Fula Jalon

The Fula Jalon people live in the West African countries of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Senegal.

Their main homeland is in the central part of Guinea known as the Fouta Jalon. This area consists of mountains and plateaus and is home to the headwaters of the Niger and Senegal rivers. The city of Labe, Guinea, is at the center.

The Fula Jalon are semi-nomadic and raise crops and livestock. The high plateaus of their homeland serve as part-time pastures for their herds. Huts serve as their homes, and each hut is surrounded by a cattle corral. Each village has a headman who handles village affairs and answers to a paramount chief. The people speak a Niger-Congo language called Futa Jalo.

Although Fula Jalon villages are scattered, each village has a central court and a mosque. A Roman Catholic church with two priests and one branch church are functioning. There are no evangelical churches among the Fula Jalon and fewer than 10 known born-again believers. Their Islamic faith has blinded them to the light of the gospel. They have walked in darkness for centuries and need a deliverer to set them free from Satan's deception.
ASSESSMENT
A Fula Jalon believer is anxious for other believers to join him in launching a non-governmental organization in a “soft” Islamic area. The people there are Islamic in name, but beneath the surface they are very animistic. This area is in one of the poorer regions and presents a number of needs to be addressed. An entry point is available. A Fula Jalon believer with a vision has been prepared by the Holy Spirit to lead the way in presenting the Savior, Jesus Christ, to his people. This calls for an immediate response on the part of the Christian community.

APPEAL
The Lord promised that anyone who believes in His Son, Jesus, would be saved. That promise in John 3:16 applies to the Fula Jalon. Solomon testified in 1 Kings 8:24: “With your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it.” Believers are praying “Reach down your hand from on high” (Psalm 144:7).

Currently church planting teams are being formed for ministry among the Fula Jalon. Please pray for the Lord to call messengers who will commit to long-term proclamation of the gospel among this unreached group. Perhaps He needs you. Will you consider offering yourself as a potential team member?

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