



Jahanka in Mali

The Jahanka are descended from the larger Soninke people group. They make up a specialized caste of professional Muslim clerics and teachers dating back to the fifteenth century. Because of their high prestige, they exercise a high degree of economic and religious influence among Soninke groups. Over time, many of the Jahanka have transitioned into agriculture, commerce, and other professions. They continue to value education and scholarship and are successful in business. They have become more urbanized through the decades.



Ministry Obstacles

They are far more orthodox and committed to Islam than just about any other people group in Africa. That means they are not open to ideas they seem to contradict Islam.

Outreach Ideas

There will be spiritual opposition when the gospel is presented to the Jahanka. The Lord can raise up his ambassadors who have faith and discernment to go to the Jahanka.

Prayer Focus

Pray for peace and justice in Mali.

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POPULATION: 9,100

LANGUAGE: Jahanka

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Translation Started

STATUS: Unreached

Pray for a full Bible and Christian radio. They especially need spiritual openness to the one, true savior. Pray for Jahanka elders to open the door for the gospel to go forth. Pray the Jahanka tribe will increasingly be drawn to Jesus when they see what he can do for their families and communities.

SCRIPTURE So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, Psalm 63:4-5

PRAY *that much praise reaches the heavens from this people group.*