

# The Meetto People



## Starving, But Don't Know It

“Encouragement can be found in a time of crisis if we look for it,” project coordinator John reflected. “Even when things are dark, we can see the hand of God at work.”

The past several months have been difficult for the Meetto team. First, Pastor Benjamin moved to Niassa province, leaving the team with only two translators. A few weeks later, Pastor Francisco decided to continue living in Nampula where he'd been studying, quite a distance from the translation project.

Now Pastor Jacob is working alone but confident that God has not abandoned him and that all will work together for good according to God's purpose. John wrote, “On my last visit with him, Jacob was looking through a Wycliffe publication and read, ‘People are hungry for God's Word.’ He looked into the distance and said, ‘That is so true. People are so hungry for God's Word. Out in the villages they are starving, but they don't even know it.’”

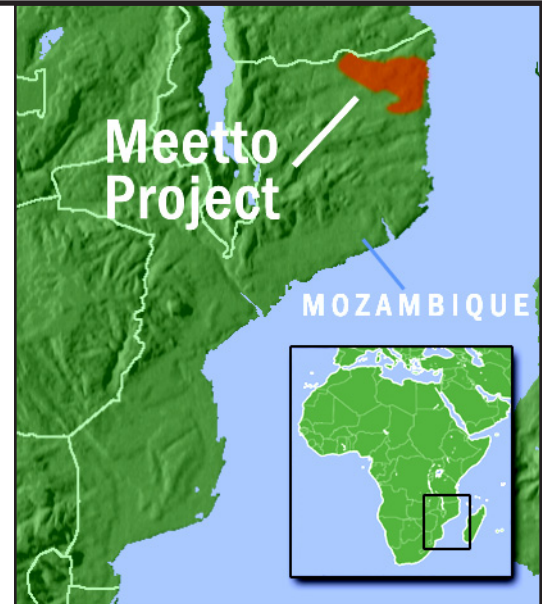
John continues, “What is moving about that comment is that indeed there have been very few goals achieved this quarter, and people continue to starve for lack of God's Word. But work has



**Meetto people starving for God's Word need the Bread of Life and Living Water**

not stopped. God is still at work and has placed in the heart of one man a vision for what it could be like if people had spiritual food to eat.”

- **Ask God to raise up workers to join the team and get the Word of God to people who are starving for it.**



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

- **Praise God for Pastor Jacob's vision to get spiritual food to the Meetto through Bible translation. Pray for the Lord to encourage him and give him strength to continue the work.**



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### Persevering and Rebuilding

Pastor Jacob is valiantly persevering with translation. He hoped to draft the book of Romans, but it was too much for him to handle alone. Instead, he used his time well by continuing to draft Matthew's Gospel. He also attended a linguistic workshop by partner organization SIL, which encouraged him and built his confidence as a translator.

The challenge of rebuilding the translation team lies ahead. Testing the Gospel of Luke in the community this month gives the team opportunities to screen and select candidates to train as translators. Their prayer is to have at least one new team member by the end of the year.

- **Praise the Lord for Pastor Jacob's progress on the draft of Matthew's Gospel. Give thanks for the encouragement and confidence he gained from the workshop.**
- **Please pray for God's choice of a new translator and team member. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead this person to the team soon.**
- **Thank the Lord for answered prayer; Pastor Jacob's family is enjoying better health.**

### Warmly Received

In partnership with the Ngoni translation program, the team produced a bilingual booklet of Bible stories in Imeetto and Ngoni. The Ngoni elders all warmly received a copy of the booklet as a first step toward having God's Word in Ngoni.

The test edition of the Book of Acts is also getting a warm reception. Missionaries Chad and Allan from Good News for Africa are teaching from the draft of Acts in the Montepuez and Ancuabe districts. They bring back encouraging words and helpful comments about the translation.

- **Praise the Lord that translated Scripture is already in use and changing lives. Pray that Meetto believers will feed on God's Word and grow spiritually strong. Pray that those who are "starving, but don't know it" will come to know Jesus, the Bread of Life and Living Water.**

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