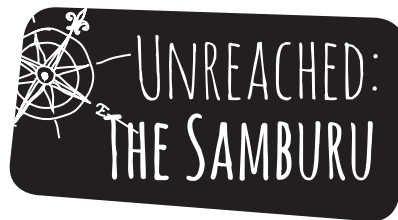


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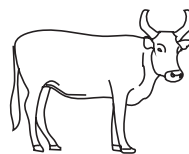
Who are the Samburu?

The Samburu are a semi-nomadic people living in the arid areas between Mount Kenya and Lake Turkana in central northern Kenya. They number nearly 240,000 people. Traditionally the Samburu are a pastoralist community that depends heavily on cattle, sheep, goats and occasionally camels. They are related to the better-known Maasai people. Their culture is set up in a way that encourages a strong adherence to its traditions. Samburu people are generally friendly and hospitable, however, it is difficult for them to leave their traditions and shift their loyalty to Jesus.

They live north of the equator in Samburu District, Kenya.

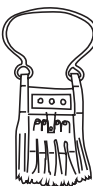


They adorn themselves with necklaces, bracelets and anklets, like the Maasai.



The Samburu are semi-nomadic pastoralists who herd mainly cattle.

The name 'Samburu' is derived from the word 'Samburu' which is a leather bag they use to carry things.



What do they believe?

Most Samburu practise their traditional religion, which focuses on their multi-faceted divinity (Nkai). It is not uncommon for children and young people, especially women, to report visions of Nkai. A few children gain a reputation for prophecy throughout their lives. Samburu also have ritual diviners, called 'loibonok', who divine the causes of individual illnesses and misfortune, and guide warriors. Although ritual life focuses especially on cattle, other livestock figure in ceremonies.

What is being done to reach them?

Recent years have seen the fast growth of a variety of Christian churches, but the congregations are often small and the really committed members are few. Typically the remote areas have been left behind and remain very traditional and mostly unreached. In 2014, a Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team arrived to live and work in Lchakwai, led by Martin & Joy Koch (Germany) and including Frazer Mayhew (UK).

Give thanks:

- * For the growth of churches among the Samburu and especially for those believers who are truly committed to following Jesus.
- * For the dedication and love shown by the TIMO team working amongst the Samburu.
- * For the children's clubs that the TIMO team have run to share the gospel with the young people. Pray that seeds sown would take root.

Please pray:

- * That the team would continue to grow in understanding of Samburu language and culture and that the skills that they have already would build bridges with the community.
- * That God would open the hearts of many to respond to the gospel and to break with their traditional religion; there is a tendency to follow culture and tradition when a conflict occurs between culture and Christian teaching.
- * For more boys and men to turn to Christ; in areas where churches are coming up, it is mostly women and children (especially girls) who attend the services.
- * For male believers to show greater unity; it seems that men find it difficult to work together in cooperation and mutual submission for an extended time.

About AIM

Africa Inland Mission is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work amongst African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a life-time of ministry.

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