

Soninke in France



The Soninke people of West Africa were one of the first immigrant communities in France. Most Soninke men seek employment in hard labor jobs such as construction. Often single men live together in houses known as "foyers," and these foyers have given Soninke women an opportunity to run small businesses by cooking for these men. The women have organized themselves into groups where they contribute money to meet needs in their community. They also help with projects such as starting schools back in their villages in Africa. Soninke in France work hard so their children can have a higher education and have the chance of reaching professional status. Soninke are strong Muslims and maintain cultural ties in France. They rarely marry those outside their ethnic community.

Ministry Obstacles

Fear of being rejected by their families and community keeps Soninke people from accepting Christ.

Outreach Ideas

Those who follow Christ need to be diligent in finding opportunities to direct Soninke people to God's word, so they can find the only Savior. Believers need to befriend Soninke people in France and introduce them to their heavenly friend, Jesus Christ.



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POPULATION: 41,000

LANGUAGE: Soninke

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Soninkes in Africa and France would be open to Christ's answers for their lives and respond with love and devotion to him. Pray that believers would not grow weary in reaching out to Soninke people in France through Bible portions and the God's Way videos in the Soninke language.

SCRIPTURE But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in His wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. Mal 4:2

PRAY that this people group would fear the name of the Lord and experience His healing.