

SNAPSHOT

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OPERATION SNAP | DRAGON



Language Name: ■■■■■

Population: ■■■■■

Country: ■■■■■

Version: JESUS

Completion: February 2020



ROUGH ROADS

The ■■■■■ people live in the southern part of ■■■■■ in ■■■■■, ■■■■■. Strictly following traditional laws and customs, the ■■■■■ take pride in their culture. Those residing along the coast either farm seaweed or work as commercial fishermen. Traveling further inland, many of the ■■■■■ people farm cashews, corn, cassava, cacao, and in higher elevations, coffee. Because ■■■■■ is home to the largest deposit of natural asphalt, many ■■■■■ people work together, refining it.

Identifying strongly with ■■■■■ Islamic practices, the ■■■■■ people purify their hearts and souls from worldly desires and expectations. Purification does not prevent them from following Hindu and animistic traditions. Even with their ■■■■■ practices, they believe evil spirits cause illnesses, and helpful spirits can guide their hopes and dreams. They also believe God speaks through dreams, visions, and meditation.

PAVING THE WAY FOR JESUS

The ■■■■■ people have taken ownership of their translation by engaging the community, connecting with other believers, and figuring out future plans for the JESUS film. Twelve people, each one from a different denominational church, agreed that the ■■■■■ need a JESUS movie. Each person attending the One Day event committed to showing the film as often as possible, particularly during the Christmas and Easter holidays.

Translation of the ■■■■■ script started in October 2019. In the beginning, three mother-tongue translators worked together to complete the ■■■■■ script — a young woman and two men. Each was fluent in their language, but the young woman had previous Bible translation experience with a team of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Her experience was revered by both men, giving her respect unusual for ■■■■■ culture. The men agreed to change their salaries

because she understood translation practices and understood the ■■■■■ language better than either man.

Halfway through the translation process, one of the men quit, feeling unqualified to complete the draft. With two translators remaining to complete the script, the team finished ahead of schedule.

A TWO-HOUR ROAD

On February 9, 2020, Operation Snap Dragon's recording team arrived in ■■■■■. ■■■■■, another language closely related to ■■■■■, was also recorded here. Scouting a few locations and finding nothing suitable, the team asked if the building they previously used was available.

As they waited for an answer, they traveled to the other side of ■■■■■ to audition voice actors. The two-hour drive meant they needed to find all the actors before returning to ■■■■■. Many people auditioned, and the team carefully chose the right voice for each character. Two days later, the team and several voice actors returned to ■■■■■ to begin recording the ■■■■■ language.

With very few complications, the recording finished in 10 days, on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Reviewing the film the next day, with many from the community, the newly dubbed film was complete. Everyone agreed the recording accurately told the story of Jesus in the ■■■■■ language.

HOW YOU CAN PRAY

- *We ask you, Lord, to help the ■■■■■ understand your desire to relate to them as your children, and not slaves.*
- *Jesus, will you open the eyes of the unbelieving ■■■■■ that they would come to know you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life?*
- *May the JESUS film be used to change the hearts and lives of the ■■■■■ people.*