

# The Spiritual Climate among the Nizaa

Surrounded and influenced by Muslim people groups, the Nizaa have a history of resisting the gospel. Most would consider themselves Muslim, but many continue to practice African Traditional Religion as well. Scattered among small, remote villages, there is little exposure to the gospel. In fact, no one is engaging the Nizaa with the gospel aside from two evangelists sent out from one Cameroonian denomination and two pastors from another. Today, there are only around 40 Nizaa people who identify as believers in Jesus Christ.

However, God is reaching out to the Nizaa. With the help of a Bible translation organization, a team of Nizaa believers has already begun translating the New Testament into their language. They are also producing audio scriptures and audio-visual scriptures to use for the purpose of evangelizing Nizaa communities.



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# Cameroon The Nizaa

## Who are the Nizaa?

The Nizaa are an agricultural people who live in the Adamawa region of Cameroon, Africa. Totaling about 15,000, the Nizaa live in the Cameroonian savannah, where the weather is hot and increasingly humid during the rainy season. If you were to visit a Nizaa village, you would see children pushing tires with sticks and braiding one another's hair. You would see women carrying buckets of water on their heads. Most outsiders would consider them respectful, especially towards those of a higher social rank. Others would appreciate their hospitality and resourcefulness. The compassionate outsider would notice how they struggle to survive due to their environmental landscape, which is vulnerable to encroachment by larger surrounding people groups. In spite of this vulnerability, they are set apart by their own language and culture. In fact, God created them to worship him in a way that only they can.



# Hope for the Hopeless

# World Team among the Nizaa

We are excited to see that the New Testament is already being translated into the Nizaa language. However, the church among the Nizaa is still small and weak. The Bible translation team has already started producing materials both in written and audio form. However, the Nizaa church needs help to see God's Word taught to their friends and family.

World Team is eager to begin partnering with the Nizaa Christians, as well as with the national missionaries reaching out to the Nizaa. Even though there are two churches in the town of Galim, there are no churches that have been actively involved in reaching out to Nizaa speakers at this time.

World Team already works among the nearby Fulbe, who have a similar culture and religious beliefs. We are excited to work with them to reach their neighbors. God has already begun saving many Fulbe people all over Africa. We are eager to see how he will do the same and more among the Nizaa.

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# **Ministry Overview**

People	The Nizaa
Language	Nizaa
Location	Cameroon, Africa
Opportunities	Church Planting
	Oral Bible Storying

### Paul tells us in Romans 10,

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

The Nizaa will never know God unless they believe. They will not believe unless they hear of him. They cannot hear without someone to teach them.

Do you want to have beautiful feet? Start today by reaching out to World Team's mobilization staff.



Glorifying God by working together to establish reproducing churches focusing on the unreached peoples of the world.