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People Group Profile

Hausa



The Hausa are the largest people group in Sub-Saharan Africa. Though most live in Nigeria, Niger and other parts of western Africa, some have moved to Sudan and other areas of the continent.

Though the Hausa claim to be Muslim, many also still follow traditional religion (called Maguzawa), which centers on *iskoki*, 3,000 spirits or “winds.” These beliefs have in some places incorporated Islamic notions about *djinn*. The six major spirits are Sarkin Aljan, a black spirit-king who causes headaches; Mai’iyali, “possessor of the family” and Sarkin Aljan’s wife, who looks after children; Waziri, Sarkin Aljan’s vizier, who distributes his gifts to people; Babban Maza (“great among men”) who causes people to lose their souls; and his sons, Manzo (“messenger”) and Bagiro who devour souls.

Christian resources in this language include a complete Bible translation, JESUS film, audio recordings and tracts.

People Group Name: Hausa

Alternate Names: (None)

Location: Ethiopia

Language: Hausa

Population: 82,515

Primary Religion: Folk Islam

Number of Christians: 0

Number of Churches: 0

Category: Unengaged with no evangelical presence

Level of Difficulty in Reaching People Group: Extreme



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Please pray for...

Pray the Hausa will come to know the One True God through His Holy Spirit.