

How God is Working among the Kano-Katsina Fulbe of Nigeria

At the present time the IMB has two career missionary units working with the Kano-Katsina Fulbe. These units are working to reach the Fulani through prayer, God's Word, evangelism, church planting, and mobilization to achieve a church planting movement among them.



Through Prayer

Over the past several years we have seen God begin to reach the Kano-Katsina Fulani of Nigeria through intercessory prayer. Our team has over two thousand prayer supporters praying for a church planting movement among the Fulani. We have also seen many Nigerian Baptists mobilized to pray through an emphasis called "Month of Prayer for the Fulani." Nigerian Baptists are now aware of the lostness of this huge people group and are committing to pray for the Kano-Katsina Fulani of Nigeria.



Through God's Word

During the past five years missionaries from Wycliffe Bible translators have been working on the translation of the Bible into central Fulfulde. The New Testament will be completed by December 2007 and the Old Testament by 2009. Scripture portions are now being used and it is a joy to see Fulani read these in a language they understand. The books of the Bible are also being put on cassette tapes for those who cannot read. The Word of God is also being put into Ajimiya Arabic Script for those who read Arabic. When Fulani's are able to read or hear the Bible in their own language, they are better able to make a decision to follow Jesus.



Through Evangelism

Ten years ago there were less than 15 believers among the Kano-Katsina Fulbe. Today, through the Holy Spirit's work, there are approximately 2,000 believers. God is using IMB missionaries, Nigerian Baptist partners, and other great commission Christians to share the good news of Jesus Christ and God's provision of eternal life through the Jesus film, cassette ministries, Bible storying, T for T evangelism, radio, veterinary medicine, human health, and literacy. A Fulani man passed by one of our storying groups one day and stopped to listen. One of our believers shared a cassette with him that had a gospel message in his own language. Some months later he found us and said, "I have become a believer through the cassette you gave me, and I am now telling my friends about Jesus and the peace and eternal life He has given me."



Through Church Planting

Presently, there is one Fulani church among the Kano-Katsina, but there are over 250 outreach groups. This is the result of prayer, the evangelistic efforts of IMB missionaries, Nigerian Baptist partners, and other great commission groups, but mostly through the Fulani's themselves as they share the good news of Jesus Christ. The present need is discipleship and development of leaders among these groups so that a church planting movement will take place among them.

Through Mobilization

Our team is involved in getting Nigerian Baptists and other great commission Christians involved in Fulani ministry through intercessory prayer and prayer walking among the Fulani. Some of our team members have developed a booklet called "How to Share Jesus with the Fulani." This teaches our Baptist partners and GCC's culturally appropriate ways to work with and share Jesus among the Fulani. Team members are also involved in training Nigerian Baptists and other GCC'S in T for T evangelism and Bible storying. Nigerian Baptists are also being mobilized to provide volunteer teams to come and work among the Fulani.