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## The people:

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They herd cattle and grow crops such as sorghum and maize. They use the hoe to cultivate the land; they learned how to use hoes from SIM missionaries. The hoes allowed them to enlarge their ponds to save rainwater to give them water during droughts.

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### Prayer Points

- Pray for the Ethiopian churches in the diaspora and in Ethiopia to mobilize their people & resources to reach the Tsamai for Christ.
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- Pray for translation of the Bible to begin in the Tsamai language.
- Pray for the availability of the Jesus Film in the Tsamai language, as they have a very low literacy rate.

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And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear without someone preaching?  
And how are they to preach unless they are sent?  
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