Soninke in Mali



The Soninke live in compact villages along the Senegal River where it enters the western border of Mali. Due to the influence of a large nomadic tribe known as the Fulani, the Soninke have become farmers and herdsmen. The Soninke have one of the highest rates of labor migration in West Africa. Much of the male population is absent from the home doing migrant work, which often lasts from two to four years.

Ministry Obstacles

Among all the Soninke in Mali, there are only a few believers. Those who put their trust in Jesus are severely persecuted by Muslims; therefore, evangelism is difficult.

Outreach Ideas

Believers can reach the men while they are in migrant camps. The JESUS Film and GRN materials can be useful. Those who are spiritually open can join Bible studies and discipleship groups.

Prayer Focus

Pray that God will give the small number of Soninke believers boldness to share Christ with their



POPULATION: 1,735,000

LANGUAGE: Soninke

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

own people. Ask the Lord to send forth laborers into Mali to share Christ with the Soninke. Pray that Christian broadcasts will soon be made available in their region. Ask the Lord to bring forth a vigorous Soninke church for the glory of His name!

SCRIPTURE O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. Ps 104:24

PRAY for God to speak to the hearts of members of this people group through the many wonders of nature.