



THE NDRUNA (NGITI) FILM TEAM 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

**Population
100,000**

**Bible has not
been published**

**Religion
Protestantism**

BACKGROUND

The Ndruna, also known as Ngiti or Lendu-Sud, have an estimated population of 100,000. Speakers call their language Ndruna. Along with other ethnic groups, namely the Alur, Hema, Lendu, Bira and Okebo, they live in the Orientale Province, in the region of Ituri. When raging ethnic rivalries broke out in this eastern region of the DRC beginning in 1999, the Ndruna fought alongside the Lendu in violent clashes similar to the genocide between the Hutus and the Tutsis in Rwanda a few years earlier. In the centre of Ituri District, the Lendu (a Sudanic ethnic group) was pitted against the northern Hema (or Gerere), while in southern Ituri, the Ndruna were pitted against the southern Hema. The two Hemas were allied against the Lendu and the Ndruna.

Christianity was brought to the Congo by Portuguese explorers in 1482. The Catholic Church enjoyed a privileged status during the colonial period. Up until the first half of the 20th century, there was a great discrepancy between Catholic and Protestant missions. According to Operation World, over 95% of the Congolese are said to be either Catholic or Protestant, but traditional Congolese worldview remains intact. Hence, members of a specific Christian denomination may still hold on to these beliefs and practices of indigenous religious systems. According to Joshua Project, Protestantism is more prevalent among the Ndruna, but Evangelicals account for less than 1% of the population.

The Bible has not been published in Ndruna. The *JESUS* film in this language will help free many who are bound by ignorance and nominal Christianity. It will provide hope and anchor to a very traumatized people, especially the children soldiers, who have seen or taken part in the violence. The Ndruna need to know that there is a Saviour who can turn people’s lives around, bring peace to whole communities and heal their land in the aftermath of many atrocities.

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 for the **distribution** of the *JESUS* film in the Ndruna (Ngiti) language. Your investment could enable 100,000 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 \$148,400 you can help distribute the Ndruna (Ngiti) *JESUS* film in the DRC.

Your investment includes the following:

DISTRIBUTION:

- Distribution costs to enable this indigenous film team to operate for 3 years.*
- Distribution costs include salaries, training, equipment set, transportation (vehicle) & 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 "**Ndruna FT 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.