

The Busa of Papua New Guinea

The Busa of Papua New Guinea reside in the isolated area of the lowland rain forest in Sandaun Province. The climate in this location is warm and humid and most of the people have an occupation of hunting.

The education of the youth is very uncertain. There are no schools within the three villages, and the nearest school is at least a one-day walk. Traveling by foot is the most common means of transportation, and sometimes this requires tackling large swampy areas.

The Busa people speak a language called ODIAI. Sometimes it is referred to as Busa or Busan. Due to their deep isolation, they very seldom come in contact with other people groups.

There are some believers among the 307 population, but there is no church building. The believers are now meeting in homes, and it is not certain concerning their number. Their only literacy program has been in Pidgin, so learning to read the mother tongue would be very exciting for this group. They are very receptive to both their mother tongue and Christianity.

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 Unavailable

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

0

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None in their language

Population (date):

307 (1994)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Number Of Pastors	0	
Number Of Communities	There are three villages.	
Number Of Churches	0	
Comment (Churches)	Believers gather in homes to worship	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	There is no translation.	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	307	
World Population (Date)	1994	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Papua New Guinea	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Isolated area of the lowland rain forest in the Sandaun Province.	
Country	Papua New Guinea	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	300 ft	
Longitude	The longitude of the Busa people is 141E	
Latitude	The latitude of the Busa people is 4S	
Climate	The climate is warm and humid.	
Comments (Geography & Environment)	Mosquitoes can be a problem.	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	Odiai	
Alternate Language Names	Uriai	
Alternate Language Names	BUSAN	
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Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Literacy		Group Description
Percent Literate For Men	72% for all PNG	
Percent Literate For Women	59% for all PNG	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Average Annual Income	The average annual for all PNG is USD930.	
Community Development		Group Description
Clothing	Western, but some prefer sago string skirts	
Transportation	Walking	
Infant Mortality Rate	The infant mortality rate is 55 per 1000 for all PNG.	
Life Expectancy	Male 62, Female 66 for all PNG	
Comment (Community Development)	Much of the walking is through large swampy areas	
Education		Group Description
Comment (Primary Schools)	There are no schools	

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Comment (Education)	Nearest school is a one-day walk
Religion & Response	
Attitude To Christianity	Very receptive
Current Needs	Commence project
Items For Prayer	Project personnel will arrive quickly
Scripture	
Translation Status	Possible
Available Scripture	None
Reason For Urgent Need Of Translation	Some believers, but no MT Scripture
Comment (Scripture)	Bible understanding is minimal
Missions and Churches	
Organization Name	Christian Missions in Many Lands (see PB)
Main Ministry	Literacy
Comment (Main Ministry)	Literacy was for Pidgin

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