

PRAY FOR THE
NGONGO
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO



Do you remember learning how to read? Perhaps you're learning to read now! Maybe you've already learned, but you can't quite remember all the hours you spent learning letter sounds, sounding out words, reading words together to make a sentence, and everything else it took to get you to the point that you are at today. Instead, maybe you just remember a reading game, or a Dr. Seuss book you read over and over again until you practically memorized it (I bet you were super good at reading that book). Few of us grownups remember how much work went into learning to read but it's something we do nearly every day. Did you know, though, that there are a lot of adults who have never learned to read and a lot of children who never will?



There is an unreached, unengaged people group in the Democratic Republic of the Congo called the Ngongo. This group of about 200,000 live in the very fertile lands and forests of central DRC. Like many of the people groups around them, many Ngongo identify themselves as Roman Catholic although their form of Catholicism is heavily mixed with cultural religious practices not found in the Bible. There is no written Scripture in their language, but last year a group of six committed followers of Christ began learning stories from the Bible so they could share them as accurately as possible, since so many Ngongo could not read the Scriptures even if they had it. These six recruited and trained 25 others to join in their work!

The gospel is not just good news for people who can read. If that were so, the approximately 350 MILLION adults living in Sub-Saharan Africa would be left out. Pray for the small group of Ngongo believers who are working hard to understand the Bible so that they can share it in their heart language with the Ngongo as closely to the written Word as possible. Pray that God would open hearts to believe and send more laborers into this harvest.



Don't forget to pray for the Ngongo children, too! Pray that they will have opportunities to learn to read so that one day they might be able to read the Bible. Pray that they hear these gospel stories that are being told and share them with their friends. Chances are, some of these kids will never learn to read, but that doesn't mean they can't hear the gospel and believe. Let's pray that they do!