

Sininkere

Burkina Faso

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**
Resources: **LIMITED**
Threat Level: **LOW**
Freedom: **SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED**



SUMMARY

1,700 population, society permeated by Islam, open to outsiders, rudimentary dictionary and gospel recordings available

DETAILS

Who are they? The Sininkere have an estimated population of 1,700.

What is their primary religion? Islam, with touches of animism.

Where are they? The Sininkere predominantly inhabit four villages in Burkina Faso.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are two known Sininkere Christians, but they have not been discipled. There are churches close to some of the villages, but they do not hold services in the Sininkere language. No evangelical mission organizations currently target this group.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group?

- Some simple Bible stories have been translated into Sininkere.
- Gospel Recordings has produced two tapes in the Sininkere language.

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: The local churches have been encouraged to begin ministry to the Sininkere, but they do not yet have a vision to do so. IMB personnel have made some positive relations with the Sininkere but much is left to do. An Engaging Church with a long-term commitment is a good option.

What specific challenges or opportunities could directly affect the engagement of this people?

- Islam permeates the Sininkere society; virtually every household has their own "prayer area," and mosques are in every village. It will require significant long term ministry to overcome their mindset.
- The roads leading to the Sininkere villages are in extremely poor condition. In rainy season they are impassable by vehicles. In dry season, transportation by bicycle, moped or motorcycle would be ideal.
- The Sininkere live in a "desolate" area with a hot climate on the edge of the sub-saharan zone.
- Sininkere in the predominant villages are very proud of their language. Unlike many small people groups who have adopted regional trade languages, the Sininkere have

retained their language and speak it in their homes. To learn greetings in the heart language will open doors for future visits and help build friendships.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

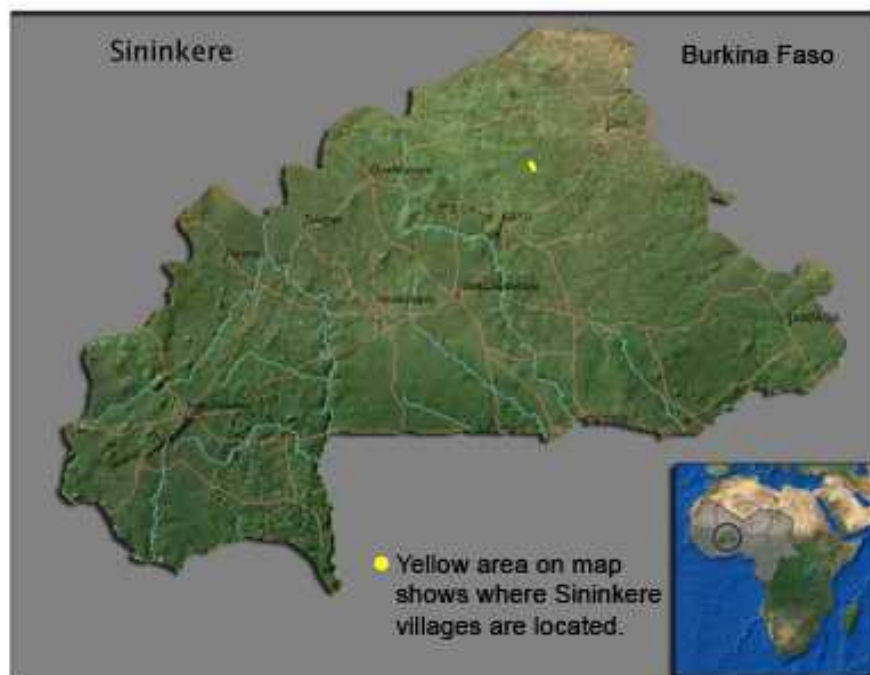
- This people group is open to outsiders; volunteers will be welcome in their villages.
- There is a rudimentary dictionary and grammar book in Sininkere/English.
- Simple Bible stories and gospel cassettes are available in the Sininkere language.

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