

The Lala-Roba of Nigeria



Representative photo

The Lala-Roba live in a traditional homeland in both Adamawa and Borno states in a rural area with most of the people keeping small farms and/or livestock.

Christian influence came into the area in the 1940s with 90 percent claiming faith in Christ. There has been a positive response to Luke and the “JESUS” film.

The Christian community is eager for more Scripture in their language. The Lala churches have been functioning for years without Scripture in their own language. Christian traditions, rituals and habits revolve around institutionalized forms. But few Lala speakers understand the loving, personal God they worship, nor do they embrace the resurrected Christ as their life source.

Church leaders frequently face questions about divorce and remarriage. They also grieve over the proliferation of drugs and alcohol in the community. HIV/AIDS presents a growing menace. Many Lala people are reluctant to use their own language; they prefer using a more prestigious, regional language.

Primary Religion:

Traditional Religions

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

Unknown

Churches:

Yes

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

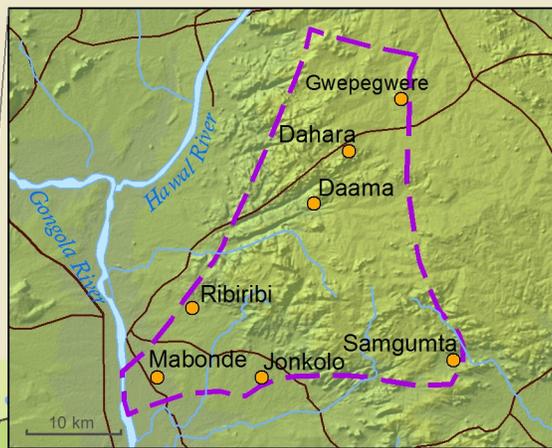
Gospel of Luke

Population (date):

50,000



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Is the Word of God Translated?

The second phase of Bible translation work among the Lala people has started now that the introduction of the “JESUS” film and the printed/audio versions of Luke’s Gospel have been completed. This phase will infuse Scripture into discipleship materials, health booklets and marriage seminars. It will also produce more Scripture portions and a lectionary of Scripture selections for the area’s liturgical churches. Also the plan is to use a variety of media to get the Word out, including print and audio materials (CDs, Scripture audio-players, SD cards, radio, and songs in the language). This will help validate the Lala language and help people regain pride in who they are as a people precious to God..

Hindrances to Scripture Distribution

Potential extremist activities could interrupt work.

Other Forms of Gospel Presentations

Audio recordings are available.