

Meetto New Testament



A Fiery End

After learning what the Word of God says in her own mother tongue, one Meetto woman sought out members of the local church. She told them she was ready to give up her adoration of the goddess Gini. To prove her point and make her commitment to Christ, she had them set fire to the building she'd used as a sanctuary to this goddess. All the amulets and trinkets related to her former idolatry burned with the building.

- **Thank the Lord for this woman's public commitment to the Lord Jesus. Pray that God will keep her strong and help her mature in her new-found faith.**
- **Pray that God's Word will speak powerfully in the lives of each Meetto person who reads it, motivating spiritual growth.**

Where the Team Stands

Here's where the Meetto team stands in their Bible translation progress. Besides the published books of Genesis, Jonah, Mark's Gospel and James, the team has drafted the other three Gospels (Matthew, Luke and John) together with Acts, Ephesians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon and Jude.

The Old Testament books of Exodus, Deuteronomy and Psalms are in the drafting stage as well.

Later steps in the process have been done for Ephesians (the team-check, community testing and the consultant-check) and Acts (the team-check). The team-check is currently in progress for John and testing is underway for Luke.

- **Praise God for the Meetto team's tireless efforts as they take Scripture books through the various steps to produce a high-quality translation.**
- **Please pray for more reliable electric power. Pray for protection for the translation office.**
- **Pray for improvements in the housing situation for the team members' families. Pray for their good health.**



- **Location: Mozambique**
- **Number of speakers: 1,200,000**
- **Project Goal: New Testament & Old Testament portions**
- **Year Project Began: 2009**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2016**

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Translation Triggers Interest

A notable interest is growing among the official institutions for the use of Meetto. This interest has been triggered by the presence of the translation project. People before were ashamed of even speaking Meetto publicly—the language was regarded as having a lower status than Portuguese, the national language. Few people knew how to read it, but today advertisements and public announcements on health and AIDS in the hospitals and in the marketplace are written in Meetto.

Local Churches on Board

The Meetto team works with a union of churches founded by Pastor Jacob, one of the three translators. The churches' goal is to promote the Meetto Scriptures among the denominations. They'd also like to see God's Word create more of a cooperative effort among them.

Recently, seven denominations gathered in an open public space in Balama town. About 700 people listened as team member Pastor Benjamin read the Meetto Scriptures and preached in the mother-tongue. On that same day, 53 people became Christians and were assigned to a church according to where they live.

- **Pray for the development of the Meetto language, which will hopefully increase the use of the vernacular Scriptures.**
- **Pray for the growth of this union of churches. Pray for good relations among the denominations.**

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