



# Meetto New Testament

## “We Must Not Be Without It!”

Previous to Seed Company involvement, the Meetto translation project had already produced a few portions of Scripture: Genesis, Jonah, the Gospel of Mark and James. Project personnel recently distributed 8,000 of these in printed booklets and 4,000 on audiocassette tape.

In Muaruwa village, Chief Kotope received a booklet and cassette. He liked the cassette so much that he turned it over each time it finished to listen again. Finally he declared, *“I like these words that I read in the book and listen to on the cassette. Therefore, I urge you to bring the church to my people. I won’t go to church myself because I belong to another religion. But my nephews and others will get converted because this Word is good. We must not be without it!”*

- Praise God that since Chief Kotope’s encounter with the mother-tongue Scriptures a church has been organized in Muaruwa around the Word of God in Meetto.

## Acts—A Book for New Churches

Translating Scripture involves six primary steps. The first of these is the drafting process starting with exegesis, which is the explanation or critical interpretation of a Scripture text. The team has recently started working on the book of Acts. New churches, like the one in Muaruwa, especially need Acts so that they can see the development of the early New Testament church and relate to some of the struggles those young congregations experienced.

- Please pray for the Meetto translators as they draft the book of Acts.

## Encouraging Scripture-Use

For most Americans it’s hard to imagine using a language other than their mother tongue for church services. But many pastors and worship leaders in Meetto areas have never used the mother tongue for church. The regional language is more prestigious; that’s the one they’re accustomed to using in God’s house. To convince them that the Meetto language is also beautiful and acceptable to God, the translation team recently held a Scripture-use workshop. Events like this one help break down preconceived ideas and open doors for the Scriptures while the translation work is still in progress.



- Location: Mozambique, Africa
- Number of Speakers: 1,200,000
- Year Project Began: 2009
- Expected Completion Date: 2016





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### Special Prayer Notes

- Please pray for the health of Pastor Jacob's father.
- Pray for Pastor Benjamin's mother. She's sick and needs to go to Tanzania for treatment. Pray for finances and logistical details so that this may happen.

### A Good Foundation

*"And now I entrust you to God and the word of his grace—his message that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself." (Acts 20:32)*

Paul said this to the church in Ephesus as he was preparing to leave them for the last time. He knew he'd never see them again. His farewell speech evoked a deep emotional response from his audience (Acts 20:37-38). But Paul left them on a good foundation. He entrusted them first to God, in whom they lived and who lived in them. And Paul had given them God's message; he'd firmly established them through teaching from God's Word. He knew the message would build them in their faith and help them understand their position in Christ and future in heaven.

May you too be encouraged in the same hope as you interact with God's Word today.

- As you pray for the Meetto people, ask the Lord to establish them in His Word.
- Pray that the local believers will realize and live according to God's grace, not a set of religious rules. Ask the Lord to remind them of His incredible love for them and of the unchanging hope of His future plans for His people.