

The Kaang Chin of Myanmar



The Kaang villages are in Mindat Township within southern Chin State. The landscape of the region of these people is mountainous. The Kaang area borders with the Müün [mwq] on the east, with Daai [dao] on the west and south, and with Rawngtu [weu] on the north in Mindat Township. All of the Kaang villages are found on the west of the Mon Chaung (stream). It seems that there are only four villages that identify themselves by the name Kaang and consider themselves Kaang: Old Kruk, New Kruk, Hlatui, and Yophawng. According to the Mindat District figures, the total population of the Kaang in 2008 was 1,438 people.

Most of the people in the Kaang village of Kruk are Christians and a few people practice traditional religion. The Christian denominations in Kruk village are the Baptist Church, Church of the Living God, Christian Reformed Church, Roman Catholic, and Christian Reformed Evangelical Church.

It seems that the Kaang people are very interested to have their own literature because they have produced Christian songbooks in their language and they are currently printing New Testaments. However, there seems to be disagreement between church leaders about how to write Kaang.

The Kaang people need to come to agreement regarding how to write Kaang and develop a literature committee that represents the different villages and denominations. Since there is interest in Bible translation and a New Testament draft has already been completed, the team would like to recommend that the Kaang get further Bible and translation training in order to revise and improve the translation and to seek advice from the Bible Society in how to proceed.

Primary Religion:
 Christianity

Disciples (Matt 28:19):
 90%

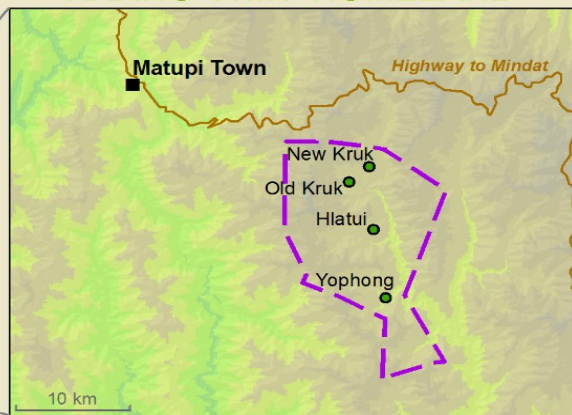
Churches:
 5

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):
 Draft of New Testament

Population (date):
 1400 (2004)



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Have They Heard The Gospel?

Call Themselves Christian	90%
Believe In Jesus As God And Only Savior	90%
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion	10%
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is	0%
Attitude to Christianity	Very receptive
Attitude to Religious Change	Very receptive
Number Of Churches	5
Comment	The Christian denominations in Kruk village are the Baptist Church, Church of the Living God, Christian Reformed Church, Roman Catholic, and Christian Reformed Evangelical Church.
Number of Pastors	There are many Kaang pastors.
Is The Word Of God Translated?	Some portions have been produced and a New Testament draft has been printed by the community; however, these materials have been produced independently by the Kaang community, not in collaboration with any consultant-checking or Bible translation agency.
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available	
Recordings	No
Literature	Yes
Films/videos	No
Radio	No

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Group Description

Environment

Subsistence type Agriculturalist

Education

Language of Instruction Early Years Burmese

Language of Textbooks Early Years Burmese

Language of Instruction Later Years Burmese

Language of Textbooks Early Years Burmese

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Status of Christianity

Religion Population Percent

Religion #1 Ethnic religions
Percent Adherent 10%

Religion and Response

Resistance / Receptivity Very receptive

Scripture Use

Comment Currently using Kaang Scripture portions, as well as the Burmese Bible [mya] in their church.

Missions and Churches

Organization #1 Baptist Church
Country of Origin Myanmar

Organization #2 Church of the Living God
Country of Origin Myanmar

Organization #3 Christian Reformed Church
Country of Origin Myanmar

Organization #4 Roman Catholic Church
Country of Origin Myanmar

Organization #5 Christian Reformed Evangelical Church
Country of Origin Myanmar