

## The Kusur and the Myet of Nigeria



Chief of the Myet people

The Kusur-Myet migrated to the old Borno Empire which is presently known as Borno State in Nigeria. They later moved and settled in Gyanggyang in Plateau State, then they further moved to Kabwir, and to Dishili. The Kusur and some of their Myet relations finally settled in Tapshin and Dasham, their current locations in Tafawa Belewa Local Government Areas of Bauchi. While other Myet settled in Myet in Kanke LGA of Plateau States. Their population is estimated to be 90,000 or more.

While the people see themselves as one language group speaking two dialects, they identify themselves as two separate people groups, either Kusur or Myet. They do not have a single name for the two groups.

They relate peacefully with their close neighbours. Their wives are mostly from the Ngas, Jarawa and Bijim speaking communities.

The people are primarily farmers. They cultivate guinea corn, maize, beans, fonio (acha), onions and tomatoes. Their men also engage in carpentry and blacksmithing.

The Kusur-Myet are 89% Christians, 6% Africa Traditional Religionist, and 5% Muslims. The Church there is in dire need of discipleship especially among the youth who are still struggling with alcohol problems.

**Primary Religion:**

Christianity

**Disciples (Matt 28:19):**

10%

**Churches:**

Many

**Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):**

None

**Population (date):**

90,000 (2019)



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### Have They Heard The Gospel?

<b>Hindrances to Scripture Use</b>	No reading materials in the language, and it is difficult to identify one person who claims to be literate in the mother tongue The congregations in the area are mixed.
<b>Response to the Gospel</b>	The people have responded to the gospel and are growing rapidly, but they are largely nominal.
<b>Bilingualism</b>	The people generally speak their language and Ngas very well. They elderly ones speak Hausa well, while the younger ones are fluent in English. English is the primary language of instruction in school. They have the Fulani, Ngas, Saya, Fyer, Hausa, Bijim, and Boi language group living among them. Hausa and Ngas are well understood by the Kusur-Myet.
<b>Are Cross-Cultural Missionaries Needed?</b>	Cross-cultural missionaries in the health, literacy and education, and pastoral training ministries are needed.
<b>Number of Christian Congregations</b>	The denominations working in the area are: Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA), Church of Christ in Nations (COCIN), Catholic, Living Faith, and Reconciliation church, and Deeper Life. There are a large number of churches or congregations.
<b>Churches using primarily vernacular</b>	None
<b>Language of Wider Communication</b>	Hausa [hau]