



# PRAY FOR FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICA

## WHO LIVES THERE?

There are a number of people groups that stretch across country borders in West Africa. One of the most familiar groups for Western readers may be the Moors or Bidhan, known for their expansion into Spain. Another large group in the region are the Mandé, who have many sub-groups, but who are united through their strong Islamic beliefs.

## WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

Across Francophone West Africa there are handfuls of local believers, estimated to be between 50-150 in number per country. Whilst there are African and Western missionaries in the area, entire communities in the interior still have no viable Christian witness. The spiritual climate of the area is strongly Islamic, with the Joshua project suggesting that 99.5% follow Islam.

However, due to poor infrastructure and low educational levels, young people are growing increasingly disgruntled with life and the lack of governmental action. This has led large numbers of young people to turn to atheism.

## WHAT IS AIM DOING?

In 2021, AIM sent an initial team to this area to explore opportunities, with the result that we are now looking to initiate ministry in West Africa. In many places in Francophone West Africa, traditional mission work is not welcomed by the authorities. However, the economic situation means that there are numerous business and social opportunities for Christian workers to get involved in which have been welcomed by the state. We are looking to partner with churches in the UK and Europe to raise up a team of workers to go and start ministry.

# WHAT CAN WE PRAY FOR?

Pray to the God who created every person in Francophone West Africa and knows them by name, that they would know his name – the beautiful name of Jesus. Pray that one day many more Francophone West Africans will treasure the beautiful name of Jesus.

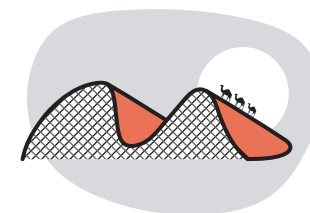
There are many opportunities and challenges as multi-cultural teams work alongside Francophone West Africans in building businesses, projects and in advancing the kingdom. Pray for unity, trust, understanding and humility in all these connecting pieces.

Pray for God's people in Francophone West Africa to 'be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ' Colossians 2:2.

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There are many challenges in taking the good news to Francophone West Africa. Pray for all who are involved in this work for 'smooth sailing' for their paperwork, their travels, and peaceful hearts as they cross borders.

Pray for the children of missionaries involved in taking the good news to Francophone West Africa. Pray for great friends, good health, peaceful hearts and that they would know Christ is enough for them.



## SHIFTING SANDS

The Sahara Desert is steadily growing across 11 countries, and will soon cover more. It now covers 10% more land than it did when records began in 1920.



## GROWING CROPS

The Mandé people are known for developing the first agricultural practices, based on shifting hoe cultivation. Staple crops are millet, sorghum and rice.



## SHIP GRAVEYARD

The West African coast has become a ship graveyard. In one bay there are more than 300 unwanted ships abandoned there.

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