

Bade

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**
Resources: **NONE**
Threat Level: **MEDIUM**
Freedom: **RESTRICTED**



SUMMARY

250,000 population, mixture of animism and Islam, remote locations, few known Christians, possible persecution for future believers

DETAILS

Who are they? The Bade have an estimated population of 250,000. Many Bade speak Hausa since Bade is not a written language. Some Bade are also bilingual in Kanuri and Fulani.

What is their primary religion? African Traditional Religion is mixed with Islam among the Bade.

Where are they? The Bade can be found in the Bade and Nguru Local Government Areas of Yobe and Gamawa and Hadejia Local Government Areas of Jigawa State in Nigeria.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are approximately 300 known Bade Christians. There are a few churches in the Bade area, but they worship in the Hausa language. No known evangelical organizations are currently targeting the Bade.

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

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church from the U.S.A. could begin targeting this people group. This church could partner with Nigerian Baptist churches that might be located a distance from this area.

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

- Teams would face remote and primitive living conditions.
- There are no known gospel resources in the Bade language.
- Anyone targeting the Bade would need to learn Hausa as well as Bade.
- Care would have to be taken to witness to those following Islam in a way that would not bring persecution to them.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Gospel resources are available in the Hausa language, which is widely spoken among many Bade.

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