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People Group Profile



People Group Name: Jola Kwatay

Alternate Name: Jola Kuwaataay

Location: Senegal

Language: Kuwaataay

Population: 3,939

Primary Religion: African Traditional

Number of Christians: 40

Number of Churches: 2

Category: Engaged by GCC

Level of Difficulty in Reaching People Group: Strenuous

Jola Kwatay

The Kwatay are an agricultural people living in southwest Senegal. They are related to the larger family of Jola groups. They cultivate rice as their main staple food. The Kwatay live in cement or mud brick houses with thatched or aluminum roofs. Extended families live together in neighborhoods. Protestant missions began work in the 1960s. Catholicism and Islam entered the area in the early 1900s, although many resisted their influence. Today, most of the Kwatay who practice Catholicism or Islam also retain their traditional beliefs. Economically, the Kwatay rely on rice for their livelihood, but also sell palm wine, fish and vegetables. When the rice-growing season is over, jobs are scarce, and people often move away from their villages to find employment. Health care is often sub-par, and the infant mortality rate is high. The Kwatay are monogamous. Neighbors often work together by age groups to do cooperative farming. There are two small Kwatay churches in Diembering and Ziguinchor. Diembering is a very large village. Ziguinchor is a small urban center with many people groups represented.

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



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Pray members of the Kwatay churches will faithfully share the Gospel with those around them.