

The Akurmi of Nigeria



The Akurmi settled in Kaduna State, located in northern Nigeria more than 600 years ago. They are amiable and friendly people who are primarily subsistence farmers. Some also work as tailors, carpenters and traders.

Can you imagine what it would be like to try to live the Christian life without having a Bible? It would be like trying to live without food. Yet, because Akurmi believers do not have God’s Word in their heart language, that’s what they must do every single day.

Although a small fraction of the Akurmi people practices another major world religion, and an even smaller percentage holds on to traditional rituals, at least 80 percent of the Akurmi are Christians. Many have let go of traditional religious practices and are seriously embracing their Christian faith, but they have no Bible.

The map below would show many more villages if there were space for them.

The Akurmi people long to have the Scriptures in their mother tongue so that they can increase in their understanding of God’s Word and grow in Christian maturity. They also want to be able to share the Good News with unbelievers in a form that will reach their hearts and minds.

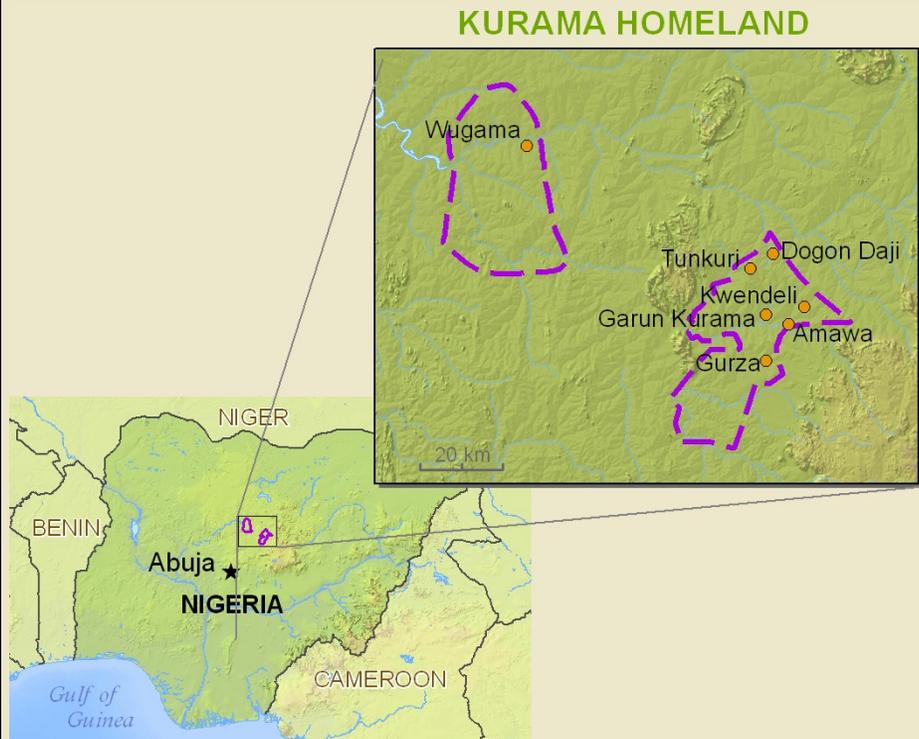
Primary Religion:
 Christian

Disciples (Matt 28:19):
 majority

Churches:
 Yes

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):
 none

Population (date):
 40,300 (2000)



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Is the Word of God Translated?

Although they plan ultimately to publish a complete Bible, the initial goal is to translate the two Gospels, Acts, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus. Also produce the “JESUS” film and “The Wonderful Plan of God,” a booklet of Old Testament selections.

Response to the Gospel

Praise God for the Akurmi people and their love for God. Ask the Lord to increase their spiritual hunger and to satisfy it through His Word. And, although the Akurmi are a peaceful people who are currently living in peace, in northern Nigeria there is always the possibility of attack from extremist groups. Pray that God will protect them and keep them safe. Pray also that He will protect them from discouragement, disunity, sickness, death and all the other devices that Satan can bring up to delay a project.