



The Santrokofi of Ghana

The Santrokofi people speak the Sele language and live in three villages near Hohoe in the Volta Region of Ghana. Their main subsistence is agriculture, but they lack a market in their traditional area. For marketing purposes they go to Hohoe, which is at a distance of two and a half miles from their villages. Most their farming is done for subsistence. An average farmer might sell a small amount of the cassava that he grows in his fields.

In the area of religion the Santrokofi have a long history of Christian missionary involvement dating back to 1840. Presently, there are various churches in the area, mainly the Presbyterian and the Roman Catholic church.

Economically the area started to decline with the fall of cocoa prices. The Santrokofi area has very few employment and educational opportunities to offer; thus, most young members of the people group have left home and moved to the larger towns and cities.

Primary Religion:

Christianity

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

< 97%

Churches:

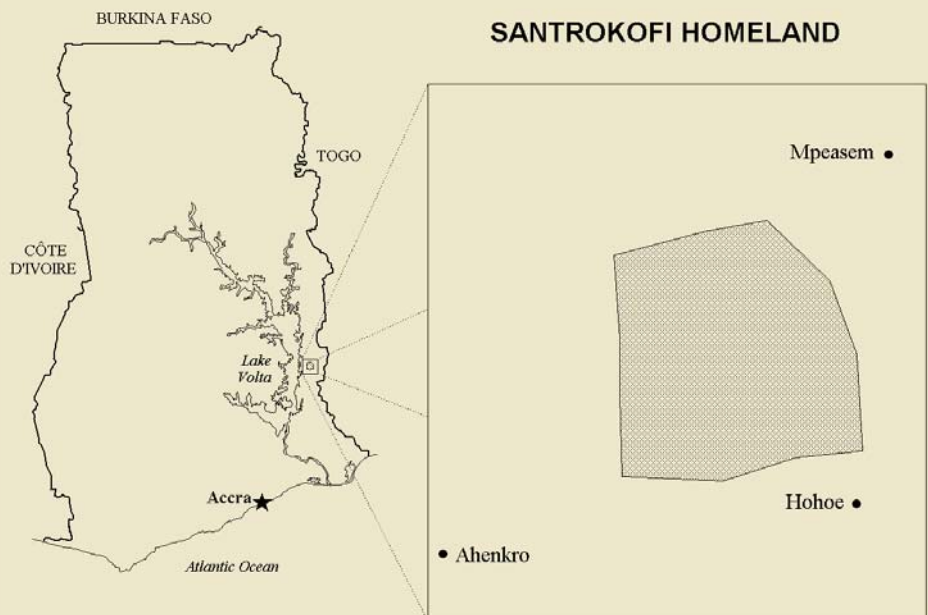
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Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None in their language

Population (date):

2,500 (1996)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	97%	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	< 97%	
Comment (Jesus As God & Only Savior)	3% active adherents	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	0%	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	0%	
Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)	0%	
Number Of Pastors	6	
Number Of Communities	3	
Number Of Churches	6	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
Translation Medium	None	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	No hindrances. The area is small, and there are roads between the villages. The people are open to Christianity.	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	No other forms known	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	A team of Bible translators is a definite need. There are also numerous development needs.	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	2,500	
World Population (Date)	1996	
World Population (Urban Percent)	700	
Comment (World Population)	Population figures were given by Nana Tete, chief of Bodome. Ethnologue indicates 6,000 for 1988.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Ghana	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Just north of Hohoe in the Volta Region in the Eastern part of Ghana	
Country	Ghana	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Mountain Slopes	
Elevation	About 500 meters	
Longitude	30 E	
Latitude	7 N	
Climate	Hot and humid with seasonal rains	
Comments (Geography & Environment)	Villages: Bodome, Bume, Bemua	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Comment (Alternate Names)	None	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Percent Monolingual (%)	45	
Second Languages	5	
Second Languages	20	
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	EWE	
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Comment (On Other Mother Tongues)	Within the traditional area only five percent speak English.
Linguistically Related Languages	GUA
Linguistically Related Languages	SHIKI
Neighboring Languages	EWE
Neighboring Languages	LELEMI
Neighboring Languages	AKPAFU-LOLOBI

Literacy

Adult Literacy Percentage	45%
Literacy Attitude	Very receptive
Active Literacy Program	Yes
Comment (Literacy)	Literacy program in Ewe

Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists
Average Annual Income	\$20 from cassava
Occupation	Farming
Income Sources	Farming proceeds
Products / Crafts	Cassava, rice, coco yam, baskets.
Trade Partners	None
Modernization / Utilities	Two grinding mills
Comment (Economy)	No market. Most people depend upon their children that live outside of the area.

