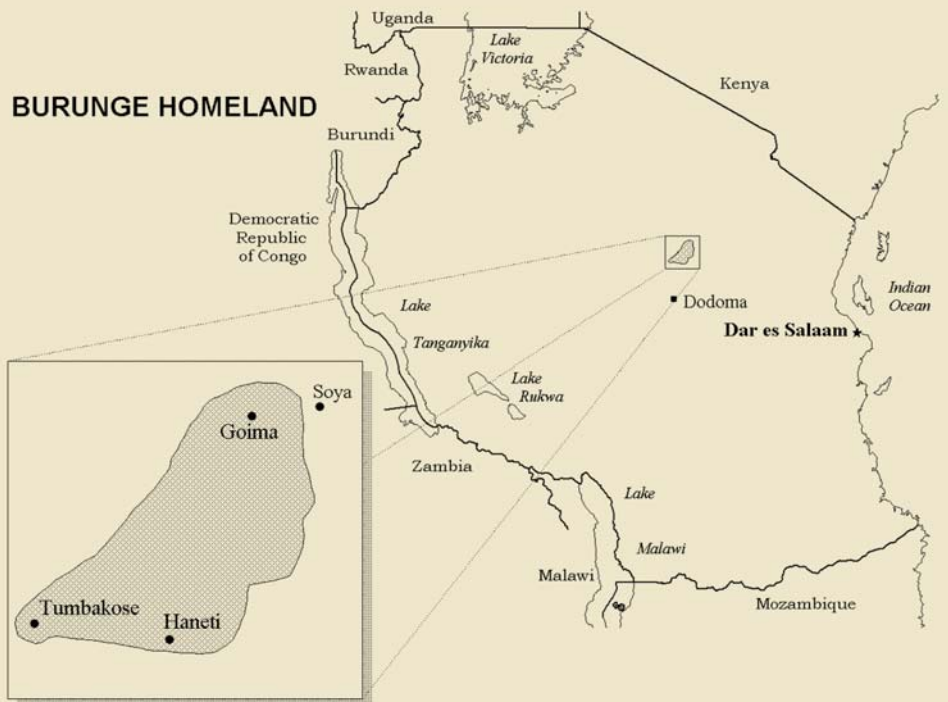
Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None in their language

Population (date):

34,600 (1995)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	?	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	?	
Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)	?	
Number Of Communities	?	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	NO	
Translation Medium	There is a Swahili Bible	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Lack of literacy	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	There is the Jesus film in Swahili	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	yes	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	34600	
World Population (Date)	1995	
Comment (World Population)	1988 census: approximately. 27,530. The 1995 figure was extrapolated according to the published recommended growth rate that was later reported to be erroneous.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Tanzania	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Kondoa district of Dodoma region, Central Tanzania. 4-5 degrees south of equator; 35 west and 36 east.	
Country	Tanzania	
Ecosystem Type	Scrub Forest	
Geological Type	Other	
Elevation	4000 ft - 6000 ft.	
Climate	Semi-arid one main rainy season Dec.-May Average rainfall: 500mm-800mm a year.	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Comment (Language)	No bilingual testing done, but self evaluation showed low levels and predominantly monolingual, esp. among women. The first 2 above names are used among Swahili speakers. The third is what is used in their mother tongue.	
Alternate Language Names	Burunge, Kiburunge, Burungiso 'BURUNGE' is the known in-country root for this group and should be used in documentation.	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	SWAHILI	
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Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	No testing done. Self evaluation indicates low levels.	
Linguistically Related Languages	WASI	
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Comments (Related Languages)	65% lexical similarity. These people live approximately. 120 km north of the Burunge	
Neighboring Languages	RANGI	
Neighboring Languages	GOGO	
Neighboring Languages	SANDAWE	
Literacy		Group Description

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Literacy Attitude

Item Note

Somewhat receptive

Active Literacy Program

No

Comment (Literacy)

Receptive to literacy, but apathetic to schooling in Swahili

Economics

Group Description

Subsistence Type

Agriculturalists

Occupation

farming

Income Sources

subsistence crops: maize and millet

Trade Partners

predominantly neighboring language groups and some Maasai and Barabaig

Modernization / Utilities

none

Community Development

Group Description

Health Care (Quality)

Poor

Comment (Health Care)

clinics few and far between

Diet (Quality)

Poor

Comment (Diet)

maize is principal diet

Water (Quality)

Poor

Comment (Water)

long dry season during which time water holes are dug in river beds. Often same hole is used for livestock.

