



## Fulbe Futa Jalon

The Fulbe are known throughout western Africa for their smooth hair, straight noses and lighter skin. Traditionally they are nomadic herders, though many have now settled in towns and villages. They place importance on narratives and proverbs that transmit valuable life lessons. The males take care of looking after their cows, sheep and goats, and also cultivate millet, rice and peanuts. Women work hard to prepare meals, carry water and firewood, weave, maintain their huts, and look after the children. IMB church planters are serving among the Fulbe Futa Jalon in Guinea, but no one is actively working among this group in Mali. The area where they live is difficult to reach and cannot be accessed during rainy season, as it is cut off by several ravines. The good news is: they are eager to hear the Gospel! While a church was working among the Yalunka people group, a Futa Jalon man came to the Bible story session. He said: "I know what you are saying is true. I teach a group of 40 men and now I have to go back and tell them that what I have been teaching all these years is wrong. I will bring them here so they can hear the truth."

**People Group Name:**  
Fulbe Futa Jalon

**Alternate Names:** Fula Jalon, Fulbe Futa, Fulbe, Fulani

**Location:** Mali  
**Language:** Pular  
**Population:** 83,407

**Primary Religion:** Folk Islam

**Number of Christians:** 0  
**Number of Churches:** 0  
**Category:** Unengaged with evangelical presence (consisting of sporadic groups of new believers among the Yalunka)

**Level of Difficulty in Reaching People Group:** Extreme

Christian resources in this language include Bible portions, audio recordings and JESUS film.

