

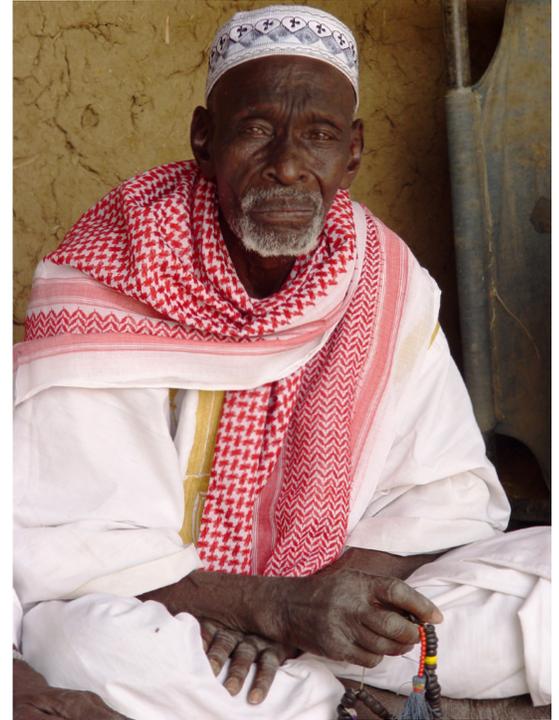


# PRAY FOR THE SONINKE OF BURKINA FASO



Have you ever seen a part in a movie where someone is lost in the desert and the sun is beating down and heat waves rolling off the sand, you start to actually feel their misery? Does it suddenly make you want to go get a drink of water? When I was little, one of my favorite shows was Looney Tunes. There's an episode called Sahara Hare, where Bugs Bunny pops out of his little bunny burrow that allows him to travel at unusual speeds all over the world underground. Thinking he's arrived in Miami Beach where he's expecting to enjoy the cool ocean water, he has no idea he's actually in the middle of the Sahara Desert. Armed with his bathing suit and suntan lotion he starts looking for the ocean. He walks and walks and spots an oasis with a tiny pool of water. Finally! Water!! It's a pretty funny episode. You should go watch it.

The Soninke, an unreached, unengaged people group live in one of the hottest, driest climates in the world. They live in several West African countries. Most of the Soninke are Muslim. There is at least one mosque and Muslim school in almost every Soninke village. While the Soninke are still considered an unreached people group, there are currently 100 known believers among them!



Pray for the Soninke. Living without Christ is a lot like walking in a desert. There's no hope of survival and certainly no joy in the journey. But Jesus once said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Jesus is the oasis in the desert! Let's pray that the Soninke find this living water. Pray also for the 100 known believers. Pray that, like Jesus promised, out of their hearts will flow rivers of living waters. Pray that they will share this source of life with their thirsty communities.



Don't forget to pray for the Soninke children too! Pray that as these children play, learn, work, and sleep, that they will thirst for living water, so when they find it, they might never thirst again!