

## The Mandjak of Senegal, Gambia and Guinea



Mandjak people are found in the coastal West African countries of Guinea (Bissau), The Gambia and Senegal. All three nations are equatorial, with alternately intensely wet then intensely dry tropical climates. Rice thrives in coastal areas and river-flooded lowlands. Other crops grown by this people, who are primarily farmers, include vegetables, peanuts, cashews, beans, potatoes and palm oil.

The dominant religions are traditional animist, ancestral beliefs and another major world religion. In most areas, Christians are a small — but growing — minority.

Government and social turmoil has hit the Mandjak community in Guinea (Bissau) particularly hard. Believers in the other two nations find themselves the minority, often in troubled regions. In that political climate, many have found real, lasting peace through Jesus Christ, and the church is growing

Sixty percent of the people live in Guinea and one third in Senegal. There are also sizeable populations in Cape Verde and in France.

There are two countries named Guinea, side by side, so they are distinguished by adding the name of their respective capital cities. Guinea (Bissau), formerly Portuguese Guinea, is one of the poorest countries on earth. In the late 1990s they experienced a terrible civil war that killed or wounded thousands. There have been several coups. Pray for peace.

**Primary Religion:**  
 Islam

**Disciples (Matt 28:19):**  
 Unknown

**Churches:**  
 Unknown

**Scripture Status (Matt 28:20):**  
 Portions

**Population (date):**  
 310,000 (2006)



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### Have They Heard The Gospel?

Who is Jesus Christ to Them?

Would Call Themselves Christian	Unknown
Have Jesus As Their God and Only Savior	Unknown
Believe Jesus is a Prophet, a Good Man but Not the Only Savior	Almost 100%
Believe in Their Local, Traditional Religion	Perhaps 80%
Have Not Heard Who Jesus is	None

Is The Word of God Translated?

Efforts began in the 1960s to translate Scriptures into the Mandjak mother tongue. There's a growing community of believers in the coastal West African nations of Guinea (Bissau), Senegal and The Gambia. But until 2002, with those efforts divided across three countries, only the Gospel of Luke was produced.

In 2004, representatives from language communities in all these countries joined Luke Partnership workshops, to produce the "JESUS" film, based on the Gospel of Luke. Building on that success, this joint project combines efforts of all partners to complete the New Testament and large portions of the Old Testament more quickly than any of the teams could do on their own.

Other Gospel Presentations Available:

Audio:	Gospel Recordings are available in eight different dialects of Mandjak both on the internet and in other formats
Aurio/Visual	"Jesus Film"