

PRAY FOR THE
BISA
OF COTE D'IVOIRE



Have you ever had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? If you're an American, then chances are, you have. A survey once discovered that the average American kid, will have eaten 1500 PB&J's by the time they graduate high school. That's a lot of peanut butter and jelly! Did you also know that marine biologists sometimes feed living creatures in aquariums a food made from peanut butter? In fact, one marine biologist decided to try out a peanut butter diet on a tank of moon jellyfish. Not only did the jellyfish survive on peanut butter, but they actually thrived. The jellyfish even started to turn the color of peanut butter! The scientist called them "peanut butter and jellyfish."



There is an unreached, unengaged people group called the Bisa living in the west African country of Cote d'Ivoire. The Bisa are known for growing peanuts and making peanut oil, peanut butter, and crunchy peanut treats. A Bisa man who wants to court a Bisa girl must work in her mother's peanut fields and provide the girl with her own field if they get married. The Bisa combine ancestral worship with Islam, living a life separated from God.

Let's pray now for the Bisa. As farmers, the Bisa spend a lot of time in the field. They know the weather patterns, and the right time to plant. They know how to prepare the soil for planting and when to harvest. If the seed of the gospel was planted among the Bisa, what kind of soil would it be planted in? We actually don't know, do we? All we know is that the gospel must be planted, and the Lord of the harvest will gather in those in whose hearts the gospel takes root firmly. We also know that we are told to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Pray that believers will go and work in these fields for the sake of the gospel and the spread of God's glory!



Don't forget to pray for the Bisa children, too! Less than one third of Bisa children are educated, as even they are needed to farm their land for food. They've probably harvested more peanuts in their lifetime than you can possibly imagine. What if the gospel was preached among the Bisa and they believed? And what if they became so hungry for the things of God that they would start to change from the inside out, to look more and more like Christ? It would be a bit like the jellyfish that started to resemble peanut butter! So, next time your family opens a jar of peanut butter or you enjoy a PB&J, remember to pray for the Bisa!