

THE KELE (LOKELE) OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

"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



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BACKGROUND

The Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire, is a vast country located in Central Africa. It has one of the richest reserves of natural resources in the world. Unfortunately, years of abusive military and dictatorial rule after its independence from Belgium in 1960, as well as economic mismanagement and a civil war, have left the Congolese economy in shambles.

The Kele or Lokele people are one of approximately 200 ethnic groups of the DRC. A Bantu-speaking tribe estimated at 160,000, they live predominantly on the south bank of the Congo River, between Kisangani and Isangi.

Part of the Bible was first published in Kele in 1903, while the New Testament was first published in 1918. The complete Bible has not been published. According to the Joshua Report, the Kele who consider themselves Christian are mostly nominal Protestants, and not what one might define as evangelical. Traditional beliefs are still prevalent.

The *JESUS* film in this language will help free many who are bound by ignorance, nominal Christianity, or a mix of pagan and Christian beliefs. It will provide a highly effective resource and wonderful tool of evangelism to local churches and agencies wanting to reach out to the Kele.

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 outreach 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.



In order to accomplish the goal of helping to fulfil the Great Commission, we invite you to consider providing the funding of the *JESUS* film in the Lokele language. Your investment could enable approximately 160,000 people to hear and see *JESUS* in their heart language, perhaps for the first time in their lives.

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For a total investment of \$161,650 you can adopt the Lokele People Group in the DRC.

Your investment includes the following:

PRODUCTION:

- Research, script translation, recording of the film and its post-production.

DISTRIBUTION:

- Distribution costs to enable this indigenous film team to operate for 3 years.*
- Distribution costs include salaries, training, equipment set, transportation and follow-up expenses.

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 "**Lokele of the DRC**".
- 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.