## KWAMTIM ONE LANGUAGE PROFILE

## SANDAUN PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA



The Kwamtim One (oh-nay) live on a mountain in the Sandaun Province of Papua New Guinea. The path to get to the village involves a steep hike up a stony trail. Because they live on a mountain, the sun is not as hot during the day and it can get cool at night. They also get good breezes because of their location. They need to walk about thirty minutes down the mountain to get water.

Villages: 1

Kwamtim

**Ethnologue code: okk** 

Population: approx. 130

**Denominations: 1** 

Christian Brethren Church

When medical care is needed, they walk about two-and-a-half hours to get to the closest medical facility. A new aid post has

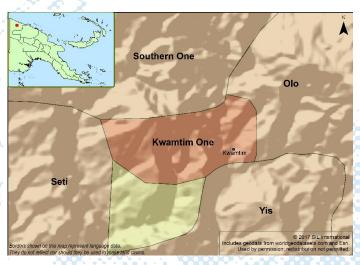
been built closer to Kwamtim,
but it does not yet have staff to
diagnose symptoms and dispense medicines.

Previously they sold vanilla as a source of income. Now some people pan for gold. There is also a significant amount of copper in the rocks along the walking path, but it is not being extracted at this time. When there is a teacher in the area, they usually have a produce market on Saturdays.

In early 2016, four Kwamtim One speakers began attending Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) workshops in Wewak. People are listening to the stories and learning more of what God wants for their lives.

As the OBS
workshops finish
in 2017, how will
these stories
strengthen the
Kwamtim One and
help them share
Christ's light with
surrounding
villages?





## **PRAYER ITEMS**

- Pray that Christians will be strengthened and that the church will grow. There are many who have backslidden and need to come back to Christ.
- There is a Bible school in the area, but it is in need of repairs. Pray for the materials that are needed and the manpower to do the work.
- One of the OBS participants was not a church going man before coming to the course. Pray that he would understand what he has learned and know how to put it into practice.