**BAUWAKI**  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PACIFIC   
POPULATION: 520

Bauwaki land straddles the misty Owen Stanley Ranges, spreading north along the Moni River in the Ijivitari District of the Oro Province and south into Central Province. Most Bauwaki people are located along the Amau River in the Abau District of Central Province.

Bauwaki people retain their language as their primary language. They have also long used the neighbouring languages of Magi, Suau and Motu, particularly for the purposes of trade along the southern coast. There is a New Testament in each of these neighbouring languages and an entire Motu Bible. Could the multilingualism of the Bauwaki provide a bridge for translating God’s Word into their own language?

Another bridge may be the high lexical similarity between Bauwaki and the neighbouring language of Aneme Wake. The Aneme Wake people have had the New Testament since 1988. But only God knows the best way to bring his Word to the Bauwaki. Ask him for his strategies and ask him to appoint the workers needed.

