

# STANDING *in the gap*

FOR THE PEOPLES OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



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Historically, the Salampasu (SA-la-m-PAH-sue) of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) were a feared people, warlike and thought to be cannibalistic. This persona could be due to the practice of filing their teeth to sharp points. Today the Salampasu, numbering over 160,000, are hunters and farmers. Located near the Angola–DRC border, where resources and public services are lacking, most Salampasu villages have no schools, clinics or churches. Salampasu are known for their masks, which play a role in rites and initiation ceremonies. They believe spirits dwell within these masks, making them barriers to the Gospel. However, God has a plan to redeem the Salampasu.

- Pray for believers willing to plant their lives in Salampasu villages, to learn their language, and to share the Gospel message through oral storytelling methods.
- Ask God to raise up persons of peace in Salampasu villages who will be ready to help those coming with the Gospel message.
- The masks are part of the cultural history of the Salampasu. Ask God to confront the Salampasu about their belief in the power of the masks.
- Pray the Salampasu would come to know Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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