



The Molokwo of Cameroon

About 12,000 people, who live on Moloko mountain and its surrounding base, speak the Moloko language. The territory in which they live is bounded by the Mangafe and Raneo rivers in the Makalingay canton, Tokombere Sub-Division, of the Mayo-Sava Division, in the Far North Province.

According to oral traditions, the Melokwo sought refuge on Melokwo mountain during the invasion of the Fulani in the early 1800's. Today, the Melokwo reside in approximately twenty villages that encircle Melokwo mountain, and they seem to maintain friendly relations with the surrounding language groups, with intermarriages not being uncommon. Around 10% of the Moloko claim to be Christian, while 75% practice Traditional African Religion. Currently, Fulfulde is used in the churches since a Fulfulde Bible already exists, but this practice seems insufficient because interpretation into Moloko is reportedly always done. At this time, locals are very interested in the development of the language and the work of Bible translation.

Prayer is requested for the local language committee and the national translator as they begin a translation project among the Moloko. Prayer is needed for wisdom and unity among the committee members of different denominations. Pray also for the technical and spiritual support needed to bring Scripture to the Moloko.

Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

60%

Churches:

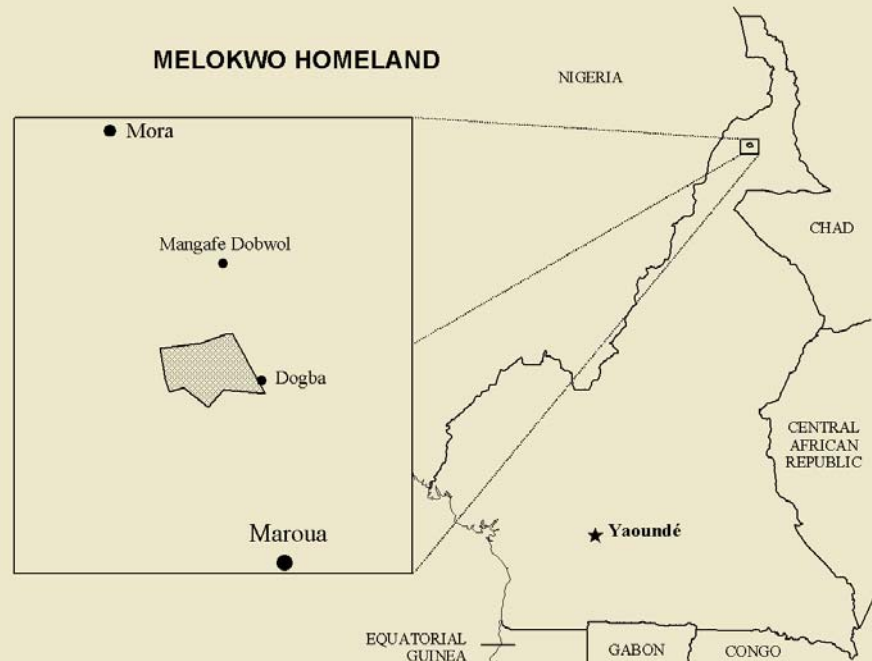
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Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Portions are available

Population (date):

12,000 (1982)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	10	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	60%	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	1	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	<1	
Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)	75	
Number Of Pastors	1	
Number Of Communities	82	
Number Of Churches	20	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Unknown. Of course no one reads their own language, as nothing has been developed in the Melokwe language. An alphabet, spelling rules, primers, literature etc., are all yet to be begun.	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	Recordings (in disuse)	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Yes. Missionaries are needed to: -assist with language development and Bible translation work. -train mother-tongue translators. -analyze the language and train literacy teachers to teach people to read and write. -help improve the water system, agriculture, health, etc., in consultation with the community.	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	12,000	
World Population (Date)	1982	
World Population (Urban Percent)	1800	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Cameroon	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	On Melokwo mountain and its surrounding base, in the far North Province	
Country	Cameroon	
Ecosystem Type	Savannahs	
Geological Type	Mountains Mesa	
Elevation	Unknown.	
Longitude	14	
Latitude	10	
Climate	Semi-arid.	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Comment (Language)	15% are monolingual especially around the mountain.	
Alternate Language Names	Molokwo, Mokyo, Molkwo, Molko, Molkoa	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	FULFULDE, ADAMAWA	
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Linguistically Related Languages	MADA	
Linguistically Related Languages	MBUKO	
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Item Name	Item Note
Linguistically Related Languages	MADA
Comments (Related Languages)	Central Chadic
Neighboring Languages	MUYANG
Neighboring Languages	MBUKO
Neighboring Languages	DUGWOR
Neighboring Languages	FULFULDE, ADAMAWA
Neighboring Languages	GIZIGA, NORTH

Literacy

Literacy Attitude	Very receptive
Active Literacy Program	No

Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Occupation	Agriculturalists, farmers.
Income Sources	Sale of local produce: Cotton and Onions.
Products / Crafts	Unknown.
Trade Partners	Surrounding villages in local markets.
Modernization / Utilities	One known water pump, electricity in two villages.

Group Description

Society & Culture

Cultural Change Pace	Medium
Identification With National Culture	Similar
Self Image	Depressed
Local Language Broadcasting	None

Group Description

Youth

Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)	Taking care of sheep and goats, working in fields.
Youth Problems (Teens)	Alcohol, rebellion against parents.

Group Description

Education

Primary Schools	12
Teacher To Pupil Ratio	60
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	French
Language Of Instruction Later Years	French
Comment (Education)	Not many textbooks are available.

Group Description

Church Growth

Reached Status	Reported
Total Baptized	7
Comment (Church Growth)	4,980 Melokwo are known to be believers. Little is known about church growth. Only a language survey was done on the people group.

Status of Christianity

Religion & Response

Religious Practices & Ceremonies	Unknown
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat receptive
Resistance / Receptivity	Open: Protestant evangelical churches are encouraging Bible translation initiatives. Seventh Day Adventist churches have a positive attitude to using materials in the Melokwo language, but they do not yet have internal structures in place to effectively participate in the Bible translation task.

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Item Name	Item Note
Religious Analogies & Bridges	Unknown
Spiritual Climate And Openness	Open
Recommended Approaches	Bible translation and literacy work are two recommended approaches.
Current Needs	Health, water, electricity.
Items For Prayer	- Prayer is requested for the local language committee and the national translator as they begin a translation project. -Pray for unity in the committee between members of different denominations. -Pray for technical and spiritual support needed to bring the Scripture to the Melokwo.

History Of Christianity In Group

By Whom SUM

Status of Christianity

Scripture

Translation Status In Progress

Available Scripture Portions

Status of Christianity

Comment (Scripture) The local Melokwo are very interested in the development of the Melokwo language and in the work of Bible translation. "Efforts should be made to encourage the Melokwo in their efforts toward language development." (Bradley, Karen. Melokwo Survey Report. June 1992.)

Missions and Churches

Organization Name Union des Églises Évangéliques du Nord du Cameroun

Organization Name Seventh Day Adventists

Country Of Origin United States

Main Ministry Evangelism

Organization Name > UNLISTED Organization

UNLISTED Organization Name Messianic

Status of Christianity

Christian Literature And Media Status

Literature Available None

Audio Recordings Available Some recordings of the Gospels were made, but they are no longer being used. Those who made the recordings are unknown.

Films Available No

Radio Programs Available Some minimal

Status of Christianity