

“AWAYO” LEADER’S GUIDE

by grateful inconvenience

“Deep in the mountainous jungle of West Papua lives the **Moi** (“moy”) tribe. Almost entirely isolated from the outside world, the Moi live the most primitive life imaginable. This is the story of one Moi man, **Awayo**. Though he lives in an indigenous, remote tribe, Awayo’s life is anything but simple. Riddled with pain, murder & deception, life in the Moi tribe was spent in constant fear. There was no hope. Then something happened that shook the foundation of Awayo’s life.”

“Awayo” was filmed on location, in partnership with **New Tribes Mission** (<http://ntm.org>) in the fall of 2008. Based on a true story, this film highlights many of the aspects of NTM’s work abroad. As you watch this short film, you will catch very quickly that this isn’t your typical Mini-Movie. In fact, “Awayo” might *not* be suitable for all audiences because of it’s graphic reality and intense plot. However, the message is clear, challenging & best of all, **TRUE!**

This is a great film to show your church congregation, especially when there is a “**missional**” **emphasis** in your gathering’s purpose. Though it features an NTM work, the message is broad enough to apply to any setting. Use it to inspire your congregation and to reinforce your own missions work.

WHY DO I HAVE TWO VERSIONS?

“Awayo” comes in two versions for a few reasons.

- 1) “**Subtitles**”: This features Awayo’s own voice in the Moi tribal language and contains subtitles. If your projection screens are bright & big enough & your audience can keep up with the subtitles, this version might be best for you. Think “Apocalypto” &
- 2) “Passion of the Christ”.
- 3) “**English Language**”: This version replaces Awayo’s voice with an English one; the subtitles are also removed. This one is definitely *easier* to watch, as there is no reading involved. If your projection screens are smaller and not as bright, the subtitles version might not be as readable, and so this version might be best for you.

Ultimately, we wanted you to have both versions and let you decide for yourself.

If “Awayo” was effective for you, you might want to check out our other mini-movie “[Changed](#)”, which also has a missional message and was filmed in the neighboring country of Papua New Guinea. And yes, there are more shorts like this coming in the future. To learn more about tribal missions & how your church can get involved, visit New Tribes Mission at <http://ntm.org/reach>.