Shelter Description

vertically bound sticks around a main frame-caulked with mud or mud-dung combo. Roof about 5'5"-6' high. Often divided into 2-3 front rooms and a back sleeping room.

Energy/Fuel (Quality)

Poor

Comment (Energy)

depend on wood for fuel. Depleting forest necessitates travelling distances to procure.

Clothing

Men: western trousers and shirts

Women: western skirts and blouses/shirts or dress. Often covered with strip of material common to E. Africa called 'kanga'

Transportation

by foot, some bicycles. Major travel long distances by bus, dala-dala (local 'bush trucks') or catching a lift.

Society & Culture

Group Description

Neighbor Relations

In mixed villages the Burunge keep to themselves, building their own separate community.

Authority / Rule

By appearance governed locally through system developed and put in place by government.

Cultural Change Pace

Slow

Identification With National Culture

Distinct

Self Image

Prestigious

Local Language Broadcasting

None

Attitude To Outsiders

Somewhat receptive

Attitude To Change

Indifferent

Comment (Culture)

They are not changing very fast, but do not appear to be antagonistic to change.

Youth

Group Description

Youth Problems (Teens)

No understanding of the gospel because it is all in Swahili

Youth Greatest Needs (teens)

Knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord!

Comment (Youth)

no info gathered at this time

Education

Group Description

Language Of Instruction Early Years

Swahili (specific)

Language Of Textbooks Early Years

Swahili (specific)

Language Of Instruction Later Years

English

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Language Of Textbooks Later Years

Comment (Education)

Item Note

English

234 schools in entire Kondo district. None in Burunge area are homogeneous; therefore it is difficult to offer actual statistics on Burunge involvement. Though English is a required subject, staff is under qualified and textbooks are virtually non-existent

Church Growth

Reached Status

Comment (Church Growth)

Selected

1-3 churches in a given village area each representing on of: Anglican, R. Catholic, Kanisa La Mungu. Number of believers difficult to determine, since churches service all neighboring people groups

Status of Christianity

Religion & Response

Attitude To Christianity

Attitude To Religious Change

Spiritual Climate And Openness

Comment (Religion)

Recommended Approaches

Current Needs

Items For Prayer

Very receptive

Somewhat receptive

Because of the mix, these people are very tolerant of differing views and extremely interested in learning what the TRUTH actually is.

The Burunge are a good tin-type of the country as a whole. It was very difficult to derive actual numbers. It appears that there is a good one-third mix of Christianity, Islam, and traditional. The traditional touches into the other two.

Live with the people!

Jesus as Lord

Openness to gospel truth
Openness to learning literacy
Cooperation with the assigned team.

Status of Christianity

History Of Christianity In Group

Year Began

By Whom

Comments (History of Christianity)

1968

Roman Catholic Church

1968 - R.C.
1968 - Kanisa La Mungu
1976 - Anglican

Status of Christianity

Scripture

Translation Status

Available Scripture

Comment (Scripture)

Definite

None

(Imported: Literature/Media:
Literature: none
Recordings: none
Film: none
Radio: none
Video: none
Audio-visual: none)
(Imported: Summary:
Word of God translated: NO
Word of God form: There is a Swahili Bible
Other forms of gospel: There is the Jesus film in Swahili)

Status of Christianity

Missions and Churches

Organization Name

Main Ministry

Main Ministry

Year Started

Number Of Local Workers

Number Of Workers Using Local Language

Language Used By Workers

Anglican

Church Planting

Church Planting

1976

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Swahili (specific)

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Item Name	Item Note
Organization Name	Roman Catholic Church
Year Started	1968
Number Of National Workers	18
Language Used By Workers	Swahili (specific)
Organization Name	Church of God
Main Ministry	Evangelism
Main Ministry	Evangelism
Year Started	1968
Number Of Adherents	300
Number Of National Workers	5
Number Of Workers Using Local Language	3
Language Used By Workers	Swahili (specific)

Christian Literature And Media Status

Literature Available	none
Audio Recordings Available	none
Films Available	none
Radio Programs Available	none
Videos Available	none
Audio Visual Available	none

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