



The nation of Guinea not only shares geographical borders but also conflicts with its neighbors. Instability in neighboring Sierra Leone and Liberia has brought nearly 500,000 refugees to Guinea. Since gaining independence from France in 1958, Guinea has faced many challenges. For nearly 3 years, Marxist rule plundered Guinea of its economic resources. Poverty and increasing anger culminated in multiple coups, leading Guinea further from freedom with the suspension of the constitution and basic rights. In 2010, after protests and the demise of an oppressive regime, Guineans conducted their first free and fair election. The political history has made Guinea one of the poorest countries in West Africa. Although it annually exports large amounts of bauxite, the majority of Guineans live on less than one dollar a day. Guinea's poverty causes a lack of medical benefits for the average person making them prone to outbreaks of ebola, for example.

Evangelical Christians compose less than 1% of Guineans; 88% follow Islam. Sadly, that 1% is diminishing. Church attendance has been in decline since the late 1990s, as many nominal Christians have fallen away. The lukewarmness of many has hindered church planting as well as evangelism. There is great need for Guinean leaders who are well equipped and passionate for the advancement of the Gospel, who will in turn equip other leaders and laymen alike to engage in evangelistic and missional efforts.

Please ASK:

- For pioneer missionaries who will serve among difficult to reach Muslim peoples. *If you ASK anything in My name, I will do it. John 14:14*
- For new Christians to persevere in their faith and not turn away from their identity in Christ. *Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, ASK me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. Isaiah 45:11*

- For unreached Guineans living in remote areas to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. *They will ASK for the way to Zion, turning their faces in its direction; they will come so that they may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten. Jeremiah 50:5*

Eastern Maninka – UPG

The Eastern Maninka are the second largest people group in Guinea. Descendants of the Mande people of the once great Mali Empire, they were rich in gold and ivory trade. Before becoming a part of the empire, the Mande were credited with revolutionizing agriculture in the area; they discovered the use of millet, a staple in the diet of West Africans.

Almost no Eastern Maninka people have taken the step to follow Christ, perhaps partly because they think doing this will alienate their families and friends.

With permission from Maninka elders, people can show the JESUS Film in their communities as a way to help them see what Christ can do for them.

* ASK for workers who will try to win entire Maninka families to the Savior. And ASK for the effectiveness of the JESUS Film (and other mission agencies) among the Maninka, and that this will result in a strong and growing church. And He was saying to them *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore [...ASK...] the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."* Luke 10:2
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