

The Rigo-Taboro People

Prospective Translation Consultants

Project advisor Kidu is mentoring four men whom he has identified as potential translation consultants for the Rigo Cluster project. In this letter, you'll meet these men and hear a little sliver of each of their stories and receive a prayer request for each man.

Gideon is the coordinator for the Taboro language. He has proven himself dedicated; he walks four miles each time he needs to get to the Taboro area! Despite the challenges of travel, he's consistent in his translation work. He maintains regular contact with Kidu and updates him regularly on what's happening with the Taboro translation. Kidu eagerly recommends Gideon as a potential translation consultant.



Gideon (left)



John

John coordinates the Sinaugoro translation program. He's married and has completed his university education. He is very committed to Bible translation. He's already been a translator for eight years! He has helped Kidu mentor the less-experienced team members during workshops. During most of the village testing with other native speakers, John is the leader. Kidu thinks he would make a very good translation consultant.

Reverend Wala was the translator for the Kalo New Testament, but he died before work on the Old Testament started. His son Ila has taken up the torch to complete the Kalo Old Testament for his



Ila (right)

people. Ila also wants to help neighboring groups have the Bible translated into their languages as well. He's deeply committed to his task and is eager to further his training.



- Location: Papua New Guinea
- Number of Taboro Speakers: 10,000
- Project Goal: New Testament
- Year Project Began: 2008
- Expected Completion Date: 2011

- Pray for God's guidance as Kidu works with John to plan and develop his career in Bible translation.
- Pray that God will empower Kidu as he helps Ila plan appropriate training to prepare him for consultant work.



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Bruce (right)

Bruce is the main translator for the Boku language. He resigned from his position as pastor of a church to become a fulltime Bible translator. He's leading the production of the Scripture materials for the Boku program. Bruce's brother Roger is the chairman of the program. Bruce is eager to achieve the program's goals. Kidu is confident that Bruce could become a good consultant.

Apostolic Advice

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he offered his understudy this sound advice:

"Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15, NLT).

This lesson applies not only to Timothy, but also to anyone who is preparing to share God's Word with others. The men highlighted in this update will need much prayer and encouragement to live as examples in their communities. Until the Scriptures are published, their lives will be the only gospel truth some will understand. And even though we live in a print-saturated society, your life may be the only Bible some of your friends read. What verses will they understand today?!

- **Pray that God will give Bruce strength and wisdom for his work.**

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