



Lis ma Ron

Tensions in Jos and Surroundings

The Lis ma Ron people live on the central plateau in Nigeria, south of the city of Jos. Since 2001 there've been serious conflicts in Jos and the surrounding area. Over the past few weeks a number of violent incidents have occurred with many lives lost, and tensions are strong.

- **Pray that God will protect the Lis ma Ron translators, their families and their people. Pray for His watchful care over the churches.**

James Receives a Facelift

The Lis ma Ron team is pushing forward in their work despite the troublous circumstances. They retranslated their first draft of James. They applied sound translation principles that they learned since they'd produced that earlier draft. In this retranslation, they also ensured that the patterns of the writing system were more uniformly followed.

- **Praise God that the team is committed to producing a quality translation. Thank Him for providing them with the skills they need.**
- **Pray that the practical message of James will reach many people's hearts and lives.**

Four Books on the Advance

The team is still polishing their drafts of Mark's Gospel and Romans in anticipation of an upcoming consultant's check. They recently translated the Gospel of Matthew from Lis ma Ron back into literal English, so it's now ready for the consultant. They're also pleased to announce that the Gospel of Luke is all set for printing, since the trial booklets have received a good report. In places that needed more work, the team made revisions.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the Synoptic Gospels, since they include many of the same teachings and deeds of Jesus, often in the same sequence and sometimes the exact same wording. As for the book of Romans, it's the Apostle Paul's masterpiece in which he methodically and powerfully lays out God's master plan of salvation.

- **Pray that the books of Matthew, Mark and Romans will make it into the hands of the consultant soon. Pray that printing of Luke will happen in the Lord's good time.**



- **Location: Nigeria, Africa**
- **Number of Speakers: 75,000**
- **Year Project Began: 2008**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2012**

- **Continue to pray for chief translator Pastor Akila. Pray that God will heal him of his heart condition and strengthen him.**
- **Pray for good health, wisdom and a team spirit for part-time translators Samuel and Joshua. Samuel is also the project coordinator.**