Group Description

Community Development

Health Care (Quality)	None
Comment (Health Care)	No health posts are in the area. Herbal medicine is used.
Diet (Quality)	Poor
Comment (Diet)	The main diet is fufu with few vegetables and some meat.
Water (Quality)	Good
Comment (Water)	Pipes from spring water
Shelter Description	Houses are built of mud bricks with two or three rooms. Ten to twelve people live in each one. Roofs are made out of mud and sticks. Most buildings are dilapidated.
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Good
Comment (Energy)	Electricity is supplied in all the three towns. Wood (no charcoal) is used for cooking, kerosene for lighting.
Clothing	During weekdays they wear second hand clothing. People will typically own one Sunday best.
Transportation	They take taxis to and from Hohoe which is at a distance of two and a half miles.
Infant Mortality Rate	5%
Life Expectancy	90 years old
Leading Cause Of Death	Old age
Comment (Community Development)	There is a lack of sanitation in the villages. Life expectancy questionable.

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Society & Culture

Family Structures	There are four lineages (houses) forming the clans. The oldest member is the family head.
Neighbor Relations	Friendly. Minor land disputes.

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Authority / Rule	Hierarchy: paramount chief in Benua, village chiefs, sub-chiefs, family heads. The chief controls everything. The youth head is in charge of organizing the youth. The head man of communal labor, the chief's linguist passes on information. The Queenmother is in charge of the women. Formerly this area was under the Germans.	
Social Habits/Groupings	Sitting and talking, visiting	
Cultural Change Pace	Rapid	
Identification With National Culture	Similar	
Self Image	Prestigious	
Judicial / Punishment System	The system starts with the head of family and then goes to the chief, to the police, and to the court.	
Celebrations	Otsonsa: Harvest festival in July/August	
Recreations	Listening to the radio, sitting and talking	
Art Forms	Drumming, dancing	
Media	Radio, gong-gong	
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Attitude To Outsiders	Very receptive	
Attitude To Change	Very receptive	
Youth		Group Description
Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)	Farming and helping around the house	
Youth Problems (Teens)	No jobs, no secondary education opportunities	
Youth Greatest Needs (teens)	School materials, recreation facilities	
Education		Group Description
Primary Schools	3	
Primary School Enrollment	200	
Percent Of Eligible Students Enrolled	100%	
Teacher To Pupil Ratio	12	
Language Of Instruction Early Years	Ewe	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	English	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	English	
Language Of Textbooks Later Years	English	
Number Of Schools > 90% Homogeneous	3	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Engaged	
Lay Leaders	6	
Comment (Church Growth)	Most believers are nominal Christians following a syncretistic belief system.	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Religious Practices & Ceremonies	Sacrifices	
Attitude To Christianity	Very receptive	
Attitude To Religious Change	Very receptive	
Resistance / Receptivity	GIL investigators were received very openly.	
Religious Analogies & Bridges	Sacrifices	
Spiritual Climate And Openness	Very open to Christianity	
Comment (Religion)	85% of Christians are Presbyterians, 1% Catholic	
Recommended Approaches	Preaching	
Current Needs	Secondary education, employment opportunities, clear Christian teaching	

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Item Name

Items For Prayer

Item Note

That people may truly receive Christ. That the elders will speak the Truth.

History Of Christianity In Group

Status of Christianity

Year Began

1840

By Whom

Christian Reformed

Significant Events

unknown

Comments (History of Christianity)

Initial contact by Bremen Mission

Scripture

Status of Christianity

Translation Status

Definite

Available Scripture

None

Form Of Scripture Available

None

Scripture Use

Unknown

Missions and Churches

Status of Christianity

Organization Name

Roman Catholic Church

Main Ministry

Other

Main Ministry

Other

Year Started

1973

Organization Name

Presbyterian

Main Ministry

Other

Christian Literature And Media Status

Status of Christianity

Literature Available

none

Audio Recordings Available

none

Films Available

none

Radio Programs Available

none

Videos Available

none

Audio Visual Available

none