

The Southern Awyu of Indonesia

There are some 9,340 speakers of the South Awyu language. Their homeland is in the swampy southern portion of Papua, Indonesia at an elevation below 100 meters above sea level. Fortunately, there is an airport in Bade and therefore the area can be best reached by airplane. Then a taxi can be hired on the road to the La river (along which most of the other South Awyu villages are located) via the town of Mememu.

The South Awyu people primarily live by hunting and gardening, but the people also raise some cattle. They eat sago, fish, yams and fruits (i.e. oranges, bananas, and jackfruit). The main infrastructure in the area is in Bade. Besides the airport and road, there are also SSB radios, local & satellite telephones, and evening electricity. The people get their drinking water from springs, wells, or the river. Malaria, skin diseases, cholera are some of the main diseases in the area.

Both South Awyu and Indonesian are used at home, with friends, and at church. Many churches also use songs written in the South Awyu vernacular. It is estimated that less than 50% of the South Awyu speakers have understood the gospel, but there are a number of Catholic churches in the area and the priest for the surrounding area lives in Bade. The South Awyu people have no gospel cassettes, films or videos in their language.

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Primary Religion:

Christian

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

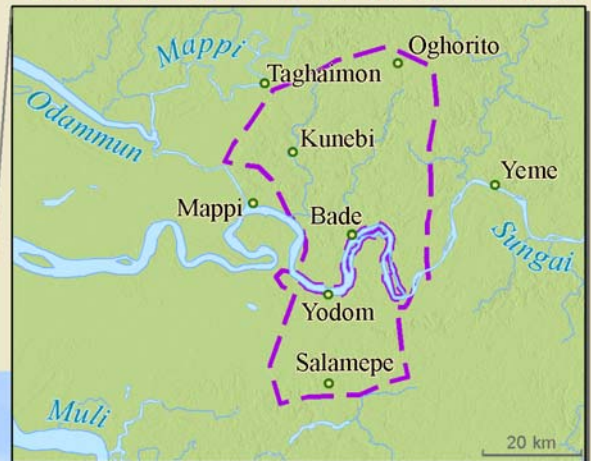
None

Population (date):

9,340 (2002)



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Call Themselves Christian (%)	< 50%	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	The Word of God is not translated	
Population All Countries		Group Description
World Population For This People	9,340	
World Population (Date)	2002	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Indonesia	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Papua Indonesia	
Ecosystem Type	Tropical Forest	
Geological Type	Swampy	
Elevation	1-100 meters	
Longitude	140 degrees east	
Latitude	7 degrees south	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Primary Language	Awyu, South	
Literacy		Group Description
Publications In Vernacular	Some songs	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Hunter-gatherers	
Occupation	Raise cattle	
Modernization / Utilities	SSB radio, line and satellite telephone.	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Poor	
Diet (Quality)	Poor	
Water (Quality)	Fair	
Electricity	Provided only in the evening	
Transportation	Airplane, boat and taxi	
Education		Group Description
Secondary Schools	3	
Language Of Instruction Early Years	Indonesian	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	Indonesian	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	Indonesian	
Language Of Textbooks Later Years	Indonesian	
Comment (Education)	There are two junior high schools and one high school.	
Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Adopted	
Reached Classification	Unevangelized	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	Possible	

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Item Name

Available Scripture

Item Note

None

Missions and Churches

Organization Name

Roman Catholic Church

Status of Christianity