

Yalunka

Mali

Physical Exertion: MEDIUM
Resources: LIMITED
Threat Level: LOW
Freedom: SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED



SUMMARY

11,500 population, Islam, remote locations

DETAILS

Who are they? The Yalunka, also known as Jalonke, have an estimated population of 10,000.

What is their primary religion? Islam

Where are they? The Yalunka can be found in the extreme southwest corner of Mali along the Guinea border as well as in the corner of western Mali in the Kinieba area. They are also scattered in Guinea and Senegal.

Do they have a Christian witness? There are no known Christians among the Yalunka of Mali.

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

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church from the U.S.A. could begin by confirming the research that has already been done as well as doing extensive prayerwalks among the Yalunka. As research and Prayerwalking is done, relationships can be established.

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

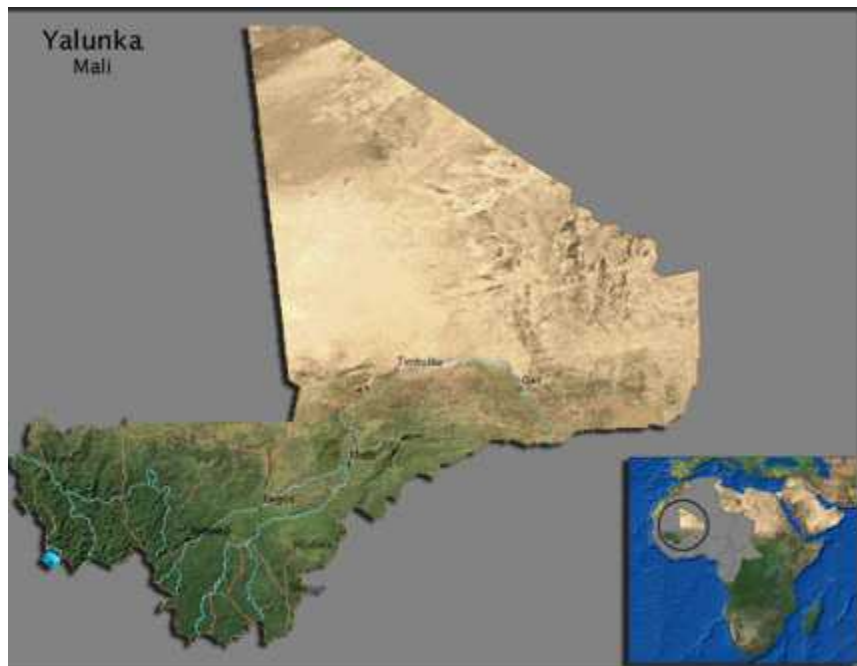
- Teams would have remote and primitive living conditions.
- The Yalunka are spread out and difficult to locate.
- The Yalunka are a proud people who are fiercely holding their own against the Fulbe, a larger people group in their area.
- Though small in number, they give no impression of letting their language slip away or be changed.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- Bible translation is in progress.
- Bible portions are available.
- Literacy materials are being developed.

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