

Western Maninka in Senegal



All over West Africa, the Malinke (formerly a trading people) have become powerful merchants, civil servants, and religious leaders. In Senegal, they base their livelihood on agriculture and some animal husbandry. Malinke men sometimes set up or work for small, part-time businesses to supplement their incomes. Their houses are grouped according to family ties, with each extended family occupying a compound. The Malinke have many elaborate ceremonies associated with the different societies and initiation rites of their culture.



Ministry Obstacles

Sunni Islam blended with traditional beliefs (like magic and worshipping the spirits of the land) dominates the Malinke religious worldview. The Malinke seem extremely devoted to their traditional beliefs.

Outreach Ideas

Griots (praise singers) are important members of society because they are responsible for passing down the oral traditions and cultural heritage of the Malinke. Perhaps griots can meet Jesus and sing a new praise song.



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POPULATION: 1,571,000

LANGUAGE: Maninkakan, Western

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that God will thrust forth loving, long-term laborers. Ask the Lord to bring forth a vigorous Malinke church that will lead a movement to Christ.

SCRIPTURE For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to give new believers among today's people group victory their spiritual battles.

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