

Saaroa in Taiwan



What is a dying language? It is a language with few adult speakers and no speakers in the younger generation. The Saaroa language of Taiwan fits into the endangered language category. Fewer than a dozen older adults speak Saaroa and no child or young person can speak the language. Young Saaroa people are learning Mandarin and Bunun. Bunun people have moved into the mountain valleys where the tiny group of Saaroa live.

Ministry Obstacles

The Saaroa live in an isolated area in the mountains of Taiwan. The ancient animistic belief system of the Saaroa is not compatible with biblical Christianity.

Outreach Ideas

Christian linguists can go to the Saaroa and attempt to save their endangered language. Some young people may be willing to learn the language of their grandparents. Teams can also bring modern medicine to the two Saaroa villages.

Pray for the Church

We know of few if any believers among the Saaroa. There is a church in the Bunun group who are gradually



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POPULATION: 300

LANGUAGE: Bunun

RELIGION: Other / Small

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

absorbing the Saaroa people. Pray Bunun believers would reach out to their Saaroa neighbors and share the good news of Jesus. Pray that each Saaroa person would have the opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the gospel in a way he or she can understand. Pray for a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. Psalm 81:11-12, ESV

PRAY *that this will be the year when this people group stops following their own stubborn desires and begins to follow the Lord.*