

Makonde in Mozambique



Traditionally a matrilineal society, Makonde children and inheritances belong to the women. They successfully resisted predation by African, Arab, and European slavers, and did not fall under colonial power until the 1920s. The Makonde like to carve household objects, figures and masks, and their traditional religious practices are an animistic form of ancestor worship. While this practice still continues, today the Makonde of Mozambique mainly subscribe to Islam, at least nominally.

Obstacles

The Makonde may not know real disciples of Jesus Christ who are obedient to him and live holy lives. They might have a tainted view of what followers of Christ are like.

Outreach Ideas

Pray for workers to take gospel recordings and other resources to the Makonde tribe. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare their hearts.

Prayer Focus

Pray Makonde Christian believers would become mature enough in the



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POPULATION: 583,000

LANGUAGE: Makonde

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

faith to represent Christ well and to make a positive impact in their tribe. Pray for an improved literacy rate among this tribe. Pray for Makonde disciples who will make more disciples who will make even more disciples.

SCRIPTURE At that time Jesus declared, I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children. (Matthew 11:25)

PRAY for this people group to humble themselves and come to trust in Christ as little children.