

Ngohi

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: MEDIUM
Resources: NONE
Threat Level: LOW
Freedom: SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED



SUMMARY

Approx. 20,000 population, Islamic with underlying animism, not opposed to Christians, opportunities for partnership with local churches

DETAILS

Who are they? The Ngohi (also known as the Ngwohi, Nhwaxi, Nggwahyi) have an estimated population of 19,000 to 21,000.

What is their primary religion? Islam. While most Ngohi claim to have been born Muslim, there is an underlying belief and practice in traditional religion.

Where are they? Ngohi villages can be found in the Borno State of Nigeria. There are ten main villages in the district, including Ngohi with a population of 3,000, but only five villages are actually Ngohi-speaking.

Do they have a Christian witness? There is one known family of Christians. There are no evangelical congregations primarily comprised of Ngohi people. Five Church of the Brethern congregations are located in the Ngohi area, but no emphasis is placed on evangelizing the Ngohi.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group? None.

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church could partner with First Baptist Church in Hildi. The pastor of this Nigerian church expressed an interest in working with an American church to evangelize this people group. FBC Hildi is a large church (400-500 members) that has started new churches, but members still do not have a strong concept of church planting and evangelism. This church has the resources to do lots of church planting with a little encouragement and training that an American church could model for them.

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

- Accommodations and feeding will be a problem for volunteer teams as there are no adequate hotels or restaurants in the area.
- Some roads may be impassable because of mud and bogs in August and September.
- There are no resources available in the Ngohi language.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- The Ngohi are not antagonistic to Christianity but neither has there been a move by the Christians to evangelize them.
- Along with partnering with a local Baptist church, this might also be good potential for partnership with Church of the Brethren, helping them to recapture a vision for evangelism and church planting. The Church of the Brethren mission coordinator is very concerned about the lack of evangelism in the denomination.

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