

# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets



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## Who are the Fulani people?

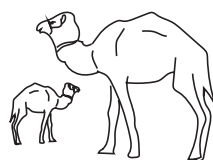
The Fulani in Western Niger are sometimes called “Gorgaabe”, meaning “People of the West”. The majority of them have settled in and around towns and cities in the Departments of Niamey and Dosso, some have become farmers, although owning cattle is still a key part of their ethnic identity. Fulani culture places a high value on self-control and on a certain stoicism which does not allow any demonstration of weakness. When one Fulani wants to express friendship towards another, he will lend him a cow. The person receiving the cow takes care of it until it has a calf, and then he returns it to the owner.

## What do they believe?

The Fulani are overwhelmingly Muslim; however, their traditional pre-Islamic rituals and beliefs are still followed today and only vaguely linked with Islam. Although it's not fully understood, Islam is part of their ethnic identity, and it has been said that it is not possible to be Christian and Fulani at the same time.

## What is being done to reach them?

A joint Training in Ministry Outreach (TIMO) team which started in May 2016 has been sent by AIM and SIM to the Fulani of Niger. The vision is to see Fulani families hear and respond to the gospel and establish a Fulani Church, where Fulani can worship the Lord and hear God's word taught in their own language. The team have already seen a few Fulani come to know Christ.



13 million of the Fulani are nomadic, making them the largest nomadic pastoral group in the world.



Milk, known as kossam is central to Fulbe identity. It is loved as a drink or as yoghurt or cheese.



Traditionally, nomadic Fula live in domed houses known as a bukkaru or suudu hudo, literally “grass house”.

## Give thanks:

- \* For the joint venture between AIM and SIM which has allowed us to send the team to the Fulani. Pray for unity of mind and vision between all team members and that by having one purpose they will demonstrate God's love for the Fulani.
- \* That Niger have allowed people with missionaries visa's to work in their country.
- \* For SIM team leaders Warwick & Natalie Short from Australia and their dedication to sharing the gospel with the Fulani people.
- \* For the new Fulani believers, that they would grow in their faith and share the gospel with their friends and family.

## Please pray:

- \* That the Fulani would come to know an identity in Christ, and realise that it is possible to both be Fulani and a Christian.
- \* That the Fulani would be open to the gospel and be willing to listen to the TIMO team as they share with them truths from God's word.
- \* That the team would continue to settle in quickly and learn language easily. Pray that the reserved Fulani people would be welcoming and adapt to the team's presence.

## Who is AIM?

**Africa Inland Mission** is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work among African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a lifetime of ministry.

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