

The Kadu People of Myanmar



There are three main Kadu varieties: Mawteik, Settaw, and Mawkhwin. The Settaw Kadu and the Mawkhwin Kadu live in Banmauk Township and the Mawteik Kadu live primarily in Indaw Township. The Mawkhwin are a small group, living in five villages between the Settaw Kadu and the Kanan. The Settaw and Mawteik groups are very large (over 30 villages each). However, language vitality among the Mawteik is very low. Burmese is the first and best language of most Mawteik people. Burmese is widely spoken among the Mawteik Kadu people, while the Settaw and Mawkhwin Kadu speak Kadu in almost every situation of their daily life.

All the Kadu subjects interviewed from the different varieties (Settaw, Mawkhwin, and Mawteik) identify themselves as belonging to the Kadu people group. However, they also reported that there are vocabulary and tone differences among the Kadu varieties. Overall, the Settaw variety was viewed as the most prestigious by the Kadu subjects.

The population of the Kadu in Banmauk Township has been estimated at 30,000. The Kadu population in Indaw Township, where the Kadu people live among other people groups, is unknown. The population of the Kadu reported to be living in other townships is also unknown. Thus, the Kadu population as a whole cannot be calculated yet. Some Kadu people living in Indaw Township identify themselves as Burmese or Shan-Kadu, even though both of their parents are Kadu. This identification seems to be because they themselves cannot speak Kadu.

All of the Kadu people can speak Burmese well. In fact, in all the Mawteik villages visited, it was evident that Burmese culture is being chosen over the Kadu traditional lifestyle and cultural norms. All of the Mawteik Kadu people said that they speak Burmese as their first and best language. However, in the Settaw Kadu villages and the Mawkhwin villages, Kadu is widely spoken. The Kadu people in Banmauk Township speak Kadu as their first and best language.

Primary Religion:

Buddhism

Disciples (Matt 28:19):

0%

Churches:

0

Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):

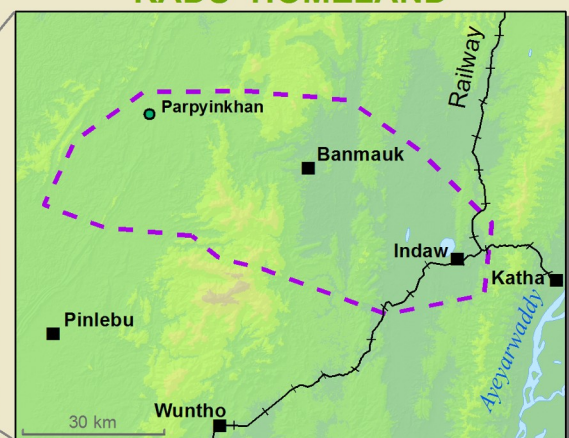
None

Population (date):

Perhaps 2,5000 (2011)



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Have They Heard the Gospel?

Number of Missionaries	
Comment	Local evangelists from other people groups within Myanmar
Call Themselves Christians	0%
Believe in Jesus As Their Savior And Only God	0%
Attitude to Christianity	Very resistant
Attitude to Religion Change	Very resistant
Number of Churches	0%
History of Christianity	Local evangelists from other ethnic groups within Myanmar have done outreach and evangelistic activities among the Kadu people
Is the Word of God Translated?	No, although they could use Burmese [mya] materials, since their Burmese bilingual ability is very high. However, it would be beneficial to produce evangelistic materials (audio-visual, songs, etc.) in the Kadu language.
Other Forms of Gospel Presentations Available	Recordings: No Literature: No Radio: No Video/Films: No TV: No
Comment	There are a wide variety of materials available in Burmese [mya] that could be used among the Kadu people

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Group Description

Economics

Subsistence Type

Agriculturalists

Education

Language of Instruction Early Years

Burmese

Language of Textbooks Early Years

Burmese

Language of Instruction Later Years

Burmese

Language of Textbooks Later Years

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Status of Christianity

Religion 1

Buddhism

Adherents

99%

Religion and Response

Resistance/receptivity

Very resistant

Scripture

Uncertain Need Explained

For written materials, the Kadu people should be able to use Burmese [mya] materials adequately, since their Burmese bilingual ability is very high; in some communities, Kadu language vitality is low and Kadu people speak Burmese as their first and best language. However, for evangelistic and outreach purposes, it would be very beneficial to have materials (such as audio-visual materials, songs, etc.) produced in the Kadu language.

Missions and Churches

Organization 1

Local Evangelists

Country of Origin

Myanmar

Ministry

Evangelism