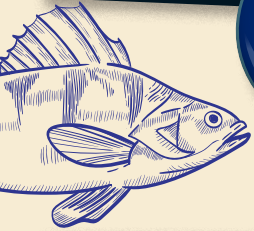


EXPLORE CHAD



LIFE IN CHAD

The majority of Chad's population live in rural areas and grow a range of crops including rice, sorghum, peanuts, millet and cotton. Those living around Lake Chad rely on it for fish and farming, as well as using it as a watering source for their cattle and goats.



GIRLS IN CHAD

From an early age, girls cook, clean, fetch water and sweep. At 13 years old, they can be married, often to someone they don't know, who may be much older than them. School is not considered of great importance. Children may be in school for several years, but still leave before they can read. Often, girls are not sent to school even if their brothers are, and will leave school if they marry early.



DID YOU KNOW?
Elephants, hippos, rhinos, warthogs, giraffes, antelopes, lions, leopards, and cheetahs all live together in the savannah.



PRAY FOR CHAD



Pray for Sudanese refugees who have fled their homes and are now sheltering in Chad, that God would comfort them.



Lake Chad is getting smaller every year because of global warming and this is affecting people's lives. Pray that a solution will be found to stop this.



Pray for peace in Sudan, and for all the mothers and children escaping to Chad to be welcomed and looked after.



Give thanks for projects like the Microfinance Development Support Project which helps women and youth in rural Chad.

N'DJAMENA

The capital city of Chad lies on the east bank of the Chari River, next to Cameroon. It is an important market site as it is surrounded by cotton-growing, cattle-raising and fishing areas. The city is home to the Université de N'Djamena and the Chad National Museum.

Zakouma National Park is the first of its kind in Chad. Once a target for ivory poachers and dealing with dwindling wildlife numbers, Zakouma has recently celebrated 6 years without a single recorded poached elephant and a resurgence in tourism. It is part of the Greater Zakouma Ecosystem.



ZAKOUMA NATIONAL PARK

MEET THE NEEM*

The Neem* are one of the largest non-Arab people groups in Chad with around 450,000 people. They live in north eastern Chad as well as in Sudan, with a language that's distinctively different from neighbouring groups. They are known to have a strong sense of identity and are resistant to change. They can also be wary of outsiders. The arrival of satellite TV, mobile phones and exposure to the outside world has challenged many of their beliefs.

WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

The Neem people strongly identify as Muslim although some know little of Islam's beliefs. This means their Islamic practices are mixed with traditional African religious rituals. Many of them live in fear, using amulets and charms to try and fight off evil and sickness. Many are unable to read or write, so missionaries need to be creative when it comes to teaching believers. Those deciding to follow Christ are often cut off from their Muslim family and friends.



PRAY FOR THE NEEM



Give thanks for the Neem believers who have had their eyes opened by the gospel message.



Pray for those who have shown interest in learning about Jesus, but are afraid to go deeper.



Pray for those facing opposition because of their faith, that God will strengthen and comfort them.



Ask God to raise up more workers for this mission opportunity.



Pray for the team serving amongst the Neem, that God would give them wisdom in their ministry.



Pray that Jesus would break this power of fear the people are living under, and that they would seek him rather than use amulets and charms.

