



The Zarma of Niger

The Zarma are a calm and patient people, somewhat resigned to the poverty of their country. Nevertheless, they are resilient and astute survivors of the dry climate and poor soil of their Sahelian region. They demonstrate a shrewdness in their dealings that can cross the line into devious behavior. Like the Songhai, the Zarma are nominally Muslim, though they continue to indulge in animistic practices and sorcery. Many young people are not necessarily attached to Islam, but social pressure keeps them from leaving the religion of their families. There have been missionaries working among the Zarma since the 1930's, yet there have been relatively few converts, and much divisiveness in the young church.

Primary Religion:

Animism & Islam

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

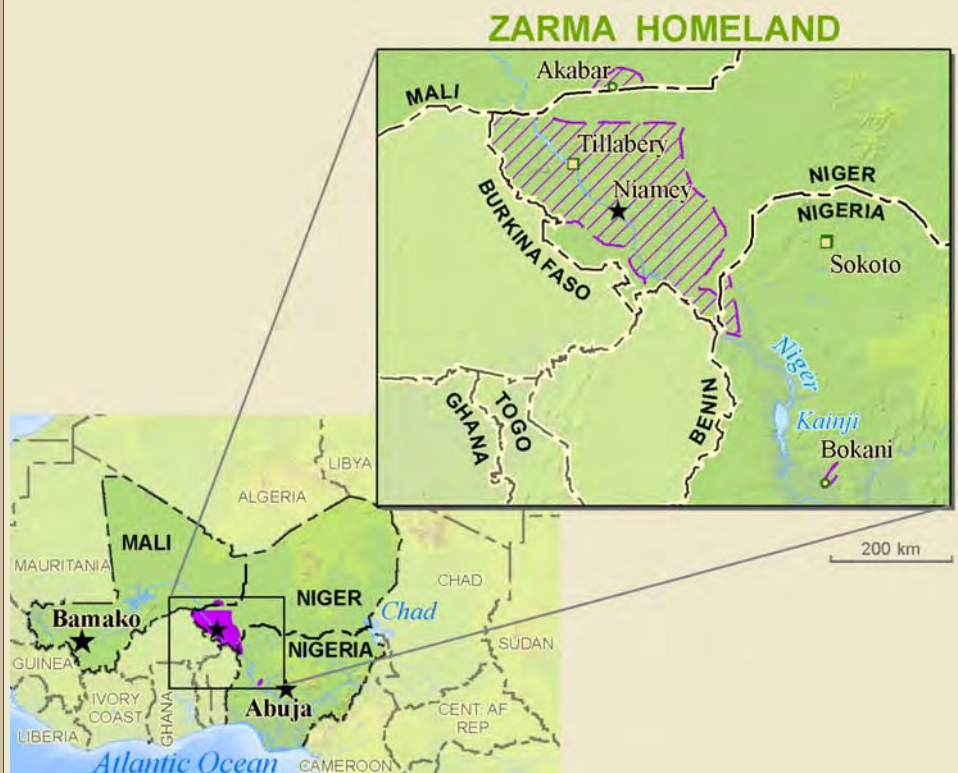
0.001%

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

Population (date):

2,000,000



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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	0.001%	
Response To The Gospel	Receptive to Christianity, but are resistant to change as a result of family pressures to not leave Islam.	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	The complete Bible has been available since 1989. A Braille version is expected soon.	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	Churches do not have physical resources to reach people. Due to the lack of Zarma pastors and evangelist, the Zarma are an unreached people with a great need for cross-cultural witness and church planting efforts.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Niger	
Literacy		Group Description
Adult Literacy Percentage	10%	
Comment (Literacy)	10% in French and 2% in Zarma	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature	Yes	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings	Yes	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos	Yes	
Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio	Yes	