

## The Kom of Cameroon

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The Kom people are largely subsistence farmers located in a rural, mountainous area of the North West Province near the Nigerian border. Though they are committed to preserving their traditional culture, they are also interested in development. A good road was constructed to the area in 1997 that has helped in this regard. The Kom people are also interested in following world events, something that electricity and satellite television have made possible for some urban dwellers. So changes are taking place in Kom society.

Missionaries first proclaimed the Gospel and planted churches in the 1930s. Today there are two main church denominations, Baptist and Catholic, each with about 10% of the population.

The language of the Kom people was not written before 1990. Work began in 1989 when the Kom Language Development Committee (K.L.D.C.) was organized and translator training began. Actual translation was begun in 1994 and the New Testament was completed in 2004. A large literacy program has been established for children and adults. The Jesus film was produced in 2000 and has been viewed by over 30,000 Kom people. Over 5,000 people have made decisions to follow Christ. Ongoing discipleship and evangelism are needed. 150 local citizens serve as leaders in ministry. Biblical and leadership training exists for local church leaders. Currently, approximately 30 churches are participating in a Scripture Use program in preparation for the New Testament dedication scheduled for December 2005.

There is a general lack of interest in literacy. Reading and writing in the mother tongue is not yet valued by the society. Most literate people do not read unless required to do so. Women have a lower literacy rate than men in English but they are more likely to be participants in Kom language literacy classes. Most people lack disposable income to purchase literature.

**Primary Religion:**

Indigenous

**Disciples (Matt 28.19):**

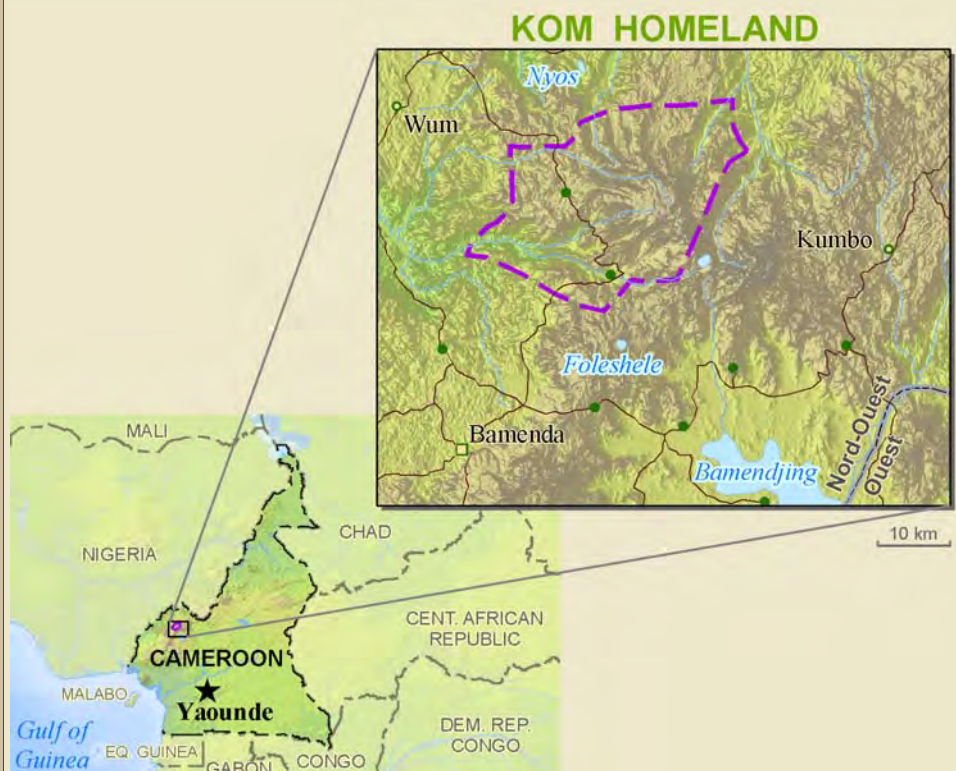
**Churches:**

**Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):**

New Testament (2004)

**Population (date):**

150,000



Cameroon

Atlantic Ocean

Indian Ocean

MALI

NIGERIA

CHAD

CAMEROON

Yaounde

CENT. AFRICAN REPUBLIC

MALABO  
 GULF OF GUINEA

EQ. GUINEA

GABON

CONGO

DEM. REP. CONGO

**KOM HOMELAND**

Nyos

Wum

Kumbo

Foleshele

Bamenda

Bamendjing

Nord-Ouest  
 Ouest

10 km

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Item Name	Item Note	
<b>Have They Heard The Gospel?</b>		<b>Profile Summary</b>
Call Themselves Christian (%)	20%	
Comment (Call Themselves Christian)	-	
Comment (Jesus As God & Only Savior)	-	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	-	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	-	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	-	
Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)	-	
Antagonistic To Hearing About Jesus (%)	-	
Know Of Jesus, But Reject Him (%)	-	
Number Of Pastors	-	
Comment (Pastors)	-	
Number Of Missionaries Working	-	
Comment (Number Of Missionaries)	-	
Response To The Gospel	-	
Number Of Communities	-	
Comment (Churches)	150 local citizens serve as leaders in ministry. Ongoing discipleship and evangelism are needed.	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	SIL began work in 1989, with the organization of the Kom Language Development Committee (K.L.D.C.), developing writing system, beginning literacy classes, and training of translators. Actual translation was begun in 1994 and the New Testament was completed in 2004.	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	There is a general lack of interest in literacy and most people lack disposable income to purchase literature.	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	The gospel is available in printed format and the Jesus Film.	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Ongoing discipleship and evangelism are needed.	
<b>Population All Countries</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
World Population For This People	150,000	
<b>Countries Where People Group Lives</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Country Name	Cameroon	
<b>Geography &amp; Environment</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Geological Type	Mountain, Slope	
<b>Literacy</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Literacy Attitude	Indifferent	
<b>Economics</b>		<b>Group Description</b>
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
<b>Church Growth</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Lay Leaders	150	
<b>Religion &amp; Response</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Comment (Attitude To Christianity)	-	
Comment (Attitude Religious Change)	-	
Items For Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Pray for the increased reading of the Kom New Testament.</li> <li>•Ongoing evangelism and discipleship efforts.</li> <li>•That church members will grow in their commitment to practice Biblical Christianity.</li> </ul>	

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<b>History Of Christianity In Group</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Year Began	1930s	
By Whom	-	
Significant Events	-	
<b>Scripture</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Comment (Scripture)	There are no immediate plans by the K.L.D.C. to start an Old Testament translation project. Instead, some of the Kom translators are now in the process of helping two neighboring language groups, Bum and Babanki, begin their translation projects.	
<b>Missions and Churches</b>		<b>Status of Christianity</b>
Organization Name	Baptist	
Comment (Organization)	10% of the population are Baptist	
Organization Name	Roman Catholic Church	
Comment (Organization)	10% of the population are Catholic	