

The Aruamu of Papua New Guinea

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Primary Religion:

Christian, Animism

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

20%

Churches:

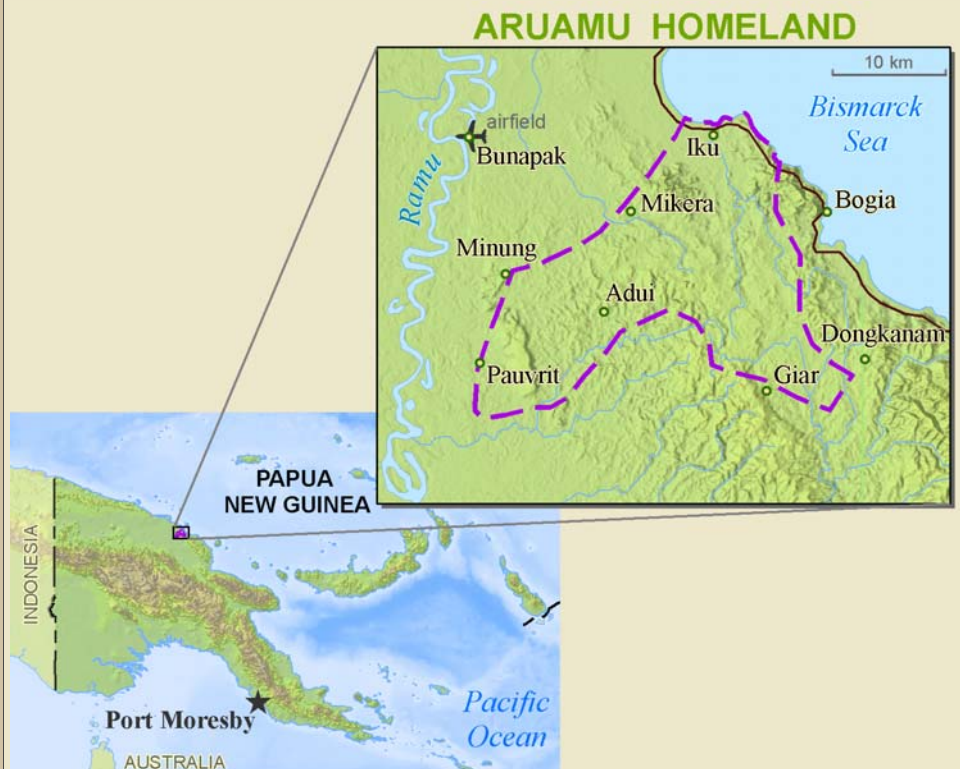
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Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

NT available, OT portions

Population (date):

10,000 (2003)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	60%	
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	20%	
Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)	0%	
Believe In The Local Traditional Religion (%)	80%	
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)	20%	
Number Of Pastors	60	
Comment (Number Of Missionaries)	missionary ratio is 2:10,000 (population = ??)	
Response To The Gospel	There is a lot of syncretism, but there is an expansion mentality on the part of solid core Christians.	
Number Of Communities	unknown	
Number Of Churches	39	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	Mark, Luke, John, Acts, James, Revelation, 1st John, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Titus, and Thessalonians were in Aruamu at the time of writing this profile in 2003. The Aruamu New Testament is now complete. It was dedicated July 2, 2005, and work on the Old Testament is underway as a national initiative program with assistance from Pioneer Bible Translators.	
Translation Medium	Printed	
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	None, but literacy rate is 5-25% in Aruamu and 50-75% in Melanesian Pidgin	
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	There are some shell books in Aruamu	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Outside missionaries are need to enable the people group to do the work themselves.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Papua New Guinea	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	?	
Country	Papua New Guinea	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Mountain, Slope	
Geological Type	Coastal	
Elevation	600 feet	
Longitude	146 E	
Latitude	4 S	
Climate	Tropical-Rainy and dry seasons	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	ARUAMU	
Alternate Language Names	MIKAREW	
Alternate Language Names	MIKARUP	
Comments (Dialect)	?? (Ariap, Mikarup...is an alternate name?)	
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive	
Percent Monolingual (%)	10-20%	
Second Languages	Melanesian Pidgin	
Comments (Related Languages)	Giri, Misegan	
Neighboring Languages	KIRE	
Comments (Neighbor Languages)	Also Giri and Mbore	

