

STANDING

*in the gap*

FOR THE PEOPLES OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



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Living their lives on the southern fringes of the Sahara desert, the 1.3 million Soninké (soh-NEEN-kay) are a people of contrast deeply entrenched in tradition. Even though most are subsistence farmers and herders, many families send one of their own to Europe or the United States in hopes of finding a job and sending back aid for the family. Though they have been Muslims for centuries, many still use animistic fetishes and sacrifices in an effort to seek God's favor. Despite decades of Christian witness to the Soninké people, there are currently fewer than 40 known believers among them. For those who do choose to follow Christ, severe persecution from family and society is probable, all the way from loss of privileges to death.

- The Soninké inhabit a dry land. Pray that they would thirst for God as they do for water.
- Ask God to strengthen the few Soninké believers, that they may stand firm in their faith and witness even in the face of persecution.
- Ask God to plan divine appointments for Soninké who live in foreign lands, that they may hear truth and believe, bringing witness of God's love back to their homeland in Mali.

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