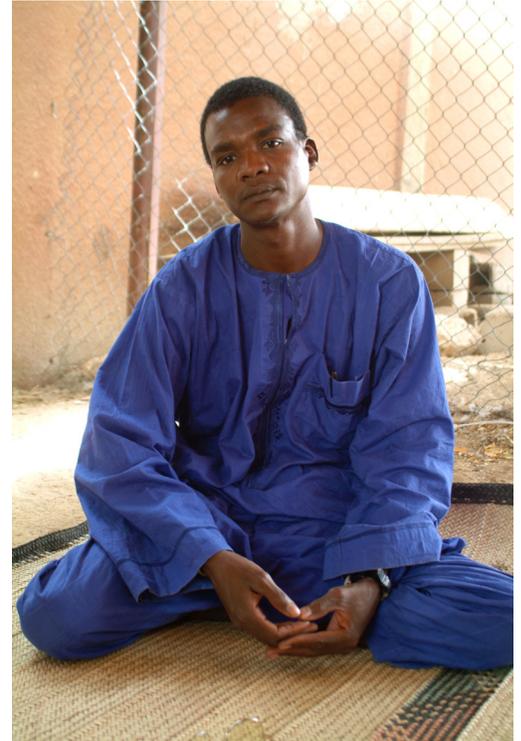


PRAY FOR THE MANGA KANURI OF NIGERIA



Have you ever watched ants at work? It can be mesmerizing. The worker ants each carrying bits of food to take back to the nest in a neat little line, the soldier ants defending the nest, and the queen laying eggs—each doing its part that it was designed to do in seamless harmony and rhythm, until something comes along to disturb it. Sometimes a splash of water from a hose, or a curious dog, or a human who doesn't even notice the work happening below foot. Whatever the case, the line is broken and the ants scatter in mayhem until they can reorganize.

Often African villages function like ants, each person in a tribe working, doing his or her part to protect and provide for the whole. But all too often in Africa, this beautiful picture of human collaboration is disturbed by fighting. The Manga Kanuri of Nigeria is an unreached, unengaged people group that can be found in the north-east portion of the country. This area faces great insecurity and much terrorist activity by Boko Haram. The Manga Kanuri number around 378,000 and are part of the larger Kanuri group with a population of 7,860,000 found in both Niger and Nigeria. Among the Kanuri, Islam is the main religion, but there are a few Christians. Long-standing Christian work among this group, including Bible translation and medical work, has produced few results.



Pray that the Manga Kanuri will have the opportunity to hear the true gospel and believe. Pray that believers from other tribes in Nigeria will be bold and faithful to share with them, despite the persecution that usually follows. Pray that the doors will remain open for the spread of the gospel. Many Manga Kanuri have had to leave their homes and sometimes families suddenly. Many are displaced, scared, starving, and hopeless. Pray that peace will be restored in their country and they find hope in Christ.

Don't forget to pray for the Manga Kanuri children, too! Pray that as these children are often scattered and their way of life is disrupted like the ants, that they will know that the one true God cares for them even more than ants.

