



Omaraz

The Salt Next Door

Omaraz speakers belong to a larger group of related languages included in the Morogoro Cluster project. One reason for their interest in the Scriptures is because of what they've seen and heard about Lughulu speakers.

The "JESUS" film is already completed and in use among Lughulu communities. So is the book of Luke, which provides the film's text. The film is making a tremendous impact: people formerly affiliated with another major religion have come to Jesus, marriages have been restored and Christ has delivered many people from their adversities. The Omaraz people are watching this, eagerly anticipating the day when this wonderful news will be available in their own language too.

- **Praise God for these inspiring testimonies coming from the Lughulu community that have made Omaraz people thirsty for spiritual truth.**

Most Wonderful Books on Earth

The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) have rightly been called the most wonderful books on earth. These accounts of the words and deeds of Jesus may be viewed as passion narratives with extended introductions. Everything the four Evangelists wrote pointed ahead to the climax of the death and resurrection of Jesus. In all the accounts of the mission of Jesus the cross stands out as the most important feature, and its significance is carried over into the rest of the New Testament.

The Omaraz team is currently making good headway on the Gospels, especially Luke and John. They've started translating these books, as planned, and hope to finish their first drafts in the next several months. Luke is progressing most quickly. Soon the translators will be ready to check their draft of this book as a team and then push it on to the next step in the translation process.

Translation Step 2: Team Check

The translation team carefully reviews the Scripture drafts together verse-by-verse, checking for accuracy and clarity.

- **Pray for the Omaraz team as they're now focusing on the Gospels in their work.**
- **Please pray that the relatively new Omaraz team will form good habits in their application of translation principles and in their teamwork.**



- **Location: East Africa**
- **Number of Speakers: 783,000**
- **Project Goal: New Testament**
- **Year Project Began: 2009**
- **Expected Completion Date: 2016**



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A Faith for Failures

We have a remarkable faith. It's a faith for failures, inviting those who aren't good enough to be fully accepted. In every other religion, the worshipper must earn favor with his deity. But Jesus clearly invited the broken, the wounded and the defeated, saying, *"Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners"* (Mark 2:17).

Many Christians in the U.S. don't really accept Christ's gift. They want to earn it, to participate in enough church activities that they think will make God pleased with them. The difference is subtle; the question isn't what we do, but the motivation behind it. Are our good works done to earn His favor or to express joy out of our love-relationship with Him?

- **Pray that as the Omaraz people understand more of who Jesus is through the Gospels, they'll embrace His grace and accept His freely offered salvation.**
- **Praise God for drawing you to Him. Enjoy His delight in you for who you are in Christ, not for what you do for Him.**

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