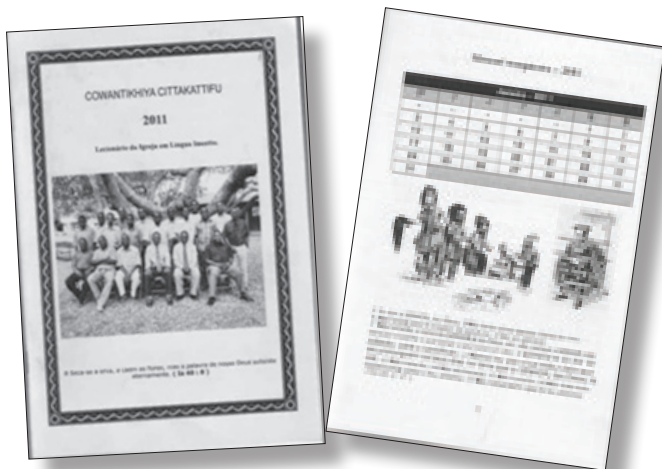




Meetto New Testament

Sold Out

Five hundred copies weren't enough. "The number of readers in the Scripture program increased fifty percent from 2008 to 2011," project coordinator Francisco wrote. "So many churches wanted to participate this year that 500 booklets weren't enough." The booklet is a lectionary, a weekly plan for reading Meetto Scriptures aloud in the church service.



The Meetto Lectionary is in high demand

"The team produced and printed these beautiful booklets and distributed them to 500 churches in seven districts," wrote Francisco. "Through this experience we see that the interest and need for the Scriptures in Meetto is huge throughout the whole area."

Fresh and Relevant

As among the early believers, Christ's good news is making a tremendous impact in the Meetto community. For them it's fresh and relevant. "In churches, healings are taking place through preaching and reading of Meetto Scripture," wrote Francisco. "People are less ashamed of using Scripture in their mother tongue. More pastors are starting to use the translation for disciplining their congregations."

Meetto Scripture encourages more evangelization and better interdenominational cooperation. Several denominations and mission organizations use the books of Luke and Acts, the Bible stories book, the lectionary and other translated Scripture portions in their newly planted churches.

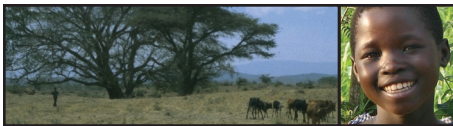
- **Praise God for the impact of God's Word as it spreads through the Meetto community. Ask Him to help new believers grow in their understanding of God's Word and in their relationship with Jesus.**



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

- **Praise the Lord for the growing interest in Meetto Scripture. Ask God to use the lectionaries for His glory and the growth of the churches.**

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Cultural Conundrum

Meetto team members Francisco, Jacob and Benjamin are respected and knowledgeable men. Everyone seems to need their help. In Meetto culture, sharing the load and helping each other is highly valued — and expected. Strong respect for leadership means that when a government official or church leader calls for help, the translation work goes on hold until the local need is met.

Francisco, Jacob and Benjamin need wisdom in setting priorities while still respecting their culture and maintaining a good testimony. They hope to attend a workshop on Culture and Scripture in Nampula led by partner organization SIL.

- **Pray for God's wisdom, strength and focus for the team as they balance cultural expectations and Scripture translation.**
- **Praise the Lord with Francisco, who passed his written exams. Pray for the family's move back to the village of Balama to join the rest of the team after living for more than two years in the city of Nampula.**
- **Please continue praying for complete healing for Jacob, who suffered leg injuries in a motorcycle accident.**
- **Benjamin needs the Holy Spirit's wisdom in handling conflicts in his family and among church leaders.**

Urgent Need

Working diligently, the team finished the first draft of 1 and 2 Peter and 1, 2 and 3 John; they also finished the team check of John's Gospel. After translating Psalms through chapter 32, they decided to stop there so they can concentrate on the New Testament books.

The Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts are ready for back translation into the national language so the translation consultant can check it. But the person who's done the back translation before has been occupied with other responsibilities. The team needs to find a good person to do this. There's an urgent need for translation consultants, too.

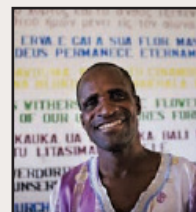
The Leg-Resting Place

Meetto legend tells that their ancestors lived at the crossroad of two major trade routes. Travelers would often stay and rest their *myeetto* — their legs. The Meetto people got their name from this leg-resting place.

Jesus invites us all to His leg-resting place. "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NLT). There we find strength for the journey, and He carries our burdens when we walk with Him.



Pastor
Francisco



Benjamin



Jacob

- **Thank the Lord for the good progress the team is making on New Testament books.**
- **Please pray for the team to find someone who can do back translation. Pray also concerning the urgent need for translation consultants.**



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