Kanembu in Niger



p until the 1200s, the Kanembu were the most powerful people group south of the Sahara. They advanced their position by importing technology. Most Kanembu live in the desert region of northwestern Chad, just northeast of Lake Chad. Primarily farmers and stock breeders, many families keep small gardens in the fertile valleys or stream beds. The Kanembu have a stable social structure with each tribe having a tribal chief and religious leader. They often have large families.

Ministry Obstacles

The Islamic faith has long been the Kanembu's main religion. It may be difficult for new ideas to become more mainstream among them.

Outreach Ideas

Though they are Islamic, many of their religious ideals are already very similar to those who follow Jesus. Emphasizing similarities, not differences, could be key to reaching this people group.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the church finds a way to thrive and that it is accepted by the people. Pray that leaders are brought up in their communities. Pray that the



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POPULATION: 36,000

LANGUAGE: Kanembu

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Kanembu both in Chad and Niger have their needs met thrive spiritually under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Kanembu and lead them to the Rock. Ask the Lord to raise up a strong church planting movement among the Kanembu people in Niger and Chad.

SCRIPTURE Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. Isa 54:2

PRAY Use this verse to pray for the Lord to expand his house to include today's people group.