

SNAPSHOT



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Language Name: [REDACTED]
Population: [REDACTED]
Country: [REDACTED]
Version: JESUS
Completion: December 2019



MINING THE TRUTH

The [REDACTED] people reside in [REDACTED], an island in [REDACTED]. The name [REDACTED] itself means “tin” in Sanskrit because this area was once abundant in tin mining. [REDACTED] comes from the word billitonite, meaning “black meteorite,” in [REDACTED].

The government restricts tin extraction without proper permission. People living here lack employable skills; as a result, they depend on mining for their livelihood. Today tin mining is slowly being replaced by fishing.

Hundreds of mosques on the island give the impression all [REDACTED] follow Islam. But many [REDACTED] practice Buddhism and Confucianism, while a small minority follow Jesus. Even those practicing Islam are not orthodox Muslims, being lenient about requirements, such as meeting at the mosque during regular prayer times.

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

Operation Snap Dragon engages each community in the ACTS process: *Active Community Transformation Strategy*. [REDACTED] participants, during a One Day Event, expressed their desire to broadcast the film via satellite television to reach many in their communities. They also shared their plans to develop screenings in churches, homes, and sharing the film with friends and family.

Stakeholders attending the translation launch in [REDACTED] in July 2019 expressed their concerns over choosing the right dialect. [REDACTED] language speakers in the cities use the [REDACTED] dialect. The rural communities tend to favor the [REDACTED] dialect. These believers felt the majority of [REDACTED] resided far from the city church's influence, living in rural villages.

After agreeing to the appropriate dialect, the translators completed their draft, and a consultant checked the script in November of 2019, agreeing it was ready to record.

RECORDING FOR THE [REDACTED] PEOPLE

Operation Snap Dragon teams embrace the challenge of translating and recording the seemingly impossible languages. This was the case for [REDACTED], which proved very difficult, particularly in recruiting voice actors. The women who speak [REDACTED] were instrumental not only in translation, but also in finding voice actors. Very few followers of Jesus were available for the recording, which meant the team selected a few Buddhist believers—providing the team with a unique opportunity to share Jesus.

With the recording finished, the team prepared to review the film. Over 25 people came, excited to see and hear *JESUS* in [REDACTED]. Each person was watching and listening intently to each word, connected with the message of God's love. In the end, everyone agreed that the film clearly expressed the message of Jesus in the [REDACTED] language.

Today the [REDACTED] can reach others in their community with the message of Jesus—in their heart language!

HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR [REDACTED]

- *Pray the church in [REDACTED] will be influential in the transformation of the culture, spreading the love of Jesus.*
- *May God open the eyes of the [REDACTED] people, turning from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. God, let these people see Jesus as the light of the world.*
- *Pray the [REDACTED] people will be shown the way to Jesus.*