Nafana Banda in Côte d'Ivoire



he Nafana Banda people are located along the Ivory Coast border. They speak Nafaanra, a tonal language. The people are predominantly farmers who grow yams and gourds as cash crops. They often migrate in a quest for a trade, education, a salaried job or even to escape witchcraft.

Ministry Obstacles

The Nafana Banda are put off by Christian prohibitions on drunkenness and polygamy. They are attracted to Muslim demonstrations of mutual loyalty and brotherly love but are put off by Islamic rules governing animal slaughter.

Outreach Ideas

Singing touches the hearts of the Nafana Banda. Mission workers can share God's truths by composing music with a gospel message.

Prayer Focus

Christians in this tribe have suffered some persecution, but such adversity can result in believers being purified in their faith. Pray that believers would grow in their understanding of the gospel of grace. The Bible and other resources are available in the



◀ = nah-FAH-nah BAHN-dah

POPULATION: 4,900 LANGUAGE: Nafaanra

RELIGION: Ethnic religions

BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

language of this tribe. Pray that workers would carry these resources to the people. Pray that the Nafana Banda would be won over by the God who can give them the peace to live harmoniously with neighboring tribes, as well as crops to sufficiently feed their people.

SCRIPTURE All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. Isa 66:2

PRAY for the Lord to give humility and a fear of Him to this people group that will lead to them being blessed beyond measure.

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