

Gera

Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**
Resources: **LIMITED**
Threat Level: **MEDIUM**
Freedom: **RESTRICTED**



SUMMARY

200,000 population, Islam, remote locations, 200 known Christians, possible persecution for future believers

DETAILS

Who are they? The Gera have an estimated population of 200,000. The Gera people are losing their language to Hausa and their culture to Islam.

What is their primary religion? Islam

Where are they? The Gera can be found in Bauchi and Ganjuna Local Government Areas in Bauchi State in Nigeria. They are centered around Bauchi town.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are approximately 200 known Gera Christians. There are evangelical churches in Bauchi.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group? A local missions organization is doing church planting among the Gera.

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 work to partner with Nigerian Baptist churches in Bauchi and the surrounding area.

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

- Working conditions are dry and hot from February to May; rainy season from June to October; cool nights during December and January
- There are no known gospel resources in the Gera language.
- 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, particularly among those Gera.
- There are local hotels in Bauchi, adequate for housing.
- Most villages can be reached even during rainy season.

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