

# Bamburo

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**

Resources: **LIMITED**

Threat Level: **MEDIUM**

Freedom: **RESTRICTED**



## SUMMARY

12,000 population, Islamic, remote, camping required, estimated 60 Christians, some gospel recordings available

## DETAILS

**Who are they?** The Bambugo (also called Lame, because they belong to a cluster of three people groups called Lame) have an estimated population of 12,000.

**What is their primary religion?** Islam

**Where are they?** The Bambugo are located in the Toro local Government Area of Bauchi State. Their primary village is Zingiri, but Lame are also located in nine other villages.

**Do they have a Christian witness?** Only three families of Bambugo Christians have been located, so a high estimate of Christians would be 60. Other Great Commission Christians are working among them, but there is currently no church planting in progress. There is only one church that is comprised primarily of Bambugo, and this is located at Bogontama where one family attends. Five villages where Bambugo live have churches of another denomination, but Bambugo are only being reached in two of them.

**What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group?**

- Oral recordings of gospel messages
- A missionary in a village named Tule has started a church, mostly populated by outsiders
- ECWA has a clinic in Tule
- A Baptist church in Jos did medical outreach in Zingiri Feb. 2005

**Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group:** An Engaging Church can work jointly with a Nigerian Baptist church to begin going to Tule area. The Nigerian Baptist church would need to go frequently for storying or other outreach to establish a presence there. Outreach to Zingiri will have to be much more discreet.

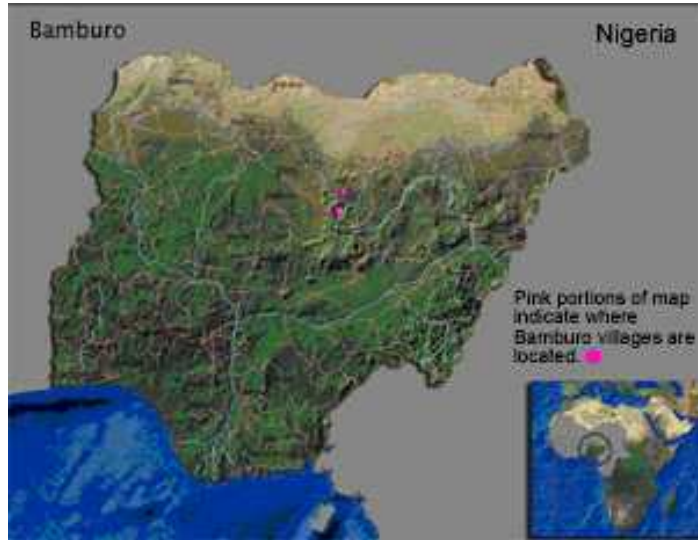
**What specific challenges or opportunities could directly affect the engagement of this people?**

- Remote and primitive living conditions
- Lack of accessibility, especially during rainy season (May-October)

- Zingiri is totally Islamic. Only a handful of Christians in the other area.
- Strict Islamic law, called Shari'a law, is in force in the state in which the Bamburo live, therefore, local government officials are able to stop the work

**Specific Opportunities/Benefits:**

- Zingiri village people were very open to the Gospel until officials frightened them and they were forced to ask us to stop coming for Chronological Bible Storying
- The Bamburo people are very friendly with the Fulani around Zingiri, and there is a possibility of some intermarriage between the groups. Partnership with Fulani believers in Nigeria may be the most promising avenue to begin ministry.
- They were friendly to visiting missionaries in both places
- They are very receptive to cassettes in their local language
- Zingiri village needs a water source. They have a hand dug well which goes dry in dry season.



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