

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

PRAYING FOR THE UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS LIVING IN CANADA



Senoufo, Dyimini in Côte d'Ivoire



Population in Côte d'Ivoire – 161,000

World Population – 161,000

Evangelical Christian - (00.20%)

Largest Religion – Islam (58.00%)

Main Language – Senoufo, Djimini

History: The various Senoufo groups live in the Middle Volta region of West Africa which includes parts of Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, and Burkina Faso. They are divided into three groups: Northern, Central, and Southern, according to the three distinct language divisions. As a whole, the Senoufo tribes speak over thirty dialects. The Northern Senoufo are a cultural mixture of immigrants from around Odienne and Fourou, who intermarried with groups in the Kenedougou region. The Kenedougou kingdom was established in the 1800s with Sikasso as its capital. Though

Islam was the predominant religion, its spread was limited to the elite and tribal chiefs. The Central Senoufo are a cultural mixture of the Samogho, Lobi, Turka, Toussian, and Bobo-Dyula tribes. They continue to be influenced both by Sikasso and the Bobo-Dyula who live in their region. In the 1700s, Dyula traders settled among the Southern Senoufo. They eventually overpowered the Senoufo and raised up their own rulers. Kong became their Islamic capital but Islam was once again limited to the elite.

Beliefs: About one-fourth of the Senoufo are Muslim, although that figure is steadily increasing. The remainder continues to practice their traditional ethnic religions. The belief in various gods, ancestral spirits, and bush spirits, along with participation in witchcraft, magic, and cults, are all a part of daily life for most Senoufo.

Needs: Although most of the Senoufo groups are the focus of one or more missions agencies, the Tyelibele have no Christian witness among them. Today, Senoufo society is rapidly changing. The Senoufo need an opportunity to hear the Truth of the Gospel before a total conversion to Islam takes place. Intense prayers and increased evangelism efforts must be made in order to reach them with the Good News.

*All information taken from www.joshuaproject.net

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go to West Africa and share Christ with the Senoufo.	Pray that the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of the Senoufo towards the Gospel.	Ask the Lord to give the Senoufo believers courage to share the Gospel with their own people.	Raise up people in Westgate who are called to go out into reaching the least reached people groups around the world.	Pray that God will open the hearts of the governmental leaders of Ivory Coast, Mali, and Burkina Faso to the Gospel.	Pray that God will raise up intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Senoufo	Ask the Lord to raise up strong local fellowships of believers among each of the Senoufo tribes.