

Mandyak

The Gambia

Physical Exertion: MODERATE
Resources: NONE
Threat Level: MEDIUM
Freedom: SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED



SUMMARY

23,500 population, mixture of Catholicism and African Traditional Religion, remote locations, few known Christians

DETAILS

Who are they? The Mandyak have an estimated population of 23,500. Many Mandyak have historically been resistant to Islam.

What is their primary religion? African Traditional Religion is mixed with Catholicism among the Mandyak.

Where are they? The Mandyak can be found spread throughout The Gambia. There does not seem to be a central concentration of them in the country.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are approximately 50 known Mandyak Christians. The Mandyak believers have a reputation of being strong in their faith.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group? There is a radio Bible program for the Mandyak.

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church from the U.S.A. could begin targeting this people group. There is a need for discipleship and leadership training among the Mandyak.

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

- The Mandyak are dispersed across The Gambia without a central concentration
- Strong attachment to African Traditional Religion
- Strong attachment to Catholicism

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Radio Bible program in Mandyak
- Historically resistant to Islam
- Mandyak believers are strong in their faith

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