

PRAY FOR THE **KONONGO** OF TANZANIA



Have you ever played the game Twenty Questions? My family plays a version of it that we like to call, “what movie am I thinking of?” The way it works is one member of the family thinks of a movie that they know everyone in the family has seen. Then the rest of the family asks questions about the movie until they can make a guess. The questions usually start off broad like, “is the movie animated?”, “do animals talk?”, “do the characters sing?” I think you get the idea. It’s pretty fun. It’s come in handy on long car rides, waiting for food at a restaurant, or layovers at airports.

In the east African country of Tanzania, there is a people group who number 138,000, called the Konongo. Very little is known about the Konongo except that they primarily practice African traditional religion and they are considered unreached with the gospel. The IMB still needs to research Konongo locations, culture, and beliefs to determine the best ways to share the gospel with them.

Let’s pray for the Konongo people. Can you imagine how frustrating it would be to play “what movie am I thinking of” and you’re trying to answer questions about a movie you’ve never seen? That round would feel a bit pointless, right? How then can we pray for a people group that we know so little about? Maybe we can start with these questions: Do we know where the Konongo live? Yes. Do we know they need to hear the gospel? Yes. Do we know, in order for them to hear, someone needs to go preach? Yes. Do we know much more about them? No. Should we even concern ourselves with an unreached people group that we know so little about? YES! Are they a mystery to God? NO! Have they been created by God for a purpose? YES! Does God want His followers to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations?” YES! Did He promise He will be with us always to the end of the age? Yes.



Don’t forget to pray for the Konongo children, too! Here’s one more question for you (I think I’m still under 20), but this time I’m going to let you answer. Can a child hear about an unreached people group, pray for them with their family or church, and become so burdened for this group that they grow up and get to be the one who goes to that group to share the gospel with them for the first time?

