







Meet the
NEW SHOOTS PEOPLE

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The **Kang** [KAHNG], **Lo** [LOH], **Ruk** [ROOK] and **Tripura** [TRAHY-PUHR'-AH] communities live amid densely forested hills, on plains crisscrossed by rivers or near the coast. Lo and Ruk translators recently published Luke's Gospel. Now two more language teams have joined the effort to bring God's Word to their people.

 <p>Goals New Testament portions in print and audio</p>	 <p>Strengths Translators from three teams have several years of training and experience. Field partner has provided excellent management and kept project on track; high level of commitment. Teams have adequate phone and internet connectivity for communication.</p>	 <p>Partners A Christian student organization, national and international translation organizations</p>	 <p>Risks Political instability. Followers of majority religions may oppose Christian activities. A key team member is retiring; some responsibilities will have to be redistributed.</p>	 <p>Quick Facts Location: South Asia Number of Speakers: 176,600 in four people groups Expected Completion: 2020</p>
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<p>Expected Impact</p>	<p>01 Mother tongue Scripture will make church services and ministry activities more vibrant and impactful.</p>	<p>02 Believers will grow in wisdom, spiritual maturity, ability to share their hope and the courage to face opposition.</p>	<p>03 People well acquainted with hardship will clearly hear the Gospel's message of unshakable hope.</p>
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The Challenge

The New Shoots people groups belong to a nation as rich in languages and cultures as it is in landscapes. Some live in densely forested hills, some in plains crisscrossed by rivers and others near the sea coast.

Ruk people farm their own land or work in a variety of occupations. The other three communities face challenges due to loss of their traditional lands. Families who once farmed their own fields now work as day laborers or give landlords a large percentage of their harvest. There is tension between the traditional inhabitants and the more recently arrived groups. Rural communities have limited access to schools and health care. People often suffer from sickness.

Among Lo people, there are many rules and rituals for arranging and celebrating marriages. Ruk women may wear a tattoo related to a traditional story of bravery. Kang and Tripura people are known for skill in weaving and dance.

Most people follow one of several major religions that are prominent in Asia or combine those beliefs and practices with traditional animism. Among these five groups, Christians make up from 20-50 percent of the population. Some majority-religion followers oppose Christian activities; evangelists have been attacked.

The Solution

Until recently, these people groups had no Scripture in their languages. Lo and Ruk translators recently published Luke's Gospel. Two new teams have joined the New Shoots Cluster. Now four teams are working together to translate more of the New Testament for their people.

Kang, Lo, Ruk and Tripura translators gather several times a year for training and collaboration. Between workshops, they continue translating and testing drafts in their home areas. The translated books will be published in both print and audio formats, making Scripture accessible to people of all ages and reading levels.

A Christian students' organization has led the effort to help these communities begin translation. This ministry conducts Bible studies for college students; they found that participants from these language communities didn't adequately understand Scripture in the national language. Now churches and ministries will have mother tongue Scripture to use for evangelism and discipleship. Believers who previously lacked understanding of important truths will grow in wisdom and spiritual maturity. People who have experienced much hardship and suffering will clearly hear the Gospel's message of unshakable hope.

Pray
With Us

Father, please prepare Kang, Lo, Ruk and Tripura people to encounter Your Word. In the midst of hardship, give believers a testimony of solid, unshakable hope.

How You Can Make a Difference

PRAYER | Father, thank You for the student ministry's dedication to helping these five communities begin Bible translation. Enable the new translators to skillfully apply what they learn in their training. Grant team members unity and a spirit of joyful cooperation.

Prepare Kang, Lo, Ruk and Tripura people to encounter Your Word. Use these New Testament books to strengthen the foundations of Your church in these communities. Spark interest among the followers of the other religions. When believers face opposition, give them courage and a wise response. In the midst of hardship, give believers a testimony of solid, unshakable hope. Enable them to glorify Your name by serving and sharing with their neighbors.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT | Help bring the people of the New Shoots Cluster Scripture they can understand. Your investment will give local churches the tools they need for personal spiritual enrichment as well as effective outreach to their people.

As an investor, you will help the New Shoots translators receive training, equipment and a livelihood as they work to bring God's Word to their people in their own language.

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