

The Taungyo People of Myanmar



The Taungyo people speak a nonstandard variety of Burmese [mya]. They live within southern Shan State, Myanmar, in the townships of Kalaw and Pinlon. They are fishermen and agriculturalists.

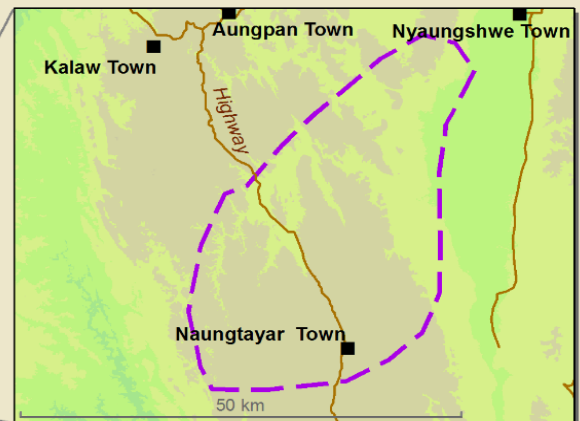
Almost all of the Taungyo people are Buddhists. Some outreach is being done among them by local evangelists and missionaries from other people groups within Myanmar. Since the Taungyo people speak a nonstandard variety of Burmese, they may not like seeing their language in print. However, audio and video evangelistic materials in the Taungyo language may be very effective.

The Taungyo live intermingled with people of other ethnicities but still maintain themselves as a separate group. The men dress in typical Myanmar fashion, but the women have a distinctive dress. They wear lots of silver on their earrings and bracelets and heavy brass rings on their legs. Before they are married they wear them around their ankles and afterwards they wear them just below their knee.

Primary Religion:	Buddhism
Disciples (Matt 28:19):	0%
Churches:	0
Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):	None
Population (date):	100,000 (2013)



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Have They Heard the Gospel?

Believe in Jesus As Their Savior
And Only God

0%

Is the Word of God Translated?

No, although they could use the standard Burmese [mya] materials for reading. However, it would be beneficial to produce evangelistic materials (audio-visual, songs, etc.) in the Taungyo language.

Other Forms of Gospel Presentations
Available

There are a wide variety of materials available in standard Burmese [mya] that could be used among the Taungyo people.

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Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type

Agriculturalists and fishermen

Education

Language of Instruction Early Years

Burmese

Language of Textbooks Early Years

Burmese

Language of Instruction Later Years

Burmese

Language of Textbooks Later Years

Burmese

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Status of Christianity

Religion

Adherents

Buddhism

99%

Religion and Response

Resistance/receptivity

Very resistant

Attitude to Christianity

Very resistant

Attitude to Religion Change

Very resistant

History of Christianity

Local evangelists from other ethnic groups within Myanmar have done outreach and evangelistic activities among the Taungyo people.

Scripture

Reason for Urgent Need

For written materials, the Taungyo people should be able to use standard Burmese [mya] materials adequately. However, for evangelistic and outreach purposes, it would be very beneficial to have materials (such as audio-visual materials, songs, etc.) produced in the Taungyo language.

Missions and Churches

Organization 1

Local evangelist

Country of Origin

Myanmar

Main Ministry

Evangelism