

THE SENGELE 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



BACKGROUND

The Sengele people are one of the approximately 200 ethnic groups of the DRC. They are one of the biggest Bantu-speaking tribes categorized under the name of Mongo, named after a man from whom they claim descent. Along with the Kongo, the Luba and the Mangbetu-Azande, the Mongo comprise one of the four principal tribes in the DRC.

With an estimated population of 20,000, Sengele speakers reside mainly in Bandundu, one of the country's ten provinces. They are found west of Lake Mai-Ndombe. Very little seems to be written about this people group.

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.

Part of the Bible has been published in Sengele. 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 Sengele.

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.

Population
20,000

Located
Bandundu
Province

Practise
Indigenous
Religious Beliefs



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 Sengele language. Your investment could enable 20,000 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 \$162,000 you can adopt the Sengele People Group in the DRC.

Your investment includes the following:

PRODUCTION: (BALANCE)

- 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 for you 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 "**Sengele 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.