

Gwa

Nigeria

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



SUMMARY

1,149 population, Islamic, remote, camping required, estimated 9 Christians, some gospel recordings available

DETAILS

Who are they? The Gwa have an estimated population of 1,149.

What is their primary religion? Islam

Where are they? The Gwa are located in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State in northern Nigeria.

Do they have a Christian witness? Though there are reports of 9 believers, when research was done in the area, no one knew of any Christians. There are no known churches that are made up primarily of Gwa believers, though there is a Baptist church nearby.

What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group?

- Currently there are no church planting strategies being implemented, specifically targeting the Gwa.

Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group: An Engaging Church can partner with Bege Baptist Church at Saminaka village and the church at Gyem Bada which are both on the fringes of Gwa territory. This is a Muslim area, so care must be taken in how the Gospel is shared.

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

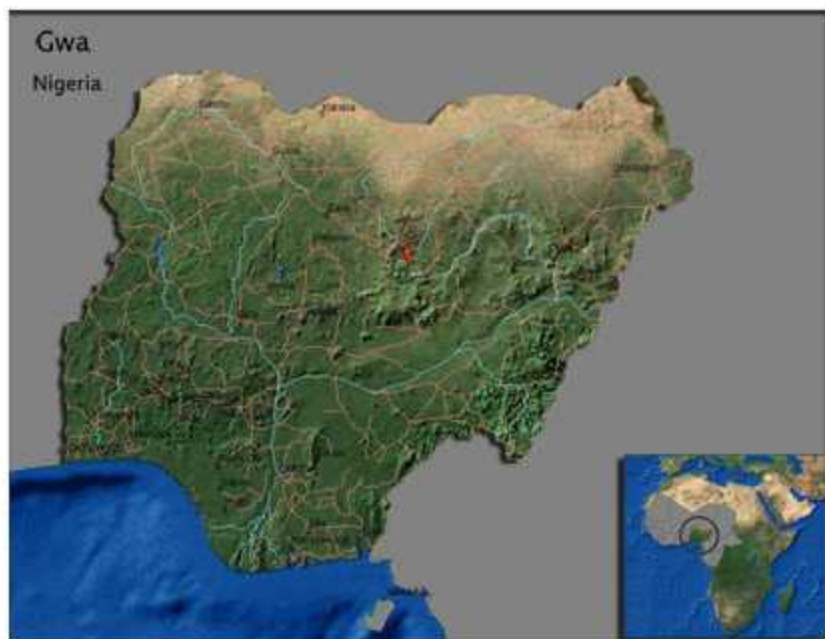
- Shari'a law is present and very strong in Bauchi State, making it illegal for Muslims to convert
- The area is remote and difficult to access during rainy season
- Visitors should come in small groups and plan to camp at the nearby Baptist church
- The working conditions will be hot and rugged.

Specific Opportunities/Benefits:

- There are two Baptist churches in the area to partner with in reaching the Gwa

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