

Baushi

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: MEDIUM

Resources: LIMITED

Threat Level: LOW

Freedom: SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED



SUMMARY

12,000 or less in population, mix of Islam and African Traditional Religion, few Christians, gospel recordings available, isolated villages inaccessible in rainy season

DETAILS

Who are they? The Baushi (alternately known as Bauchi, Bauci, and Kushi) have an estimated population of 10,000 to 12,000.

What is their primary religion? The Baushi claim to be Muslims and say they have left their traditional practices. However, sources say they still hold many of their traditional festivals, including one celebration that lasts a week and involves fire, dancing and music at night. Another source tells about sacrifices and idol

worship still taking place at the old settlement.

Where are they? The Baushi live in the Niger State of Nigeria. Madaka is their main village, and they can also be found in 14 other villages.

Do they have a Christian witness? It is estimated there are less than five Baushi Christians. There are no churches or evangelical groups specifically reaching out to the Baushi.

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

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church could adopt this group for outreach. This church could partner with Nigerian Baptists from the Minna area.

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

- While traditional beliefs may still hold the hearts of many Baushi, or at least have a strong pull on them, Islam puts up a formidable wall on the outside. Anyone wishing to bring the gospel to the Baushi must be prepared to deal with and overcome both obstacles.
- Because they have adopted Islam at least on a superficial level, care must be taken when going into the area to witness.
- The *Jesus* film was shown by a Nigerian Baptist home missionary targeting the nearby Bassa people.
- The area is difficult to access in rainy season.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Gospel recordings are available in Kushi, the primary language of the Baushi.
- Many gospel resources are also available in Hausa, which is widely spoken by the Baushi.

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