

# THE GBANDI FILM TEAM OF LIBERIA

"I believe many people would put their faith in Jesus Christ if only they could hear about him. We want to make the *JESUS* film increasingly available to unreached people groups and to the local bodies of believers who are trying to reach them. I challenge you to consider being a part of The *JESUS* Film ministry. Together, we can make great strides towards the goal of sharing Jesus with everyone everywhere in his or her own language."

Jack Robertson,  
National Director  
The *JESUS* Film Project, Canada



## BACKGROUND

Along with the Mende and the Loko indigenous tribes, the Gbandi, or Bandi, belong to the Mande people cluster. Gbandi speakers are also found in Guinea. The Gbandi are estimated at 70,800. In Liberia, they are located in the Lofa County, in the northwest part of the country.

The Gbandi are mostly farmers. They are a hardworking people and they live according to the customs and traditions set by their ancestors. Their villages are small and compact, led by a village headman who offers sacrifices to ancestral spirits and acts as judge over the village.

According to a Southern Baptist Convention website, 68% of the Gbandi of Liberia and Guinea have never heard a clear presentation of the gospel and have never been given the opportunity to receive Christ. They adhere to African Traditional Religion and live in fear of witches, sorcerers and their gods. Access to their villages is very difficult because of very poor road conditions, and they have been living in the war zone for years.

Bible portions were first published in Gbandi in 1954. The complete Bible has not been published. The *JESUS* film in Gbandi will be a very effective tool in evangelizing this tribe who are steeped in traditional religion and bound by ignorance and fear of the spirit world. It will point them to the Supreme God of creation who revealed Himself in Jesus Christ.

## KEY MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- ❖ Your joy and vision for reaching the lost will increase as you hear reports of people coming to Christ through the *JESUS* film showings.
- ❖ Thousands of people can be reached quickly and effectively through the trained, in country film teams.
- ❖ Mission agencies seeking to reach out to and minister to a language group can benefit by use of the film now and for years to come.

**Population**  
**70,800**

**Major Economic**  
**Activities**  
**Agriculture**

**Religion**  
**African**  
**Traditional**



In order to accomplish the goal of helping to fulfil the Great Commission, we invite you to consider providing the funding for the **distribution** of the *JESUS* film in the Gbandi language. Your investment could enable 70,800 people to hear and see *JESUS* in their heart language, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

## The Gbandi Film Team of Liberia

**For a total investment of \$100,383 you can help distribute the Gbandi *JESUS* film in Liberia.**

Your investment includes the following:

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- Distribution costs to enable this indigenous film team to operate for 3 years.\*

FIRST YEAR .....\$40,983  
Includes salaries, training, transportation, equipment set, premier & follow-up expenses.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR ..... \$59,400

**TOTAL ..... \$100,383**

**FOLLOW-UP:**

- Follow up strategy in partnership with Faith Comes by Hearing (FCBH). This is a scripture listening program that has been proven effective in discipleship and church planting particularly among the world's poor and illiterate people groups.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- The option to complete your pledge over a 2 or 3 year period is available.
- You may send your cheque payable to "The *JESUS* Film Project", P.O. Box 300, Stn. A, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2X3. Please indicate your project name "**Gbandi FT of Liberia**".
- Other giving methods: credit card (please call toll-free 1-800-563-1106)

\* To recruit, train, and equip a film team and then utilize that team to reach an entire language group requires a substantial commitment in time and effort by our foreign partners. We therefore request that when a financial commitment to support a film team is made, that it be of at least three year's duration.

The *JESUS* Film Project, Canada intends to use all funds designated for this project in this project. However, if this project is no longer viable or if the financial needs of this project (including administrative and logistical costs) have been fully met, your gift made and received for this project may be used by The *JESUS* Film Project in its other charitable activities to reach people for Christ