

# Geruma

## Nigeria

Physical Exertion: MEDIUM  
Resources: LIMITED  
Threat Level: HIGH  
Freedom: RESTRICTED



### SUMMARY

9,000 population, no known Christians, resistant to Christianity, strict Islamic law enforced

### DETAILS

**Who are they?** The Geruma (also known as the Gerema, Germa, or Gerumawa) have an estimated population of 9,000.

**What is their primary religion?** Islam. The Geruma are ruled by the Gera people, and because of this they have adopted Islam. Their acceptance may be on a surface level because of this fact.

**Where are they?** The Geruma are primarily located in four main villages in the Bauchi State of Nigeria.

**Do they have a Christian witness?** There are no known Christians among the Geruma people. There are two churches in the area but they do not have any Geruma members, and no known evangelical groups are targeting the Geruma.

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

**Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group:** Though this people group is relatively small, they are located in an area that contains other unreached people groups as well. An Engaging Church might consider adopting the Geruma and the others as a group.

Nigerian Baptists from Bauchi might be enlisted to partner with an Engaging Church.

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

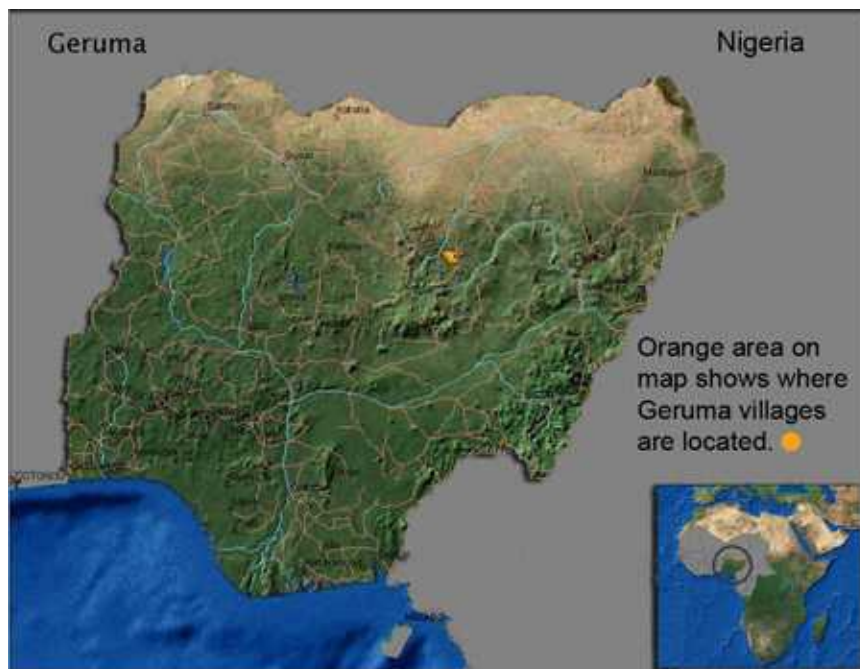
- The Geruma are resistant to Christianity.
- Because of the presence of Shari'a law (strict Islamic law) in Bauchi State, extreme care must be taken in witnessing in the area. Creative methods might need to be used to carry the gospel in to avoid bringing persecution to those who wish to listen to the message.
- The Geruma are not well-educated. Oral presentation of the Gospel would be necessary, or distribution of the gospel on cassette.
- Though in some areas many people still speak the Geruma language, they have mostly adopted Hausa as their language to identify themselves with the Hausa Islamic culture, which is predominant in many parts of West Africa. Many gospel resources are available in the Hausa language.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- The area should be accessible year round, even during rainy season when many other areas of the country are not.
- A gospel cassette is available in the Geruma language.

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