



The Dime of Ethiopia

Most monolinguals, 67% speak only Dime (Dim-Af), the rest may be bilingual with Aari, a neighboring linguistic group which does have their own Bible. The literacy rate in their first language is less than 1%, in a second language 9.9%. The Dime are pastoralist who are also known for their ironwork. They typically eat roasted corn and 'durra' mush and drink coffee made from dried coffee leaves.

Traditionally, they wear animal hides from clothing. The women will remove four of their lower frontal teeth and wear lip plates; the men remove two. Because of their low rate of bilingualism, they will probably not hear the gospel unless someone comes to learn their language and translates the Bible for them.

Primary Religion:

Local Traditional

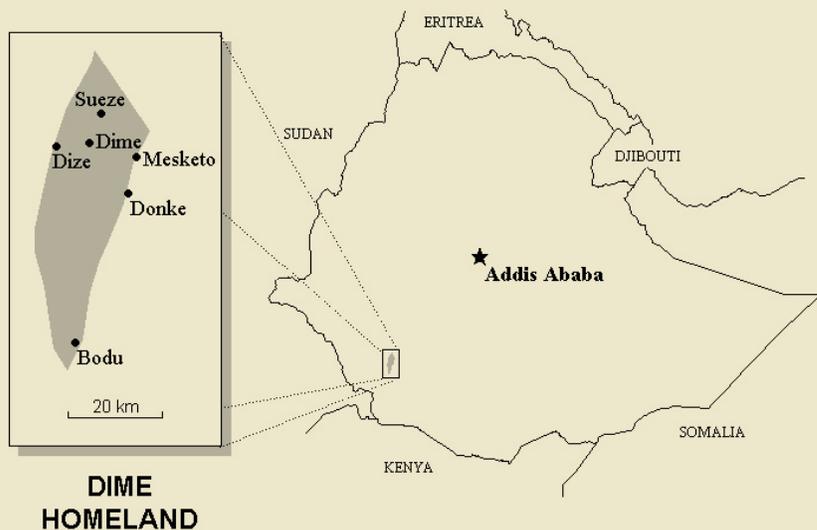
Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

No Bible

Population (date):



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Item Name

Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)	61
Number Of Communities	16 villages.
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No Bible

Profile Summary

Countries Where People Group Lives

Country Name	Ethiopia
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Group Description

Geography & Environment

Location	In 1975 it was estimated that 8,000 people live in the mountains and lowlands of the lower part of the Omo region, though in 1995 SIL estimated the number to have been reduced to approximately 1,500. The area is difficult to read, the Usenu river must be crossed and this is virtually impossible in the rainy season.
Country	Ethiopia
Climate	The highland area is cold and the middle area is the most populated.

Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Occupation	The Dime practice slash and burn agriculture on large-scale terraces. They raise sorghum and corn. Coffee is their cash crop. the lowland people have livestock and are hunters. The cattle are mainly in Kraais of thorns at night.
Income Sources	Spices and wild roots of Ensete Edulis, or "false banana" trees. Coffee and honey are sold in the towns of Basketto and Fellege Neway.
Products / Crafts	Coffee and Wild honey.

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Society & Culture

Social Habits/Groupings	The Dime practice caste endogamy, marrying within their own caste. there are five castes: Chief, Priest, Common, Kaisaf, and Smith. They also practice clan exogamy, marrying outside the clan.
Comment (Culture)	The Dime were sold as slaves to the Amharas. Several hundred Amhara live among them today and brought Orthodox Christianity to the area. Highland soldiers invaded in the beginning of the 20th century. The language of the Dime is Dimaf.

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Religion & Response

Comment (Religion)	<p>British anthropologist, Todd, state that monogamy and the avoidance of alcohol have been strictly preached by evangelicals and this has become something of a stumbling stone for the Dime.</p> <p>The Orthodox Dime are considered to be nominal and syncretistic. They sacrifice to their ancestors and shamanism still exists.</p> <p>In 1995, it was reported that at least five evangelical churches exist and people are indeed being reached. At this time, there were plans to start a Bible school. Jimmy Cox of SIM Ethiopia knows a lot about the Dime.</p>
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Status of Christianity

Missions and Churches

Organization Name	SIM International
Main Ministry	Church Planting

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