Kanembu in Chad



Up until the 1200s, the Kanembu were the most powerful people group south of the Sahara Desert. Their empire rapidly declined during the 1500s. Today, rich natron deposits are scattered across more than 30,000 acres of Chad. They are found in salt mines, most of which the Kanembu people own. While most of the Kanembu are farmers, many earn a living by mining the natron. The Kanembu live in the desert region of northwestern Chad. Since the area receives less than 12 inches of rain per year, farming is very difficult.



The people speak Kanembu, a Kanuri language that has various dialects. Those who are literate read and write Arabic, which is taught in their Islamic schools. Only portions of the Bible are available in their language.

Outreach Ideas

Believers can use Global Recordings Network (GRN) recordings in the Kanembu language to help them to understand what Jesus did for them.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the few Kanembu believers would allow the light of the Holy



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POPULATION: 890,000
LANGUAGE: Kanembu
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Spirit to shine through them in such a way that others will be drawn to their Savior. Ask God to raise up strong local churches that will plant other churches among the Kanembu. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts towards Christ. Ask that they would be receptive to His teachings,

igniting a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. Psalm 65:8, ESV

PRAY May many from this people group stand in awe of the Lord's deeds and joyfully follow him.

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