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Population	30,453,000
Language	Hausa
Religion	Islam
Christians	less than 0.1%
Written Scripture	Complete Bible
Oral Scripture	Complete Bible
Workers Needed	609 *

* based on 1 worker per 50,000

Hausa in Nigeria

The rise of the seven Hausa states of northern Nigeria occurred between 500 and 700 A.D. The area's history is intricately tied to Islam and the Fulani who wrested political power from the Hausa in the early 1800s through a series of holy wars. Originally the number of Hausa who accepted Islam was small, and Islam was usually practiced along with traditional Hausa religious beliefs. It was not until the early 1800s that the Fulani began to put pressure on the Hausa to undergo large scale conversion.

Ministry Obstacles

There is much mistrust and hostility between the Muslim tribes of northern Nigeria and the more generally Christian tribes to the south. Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities and traditions hinders Hausa families and communities from considering the Gospel.

Outreach Ideas

Pray that the followers of Jesus in southern Nigeria may find ways to more effectively carry the good news of Christ to Hausa households among their neighbors to the north. Pray the

the Hausa will be delivered from their fears of Christendom as an invading influence.

Pray for the followers of Christ

Pray for the few followers of Christ among the Hausa to become effective and fruitful in sharing and discussing Bible stories with their own and other families.

Pray for the entire people group

Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Hausa families and communities. Pray that the Lord will give Hausa families teachable and understanding hearts. Pray also for peace in northern Nigeria. Please also see the prayer points on page 4.

Scripture focus

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Mat 9:37f