**ARUEK**  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PACIFIC   
POPULATION: 740

The land of the Aruek people spans the Aitape Lumi District in Sandaun and the Wewak District of East Sepik. While most live on the Sandaun side of the border, there are no permanent roads to the Sandaun capital city of Vanimo. Across the border, the road to Wewak, the capital city of East Sepik, is poorly maintained. It is therefore difficult for the Aruek and their neighbours to access services or to sell their produce.

Reflecting their limited education opportunities, less than one in five can read with comprehension. They live a subsistence life, relying on betel nut, food crops, coconut and fish. Pray for their wellbeing.

The Aruek prefer their traditional language. Their language is also understood by their northern neighbours, the Kap. While the Aruek and Kap identify as Christian, neither group has any Scripture in their language. However, the Kap people are literate in Tok Pisin and many can understand the Tok Pisin Bible. Ask the Lord to move Kap believers or others to bring his priceless Word to the Aruek (and Kap) people in a language that they understand and in an audio format. Pray that God removes every barrier that would otherwise hinder the Aruek people from following Jesus.

