

Mandinka in Gambia



Mandinka society is divided into three divisions: free-born, artisans and slaves. Though once the free-born were only nobility, their ranks now include farmers, merchants and clergy. The majority of Mandinka are farmers. Mandinka villages are made up of clans, each sharing a family name. The religion practiced among the Mandinka is Islam, though it has been blended with their traditional beliefs, and few know what their rituals mean.

Ministry Obstacles

Because the Mandinka practice Islam, there may be resistance to the gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Since the Mandinka tend to look upon artisans with respectful fear (especially blacksmiths and leather workers), it may prove beneficial to teach through the arts. They are especially fond of music, and their griots (praise singers) among the Mandinka have even impacted the national anthems of four West African nations. Culturally appropriate gospel music can be an excellent evangelistic tool.

Prayer Focus

Pray for a strong church community to



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POPULATION: 1,070,000
LANGUAGE: Mandinka
RELIGION: Islam
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

be established among the Mandinka in Gambia. Pray for spiritual wisdom and favor for missionaries focusing on the Mandinka. Pray for Mandinka believers to have boldness and love to share the gospel with their families and neighbors.

SCRIPTURE I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. Psalm 138:2, ESV

PRAY *that many from this people group will delight in his promises, and seek his unfailing love.*

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