

Pray for:

The Zari Cluster of Nigeria

The Zari are a cluster of three linguistically related tribes who live in the border region of southern Bauchi state and northeastern Plateau state of Nigeria. They are the Zakshi, the Boto, and the Zari peoples. The Zakshi have been somewhat open to the Gospel for the past few years but the Boto and the Zari are heavily Islamic with some animists among them. They tend to live in remote areas which are not easily accessible especially in the rainy season months of June to September. Most of them are farmers and small tradesmen. Because many of the Boto and Zari reside within Bauchi state, they face persecution issues when they seek to hear the Gospel due to Shari'a law being in effect in that state. Under this Islamic code it is illegal for a muslim to convert to Christianity. In 2004 a small struggling Baptist church was begun in a Zari village. The people who are attending the church are not Zari people but rather people of the neighboring Afizere tribe who have settled among them. It is hoped that this small church will be able to help spread the Gospel among their Zari neighbors.



Please pray:

For the small struggling Baptist presence among the Zari.

For Pastor Caleb who has recently begun to work among the Zari as a strategy coordinator attempting to survey their areas and identify possible open doors for sharing the Gospel.