

Malinke in Senegal



Once a trade-based people, the Malinke have become a highly influential people, taking roles as powerful merchants and leaders in both civic and religious arenas. The roots of Malinke greatness and expansion can be traced back to the once great Mali Empire and the independence the Malinke gained in 1235. Many Malinke states and kingdoms were established as they migrated, and many settled in Senegal. Their houses are grouped into compounds by family ties, but recent trends have slightly weakened the extended family unit. Though they are Islamic, they have retained many of their traditional beliefs and often consult holy men for healing or insight into the future.

Ministry Obstacles

Christian resources are available to the Malinke, but they are extremely devoted to their own beliefs and do not see the need to depend on a savior.

Outreach Ideas

The symbolism of Christian ceremonies might interest the Malinke. Also, they seem interested in the supernatural. Stories of the miracles of Jesus might interest them, as well as demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit within their own villages.



POPULATION: 46,000

LANGUAGE: Malinke

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

Believers can take stories, skits, and songs to them.

Prayer Focus

Pray that all Malinke villages would be blessed by God. Pray that they would receive their invitations to be adopted into His family, and that those who respond would gather others as well.

SCRIPTURE I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on Him. I have put my hope in His word. Ps 130:5

PRAY *that they will put all their trust in Him alone!*