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People Group Profile

Gana



The Gana are farmers of "white gold" (cotton) and are a very independent people. Most of the Gana have not been hostile to the Gospel, but they do seem to be slow in responding. They risk persecution from their family and friends if they convert to Christianity. Animism seems to have dominated the Gana until the end of the 18th century and beginning of the 19th century, when Islam was introduced. Perhaps it is for this reason that the Gana may be found praying at the local mosque, while at the same time offering sacrifices in private to appease the spirits. The Gana family is led by the oldest male in the family. He is always consulted when a decision is needed and it is he who guards all the belongings of the family. He may also marry more than one wife. The first wife of the male leader is considered the "chief" of the other wives, and she is responsible for all the other wives. All the wives work together to carry out their daily responsibilities: cooking, cleaning, tending the children, and working in the fields. Their main diet consists of millet, rice, toh and peanut sauce.

People Group Name: Gana

Alternate Name: Ganadugu

Location: Mali

Language: Bambara

Population: 92,742

Primary Religion: Folk Islam (a blend of Islam with African Tradition)

Number of Christians: 15-25

Number of Churches: 1

Category: Under-engaged with need for additional engagement by others

Level of Difficulty in Reaching People Group: Extreme

Christian resources in this language include an audio New Testament, Bible, audio recordings, JESUS film, tracts and videos.

