

C Puzzle – The Feasts

The Israelites were instructed to observe various feast days. Look up the verses below in Leviticus 23 and fill in the gaps to find the names of some of these feasts. Then fit them in the grid. One has already been done for you.

v 5: In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's _____.

v 6: And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

v 10: When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the _____ of your harvest

v 24: In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of _____, an holy convocation.

v 27: Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of _____: it shall be an holy convocation unto you

v 34: The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of _____ for seven days unto the LORD.



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A The Dan-Gio Translators

We often hear about godly men from history who suffered greatly to translate and spread the Bible. However, not all lived so long ago: Mr and Mrs Tom Jackson, missionaries in Liberia (West Africa) who worked on translating the Bible into Dan-Gio, faced many difficulties and trials while translating the Word of God.

Although he was born in England, Mr Jackson grew up in a log cabin in northern Saskatchewan, Canada. The cold winter mornings in Saskatchewan were very different from the hot and humid summers in Liberia.

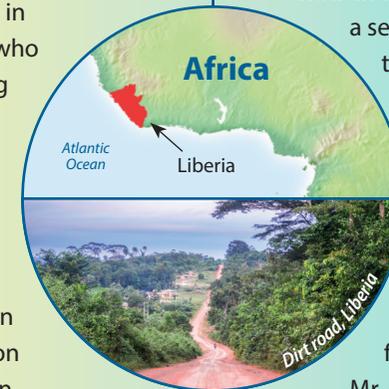
During his time in college, Mr Jackson came to believe that the Lord wanted him to go to Africa as a missionary. An organisation sent him to Liberia to work among the Dan people—a tribe sometimes also called the Gio. He set out for Liberia in 1941 and met Billie,

the woman who would become his wife, while aboard the ship.

When he first arrived in Liberia most of the Dan villagers had never heard a sermon before. Some of the people wanted to listen to his preaching but were afraid of their tribal gods and witch doctors. But in time, some of the ladies left their food on the cooking fire and came to listen.

Mr Jackson believed that the Lord used the preaching to turn some of the people to Him.

In June 1986 Tom wrote, 'I thought how different our church meeting would be to yours. The women came first with their little brooms made of palm leaves and swept the place under the shade of a tree. The folk gathered round: an old man, a child or two, then some women and then some young men, then a pig and a chicken and a goat. They sang



with not much blast, but it was a song with a good message. Then I gave each a slip of paper with John 3.5 written on it and we learned it by going over and over it ... and I spoke to them’.

Most of the Dan people could not read and did not have a Bible in their own language. Mr Jackson helped to start schools and as his Dan-Gio language skills improved he also began translating the Gospel according to Matthew.

Translating the Word of God accurately is hard work. Mr Jackson could not devote all his time to translating because he had to teach in the Bible college and help build houses and chicken coops. It took him and his helpers forty years to finish translating the New Testament! Mrs Billie Jackson died of cancer in 1978. Mr Jackson remarried and he and his new wife, June, worked on translating the Old Testament.

In May 1981 ninety-six boxes of New Testaments reached the village in

which Mr Jackson worked. In one of his many letters, he wrote of the delight on

the faces of people as they received the New Testaments. Some years later Mr Jackson wrote a letter to TBS. He knew that his knowledge of the Dan language had improved and



The Dan-Gio translation team in 2010

that the 1981 New Testament needed to be revised. That revision and the translation of the Old Testament are currently underway.

In 1989 a brutal civil war broke out in Liberia. More than 250,000 people died in the fighting and many fled to neighbouring countries. Mr Jackson could no longer preach; he could only speak to a few people at a time. One day in March 1990 a rebel officer came to the Jackson home and had a meal with the Jacksons. He told them to stay put and they would be safe.

However, the next day the army made Mr and Mrs Jackson leave in their car. They ran into an ambush and rebels opened fire on the car. Mrs Jackson died instantly. Mr Jackson managed to get out of the vehicle. He prayed for the rebel soldiers and then died in the arms of the officer who he had had a meal with the previous day.

Although times have changed since William Tyndale died at the stake for translating the Bible into English, some more recent Bible translators live in troubled places and experience many hardships, even death, in order to translate and spread the Word of God.

Gizea zonu, Wódeedè,
wódeedè á pè ɥ lò nɛɛ,
Ayé wáá mē kpó yí
wāã Zùù káɛ, e kà mò
dasùà Aabia òusè gú.

John 3.5
in Dan-Gio



B About the Bible – Leviticus

Leviticus is the third book of the Bible. It is a book about God’s laws and instruction for how to worship Him. It details the sacrifices, the role of the Levites, the feasts that should be observed and laws for holy living. It makes it clear that the Lord is a holy, righteous God and punishes sin with death. God is also a merciful God and demonstrated to the people that to dwell with a Holy God they must have their sins forgiven. He would accept a substitute—the death of another instead of the death of the sinner—illustrated in the sacrifice of an animal. The sacrifice pointed to the ultimate sacrifice: the death of Christ.

1 We read throughout Leviticus about the holiness of God. Write out Leviticus 11.45.

2 The first seven chapters of Leviticus told the Israelites how to offer sacrifices to God. Some of these sacrifices are listed below. Look up the verses and write the name of the offering beside it. The first one has been done for you.

- a Leviticus 1.4 Burnt offering
- b Leviticus 2.1 _____
- c Leviticus 4.3 _____
- d Leviticus 5.15 _____
- e Leviticus 7.30 _____

3 Now write out Hebrews 9.27–28.

