

AWTUW LANGUAGE PROFILE

SANDAUN PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Preparing a young coconut to bless a thirsty traveler along the journey.



The Awtuw people (kmn), live on a small mountain in the Sandaun Province of Papua New Guinea. In addition to their own language, they understand parts of the Pouye language which is related to Awtuw. Their water source is a thirty minute walk away.

There is one school that teaches through grade five. Currently there are no teachers for grade six through eight students. For over thirty years, no one has gone on to any type of higher education after grade twelve. A small aid post exists, where symptoms can be checked and medicines can be dispersed. A hospital is located in the closest bigger town, which is a three hour walk away.

Cocoa is grown and a fermentary exists to dry the cocoa beans. Some people are panning for gold. Vanilla is also grown and taken to a larger town to be sold.

Villages: 5

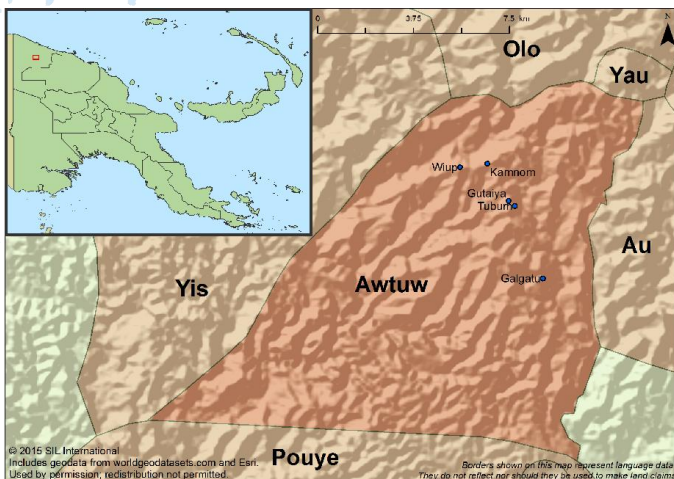
Wiup, Kamnom, Gutaiya, Tubum, Galgatu

Population: approx. 1050

Denominations: 1

Christian Brethren Church

In late 2015, five Awtuw speakers began participating in the Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) workshops held in Wewak. With limited opportunities for formal training, the men were eager to learn all they could. The Awtuw seem keen to pursue translation opportunities. *After the completion of the OBS workshops, what could the next steps be for the Awtuw in getting God's Word in their language?*



PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray for more men to attend church, as there are very few involved at this point. Pray too that the youth would continue to come as many are leaving the church.
- Pray for unity among believers as struggles arise regarding how people worship.
- Pray that the church would find ways to reach out—women's ministries, children, youth.
- Pray that the OBS participants would be faithful to use what they have learned.