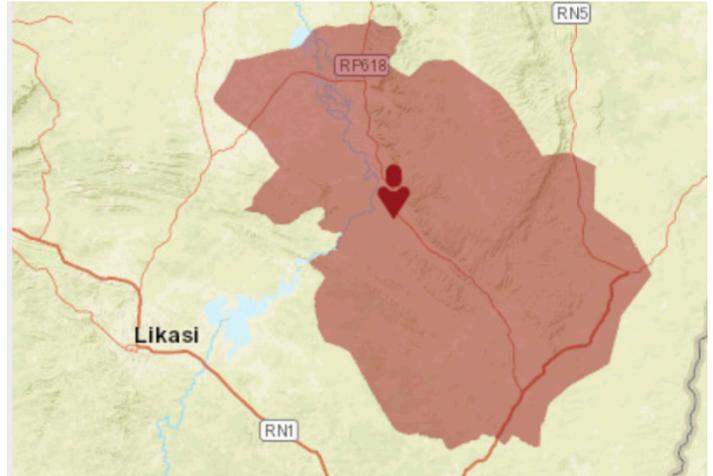


PRAY FOR THE SEBA

OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



Have you ever heard of an okapi? Go on and take a guess. I'll wait. Did you guess a hut made out of sticks and mud? A creature from Star Wars? An ancient civilization? An animal that looks like a cross between a giraffe and a zebra? If you guessed the animal, you were right! An okapi is an African animal that is in the giraffe family, but it has zebra-like stripes and is closer to zebra in size. This hard to spot animal prefers to be all alone, hidden deep in the forests of the Democratic Republic of Congo. For centuries the okapi was a mystery to the few who stumbled upon one. You can imagine what sort of stories and ideas explorers had about the okapi. It's pretty hard to learn the truth about something that's difficult to find and tucked away in an area that's hard to get to.



There is an unreachable, unengaged people group that live in the southeastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Like the people groups around them they mostly practice African traditional religion. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact location where the Seba live. Although Christian work is happening among other people groups in the general area, the IMB does not know if anyone is actively sharing the gospel among the Seba. From what we can tell, there are NO Bible translations, NO gospel recordings, and NO "Jesus" film available in the Seba language.

Pray now that God would make a way for the Seba people of the DRC to return to Him through Christ. They are lost in their sin and separated from God. They are also hard to find, hard to get to, and hard to know. Just like so little was known about the okapi for a long, long, time, little is known to us about the Seba. Pray that God gives us glimpses and clues into this people group so that we might discover how to reach them with the gospel. Pray also that the national believers that might encounter the Seba will be compelled to boldly share the gospel with their neighbors.

Don't forget to pray for the Seba children, too! The DRC might seem so far away and foreign to you. You might think that a land home to gorillas, elephants, and okapi sounds more like a great adventure book more than real life. But there are real, live, wonderfully unique peoples living in this land, and as far away as they might be from you, they are not too far to bring them before God in prayer. Just think about it! Before this moment you might not have ever heard of an okapi and probably have never heard of the Seba. But now, because someone told you, you know a little something about them. Do you think maybe God wanted you to learn about the Seba for a specific purpose? Pray now that the Seba children will get to hear about the God of all creation, who made them, knows them, and loves them so much that He sent His own Son to die on their behalf so that they might have new life and have it more abundantly.

