

# Present Work

## Burunge New Testament Books (Tanzania)

The **Burunge** are a small group of approximately 13,000 people who are part of a cluster of ethnic groups in Tanzania known as the Southern Cushites.\* The people are proud of their language and are excited about the prospect of being able to read it and having the Scriptures. Some are already learning to read Burunge; the Gospel of Mark and some literacy materials have been published. Although the work is time-consuming and challenging, the team is thrilled about the progress they are making.

At present I'm working 'remotely' with the Burunge team, by email and via the Internet, to publish three more New Testament books: **Acts**, **James** and **Revelation**. These will be printed in separate booklets as *trial versions*, to see how people respond to the printed word. If the selection of books seems odd, bear in mind that they all involve different types of material: narrative (Acts), a letter (James), and prophecy (Revelation).

*Please pray for continued good progress with this project, which we're hoping to complete by mid-April.*

\*For those who might feel that sounds familiar, Rendille is an Eastern Cushitic language. I can see some interesting similarities!



The Burunge team checking the book of Acts, Jan. 2010