

Saramaccan in Suriname



The Saramaccan fought hard for their land rights, and in 2007, the Inter-American Court for Human Rights ruled to support their land rights. This moment serves as an inspiration to indigenous people all over the world who fight the same fight. The Saramaccan, descended from African slaves who escaped in the 17th and 18th centuries, speak Saramaccan, a mix of West African languages, English, and Portuguese. Many Saramaccan live along rivers.

Ministry Obstacles

Ancestors, forest spirits, and snake gods play roles in Saramaccan culture. These gods and spirits influence decisions regarding practical things, such as how to deal with theft and where to plant a garden. This animism can keep them from believing in and serving Jesus Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Because the Saramaccan practice horticulture, Jesus' parables of farming and sowing may speak to their hearts.

Prayer Focus

Saramaccan believers number about four percent of the population. Pray



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POPULATION: 32,000

LANGUAGE: Saramaccan

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

for them to spread Christ's fame throughout their community. Pray for the Saramaccan refugees in Guyana to thrive physically and spiritually. Pray that God would soften their hearts to Christ. Pray for Saramaccan believers to facilitate a movement to Christ among their people.

SCRIPTURE Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

PRAY for this people group to approach God's throne of grace and receive the mercy and grace found in Jesus Christ.

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