



Praying for the gift of God's Word for

The Gnau

SANDAUN PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA



POPULATION: 2,600



ABOUT THE GNAU

The Gnau people live in Northeastern Papua New Guinea (PNG). The primary language of the Gnau is their own language of Gnau. They are known for their carvings, which are made from wood, bone and stone. Family and living in community is important to the Gnau people. They live in small villages and practice farming. The traditional diet of the Gnau people consists of sweet potatoes, taro and yams. Sago is their main food. It is a starch made from branches of palm trees. Hunting and fishing are also an important part of their lives. The only reliable form of transportation is water. The Gnau must often walk an entire day to bring their products to market. Most Gnau don't have modern medicine. Hospitals are far away from where they live and many children under 10 years die of preventable diseases.



FUN FACTS

- Papua New Guinea has the highest number of languages of any country in the world (over 800 and counting!)
- Until recently, Papua New Guinea also led the world for the greatest number of languages that needed the Scripture and where no work was happening. By God's grace, the number of languages in need has been falling rapidly. God is answering prayers!

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

The large majority of the Gnau say they are followers of Jesus Christ. Their form of Christianity is mixed with their traditional beliefs which involves worshiping idols. They believe that their ancestors play an important role in their daily lives.



PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the Gnau to come to know who Jesus is, that they would believe in Him and receive the Bible in their heart language. (John 3:16; 2 Tim 3:16)
- Pray for those seeking to translate the Bible into the Gnau language. Pray for protection from harm, for good health and also for the resources needed to continue the work. (Phil 4:19)
- Pray for Gnau communities to be transformed as the Bible is translated into their language and for favour and miracles while translation is taking place. (Eph 3:20)



LET'S PRAY

Lord, I pray that the Gnau people will come and worship before you. May they glorify your name for you are great, and do wondrous things. You are God alone. Rescue them out of darkness with the light of your word. Amen (Psalm 86:9-10)