



Banna in Ethiopia

The Banna are shepherds who live in the highlands of southwestern Ethiopia. They belong to a group of culturally distinct people known as the Sidamo. Although they are racially mixed with the Bushman hunters who originally inhabited the region, they do not have Bushman features. Some distinguish the Banna from the nearby Hamer tribe, but they are nearly identical in terms of language and culture.

Ministry Obstacles

The Banna are primarily located in the Gemu Gofa province, which is east of the Omo River and north of Lake Turkana. This area, called the Lower Omo region, has remained one of the least accessible parts of East Africa for missionaries. In addition to being hard to reach geographically, most Banna are also adherents of traditional religions.

Outreach Ideas

The New Testament is available in the Hamer-Banna language in both print and audio and the JESUS Film is also available.

Prayer Focus

There are a few Christians among the Banna. Pray for them to grow in the Lord and boldly share their faith with



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POPULATION: 48,000

LANGUAGE: Hamer-Banna

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: New Testament

STATUS: Unreached

their families and friends. Pray for loving and tenacious workers to go to the Banna people. Pray for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done among them. Pray for a movement of Banna households to study the Bible and accept the blessings of Christ.

SCRIPTURE Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, it shall be said to them, Children of the living God. Hos 1:10

PRAY *that soon the Banna will be His people!*