The Fulani of Nigeria

The 6-8 million Fulani of north central Nigeria are primarily cattle herders in the Savannah regions. They generally migrate between two locations, one for dry season and one for rainy season. They highly esteem their cattle and migrate to find grass and to avoid insects harmful to their cattle. They live in small family units in “wuro’s” (compounds) away from other families. They practice a mixture of traditional religion and Islam. A type of Islam destructive to their culture is rapidly spreading among them. They have very limited access to much needed medical and veterinary treatment. They have very little access to schools or churches. They need missionaries willing to live among them, learning the language well, and presenting the gospel as well as meeting some of their basic needs mentioned above.

Primary Religion:
Muslim

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

Churches:
1

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):
Only portions available

Population (date):
8,000,000
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<td>Have They Heard The Gospel?</td>
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<td>Call Themselves Christian (%)</td>
<td>&lt;1</td>
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<td>Prophet/Good Man, But Not God's Son (%)</td>
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<td>Have Not Heard Who Jesus is (%)</td>
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<td>Believe Jesus Is A Myth (%)</td>
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<td>Number Of Pastors</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Comment (Number Of Missionaries)</td>
<td>Less than 15 total missionaries</td>
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<td>Comment (Number Communities)</td>
<td>Nomads, so they are scattered.</td>
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<td>Number Of Churches</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Is The Word Of God Translated?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?</td>
<td>Very few people can read roman script. We plan to publish everything in Roman and Arabic script and to produce all translations in cassette form.</td>
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<td>Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)</td>
<td>There are a lot of videos, cassettes, radio programs and literature available in the local trade language, Hausa and in a nearby dialect of Fulfulde called Adamawa Fulfulde (found in Eastern Nigeria and Cameroon). Many Fulani understand the trade language and the nearby dialect, but not deeply. These material are minimally effective.</td>
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<td>What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?</td>
<td>Many of the younger Fulani see that change is inevitable. They see the escalating conflicts between themselves and farmers and they know that their way of life is in danger. They see that they are being &quot;left behind&quot; and &quot;cheated&quot; because they cannot read. Many are eager to learn to read. Many want to follow Christ, but do not do so simply because they face serious, often life threatening persecution. All the kinds of help mentioned above are seriously needed.</td>
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### Population All Countries

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<th>World Population For This People</th>
<th>8000000</th>
<th><strong>Group Description</strong></th>
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<td>Comment (World Population)</td>
<td>We have heard wildly different statistics. The statistics we use say there are 22 million Fulani in all countries. 12 million in Nigeria alone and 6-8 million in north central Nigeria.</td>
<td><strong>Group Description</strong></td>
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### Countries Where People Group Lives

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<th>Country Name</th>
<th>Nigeria</th>
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### Geography & Environment

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<th>Location</th>
<th>North central Nigeria, West Africa.</th>
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<td>Country</td>
<td>Nigeria</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ecosystem Type</td>
<td>Savannahs</td>
<td><strong>Group Description</strong></td>
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<td>Geological Type</td>
<td>Plains</td>
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### Language & Linguistics

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<th>Other Mother Tongues Of This Group</th>
<th>HAUSA</th>
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<td>Linguistically Related Languages</td>
<td>FULFULDE, ADAMAWA</td>
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<td>Comments (Related Languages)</td>
<td>The eastern Niger dialect of Fulfulde spoken by the Woo'dabe is essentially the same as north central Nigeria.</td>
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<td>Market Hause is spoken by most Fulani, but not very deeply.</td>
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### Economics

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<th>Subsistence Type</th>
<th>Pastoralists</th>
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<td>Occupation</td>
<td>Cattle herding</td>
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<td>Income Sources</td>
<td>Selling dairy products, selling sheep and goats, rarely selling of cattle.</td>
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<td>Products / Crafts</td>
<td>Dairy products from cows they herd.</td>
<td><strong>Group Description</strong></td>
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<td>Trade Partners</td>
<td>Local non-Fulani buy milk products.</td>
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<td>Modernization / Utilities</td>
<td>None. No cares, electricity, telephone, water or toilets. Older men have bicycles.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Health Care (Quality)</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Diet (Quality)</td>
<td>Fair</td>
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<td>Water (Quality)</td>
<td>Fair, corn stalk huts with grass roofs.</td>
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<td>Shelter Description</td>
<td>Fair, corn stalk huts with grass roofs.</td>
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<td>Energy/Fuel (Quality)</td>
<td>Fair</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clothing</td>
<td>fair</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>by foot. Older men often one bicycles.</td>
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### Society & Culture

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<td>Cultural Change Pace</td>
<td>Slow</td>
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<td>Identification With National Culture</td>
<td>Distinct</td>
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<td>Self Image</td>
<td>Prestigious</td>
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<td>Comment (Education)</td>
<td>There are a few government schools that were started but they are not functioning well. One missionary is holding a private boarding type school with six student, but it is carried out in Hausa. Primary school enrollment is about 2-3000. There are no secondary schools.</td>
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### Church Growth

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<td>Total Baptized</td>
<td>2000</td>
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<td>Lay Leaders</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Comment (Church Growth)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>There are no hospitals or clinics devoted primarily to Fulani. There are two known American doctors and a nurse working with these Fulani. Fulani often attend local hospitals, but are often suspicious of the care they receive. A Christian literacy program was begun in March 2001. A two block reading primer with gospel stories was produced along with a 2.5 hour teacher training video in Fulfulde and English. Teachers training was held for 27 student teachers. The primer and training video are in use in Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon.</td>
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### Religion & Response

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<td>Resistance / Receptivity</td>
<td>They have varied response. Some are fairly receptive until they are threatened by local, often non-Fulani leaders. Then they won't listen and are uncomfortable to be around a Christian.</td>
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<td>Items For Prayer</td>
<td>Pray for the Bible translation and literacy that has just began</td>
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### Scripture

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<tr>
<td>Translation Status</td>
<td>In Progress</td>
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### Christian Literature And Media Status

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<td>Literature Available</td>
<td>One folk talk. One two-book reading primer.</td>
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<td>Audio Recordings Available</td>
<td>4 fairly useful Gospel recording tapes.</td>
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<td>Films Available</td>
<td>One training video for the reading primer.</td>
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<td>Radio Programs Available</td>
<td>One daily 15 minutes radio program on one local only station in this exact dialect started in June 2001. The same program is supposed to start soon on Radio Deuschiavela which will hopefully reach the whole country, not just one state. One daily program 1.5 hours mixed languages Arabic, Hausa, English and Fulfulde.</td>
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