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Corrections To Ethnologue Entry	?	
Literacy		Group Description
Adult Literacy Percentage	5-25%	
Percent Literate For Men	5-25%??	
Percent Literate For Women	less than 5-25%	
Literacy Attitude	Indifferent	
Active Literacy Program	Yes; there are two supervisors; fluency workshops in churches	
Publications In Vernacular	Extensive Literacy	
Comment (Literacy)	The attitude towards literacy is: Christians--motivated; Average person--neutral	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Average Annual Income	\$300-\$400	
Occupation	Raise gardens, hunt	
Income Sources	Cocoa beans, copra (?)	
Products / Crafts	String bags, carvings, drums	
Trade Partners	All neighboring groups	
Modernization / Utilities	None	
Comment (Economy)	The Aruamu practice slash and burn agriculture.	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Health Care)	There are two government clinics	
Diet (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Diet)	Root crops, greens, pig, fish, small game	
Water (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Water)	Spring water, stream water	
Shelter Description	On stilts--bamboo woven with thatch roof. One family.	
Electricity	None	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Fair	
Comment (Energy)	Wood, kerosene for lamps	
Clothing	Used western clothing	
Transportation	Walking, a few old trucks	
Infant Mortality Rate	?	
Life Expectancy	45 years	
Leading Cause Of Death	Malaria, Tuberculosis, pneumonia	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Family Structures	Nuclear family, matrilineal	
Neighbor Relations	Amiable	
Authority / Rule	Court system	
Social Habits/Groupings	Clans and church relationships	
Cultural Change Pace	Medium	
Identification With National Culture	Similar	
Self Image	Prestigious	

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Item Name	Item Note
Judicial / Punishment System	Provincial court system
Celebrations	Christmas, Independence Day, Easter, funerals, bride price exchanges, end of school year, singsings
Recreations	Chew betel nut, soccer, talk, visit
Art Forms	Carvings
Media	Radio and newspaper in Melanesian Pidgin
Local Language Broadcasting	None
Attitude To Change	Somewhat receptive
Comment (Culture)	The Aruamu's attitude toward outsiders is with suspicion

Youth

Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)	Watch siblings, collect firewood, gardening, carry water, cook
Youth Problems (Teens)	Teen pregnancy, banana wine, marajuana, all-night parties
Youth Greatest Needs (teens)	Positive social activities

Group Description

Education

Primary Schools	6
Primary School Enrollment	500, the system cannot handle more than 500 students.
Secondary Schools	3
Secondary School Enrollment	30
Percent Of Eligible Students Enrolled	50% of secondary students enrolled; fixed number of students allowed in primary school.
Teacher To Pupil Ratio	Primary Schools: 1:30
Language Of Instruction Early Years	English
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	English
Language Of Instruction Later Years	English
Language Of Textbooks Later Years	English
Number Of Schools > 90% Homogeneous	1%

Group Description

Church Growth

Reached Status	Engaged
Reached Classification	Evangelized
Total Baptized	Unknown
Lay Leaders	80
Bible Schools	0
Christian Clinics/Hospitals	0
Christian Literacy Centers	1

Status of Christianity

Religion & Response

Religious Practices & Ceremonies	Baptism, Christian conventions, retreats.
Attitude To Christianity	Somewhat receptive
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat receptive
Resistance / Receptivity	The Aruamu are receptive to the gospel.
Religious Analogies & Bridges	Feasts, forgiveness, washing (expound please)
Spiritual Climate And Openness	Open, but not anxious to change.
Recommended Approaches	Jesus film, help in community development projects.
Current Needs	Assist the Aruamu to learn how to do things themselves.
Items For Prayer	Pray to complete the translation and see it in use by growing Christians.

Status of Christianity

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Item Name	Item Note	
History Of Christianity In Group		Status of Christianity
Year Began	Mid-1900's	
By Whom	Roman Catholic Church	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	In Progress	
Available Scripture	Portions	
Form Of Scripture Available	None	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	Yes	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	No	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	No	
Missions and Churches		Status of Christianity
Organization Name	Four Square Church	
Organization Name	Roman Catholic Church	
Comment (Organization)	They also use Melanesian Pidgin	
Number Of Expatriate Workers	0	
Number Of National Workers	0	
Language Used By Workers		