

Dodoth



LOCATION: The Dodoth cluster of the Karamojong live in the region of Karamoja in northeastern Uganda. They are mostly present in Kaabong District



POPULATION: 822,000

PROGRESS: few Christians

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS: portions

CHARACTERISTICS: Historically, the Dodoth have been marginalized and ignored. This isolation is brought about by their reputed fierceness. The Dodoth consider cattle as royalty. A man's success and status are measured by livestock. There have been high levels of internal conflict and cattle raiding leading the Dodoth to be widely feared. Modern firearms worsened these raids. There is a general lack of development due to raiding activities and a resistance to agriculture.



Manyatta for the cattle and small huts used by families

The Dodoth are communal. They stay in manyattas, well fenced arenas with huts made of small trees and roofed with grasses. These manyatta have a large number of inhabitants. Men normally move around looking for pasture and water for their animals. Literacy is about 20%. Less than 3% have access to sanitation facilities and less than 50 % have access to safe drinking water. Malnutrition rates are above emergency thresholds.

BELIEFS AND SPIRITUALITY: The Dodoth are a religious people, believing in spirits and many gods. They believe in a supreme god called Akuj. Akuj is mysterious, aloof and capricious. He is responsible for bringing evil into the world as well as good. Some Dodoth view Christianity as just another way to protect oneself from evil or to bring prosperity. They hold traditional beliefs in mysterious powers, spiritual beings and divinations. Generally, elders appeal to Akuj on behalf of the people and offer sacrifices to appease the spirits. Those who begin to follow Jesus are ostracized and persecuted when they do not take part in worship at shrines or ritual sacrifices. This behavior is felt to put the whole community at risk.



Members of Frontier Mission Team with local Dodoth standing near their storage facility for sorghum used to make alcohol.

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION & PLATFORM

You will work with a local Ugandan mission agency called Frontier Mission Team staying at their facility in Lotim. Ministry work begins with prayer walking while learning language and culture. You are looking for open doors, persons of peace and bridges for the Gospel in this people group. Opportunities for compassion ministry will enhance your engagement with the people. All this work will be done as you build interpersonal relationships among the Karamojong. As relationships are established, discipleship (using Discovery Bible Study methods) can begin even before they have come to follow Christ. Since this is a very communal society, you will encourage them to share their questions and what they are learning with family and close friends. You will look for platforms and opportunities for other field partners to join you in reaching the Karamojong people. You will look for resources, networks and opportunities for partnerships with other organizations and individuals as you develop strategies for multiplying movements among the Karamojong.

Available Platform: Internship with Frontier Mission Team

If you are a follower of Christ, have a heart for those who have not yet been reached, are ready and willing to relocate and learn a second language, are excited to build a team in the field with people from other cultures and if you are ready to respond to God's call to go, we are ready to send you.

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