

The Hanga of Ghana

The Hanga live in an area about 500 square kilometers in size. The area is roughly in the center of Dagombe district, some 20 to 50 kilometers North-east of Damongo. The Hanga are farmers whose main crops are yams, millet, guinea corn, maize, groundnuts, neri and cassava. The family farms in a group. The Tsetse fly and lack of good pasture prevents the rearing of cattle.

Some Hanga migrate in search of better farmland.

Though there are varying accounts of origin it seems to be agreed that the Hanga came from the west, perhaps near Bole of from Bouna (nearly 20 miles the other side of the Ivory Coast border).

The area was an important Muslim and commercial center, being on an important trade route from Bouna and Bole to Salaga and Yendi. With the creation of a border between Bouna and Ghana trade routes changed and the areas importance declined. Islamic activity has also reduced with the centers decline. There are very few churches in the area and Christianity has yet to make an impact.

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Primary Religion:

Tribal Religion

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

2%

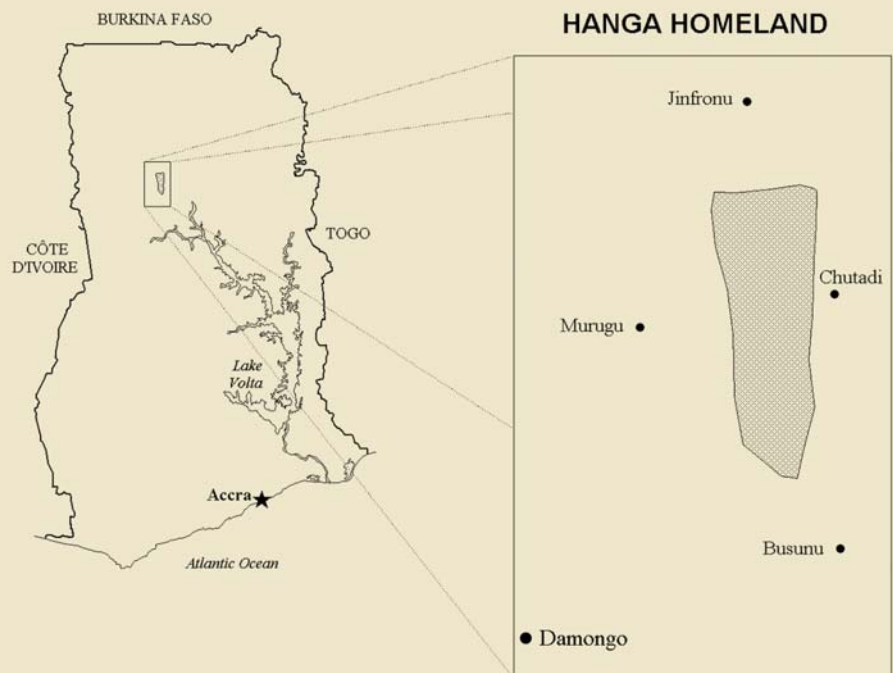
Churches:

3

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Population (date):

5,000 (1993)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	2	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	2%	
Number Of Pastors	1	
Number Of Missionaries Working	1	
Number Of Communities	There are 9 listed Hanga communities	
Number Of Churches	3	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	Yes - NT available since 1983	
Translation Medium	Printed	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Disruption is OK but the scriptures are seen as being private property and are not shared.	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	Gospel recordings have made Audio-cassettes.	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	There are primary schools in 3 villages but no medical facilities in the Hanga area.	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	5000	
World Population (Date)	1993	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Ghana	
Literacy		Group Description
Adult Literacy Percentage	5	
Literacy Attitude	Somewhat receptive	
Active Literacy Program	Yes	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Reached	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Indifferent	
Attitude To Religious Change	Indifferent	
Resistance / Receptivity	Indifferent to Christianity, though those off the road show more interest.	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	In Progress	
Available Scripture	New Testament	
Form Of Scripture Available	Printed and Audio	
Scripture Use	4	
Scripture Use	Individuals & some churches	
Comment (Scripture)	(Imported: Summary: Word of God translated: Yes - NT available since 1983 Word of God form: Printed Other forms of gospel: Gospel recordings have made Audio-cassettes.)	