

# YIS LANGUAGE PROFILE

SANDAUN PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA



The **Yis** people (yis) are situated on a mountain in the Sandaun Province of Papua New Guinea. Drinking water is a ten minute walk away.

There is one elementary school in Parisko which covers the first three years of school. After that, the children walk one-and-a-half hours each way to a neighboring language area (Awtuw) to go to school. They have some simple medications in the village, but they need to walk to Awtuw for more extensive diagnosis and treatment.

With favorable weather conditions and hard work, they can grow three or four crops per year. Multiple types of root crops are grown. They seldom go to market to sell their goods as it is a six to eight hour walk away.

## Villages: 5

Parisko, Kalingum, Timeni, Talou, Kwatim

## Ethnologue code: yis

## Population: approx. 1,200

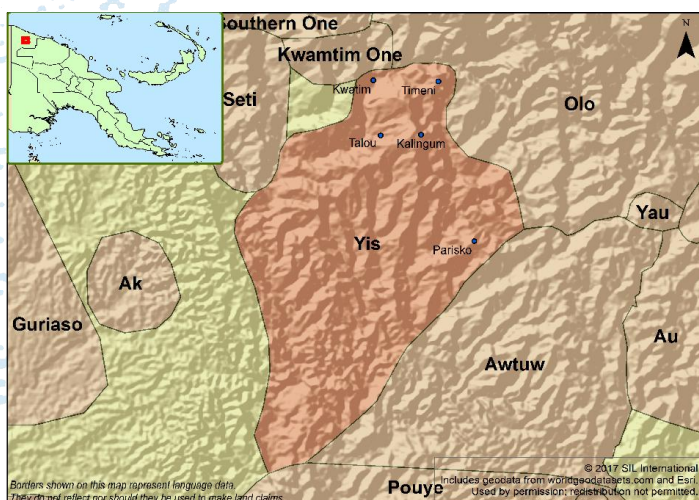
## Denominations: 4

Christian Brethren Church, Catholic, Assemblies of God, Revival

The area contains a variety of valuable minerals. However, due to insufficient tools, they

struggle to extract the minerals from the ground.

In 2016, four Yis speakers came to Wewak to receive training in the Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) workshops. With multiple Yis dialects, each village needs to share the Bible stories amongst their own people. *As OBS finishes in 2017, how will God's Word continue to spread through OBS, among the adults as well as the children and young people who are the next generation of the church.*



## PRAYER ITEMS

- Pray that the women's ministries will continue to work well and reach out to others.
- Pray for dedicated pastors who will be committed to shepherding the churches. Often they are pulled in many other directions.
- One denomination currently has no building, so they are not meeting together. Pray that they can find a workable solution.
- Pray that the youth will desire to help in the churches. Many are currently struggling to do what is right and follow God's ways.